Election: November 3, 2020



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- 1. Why has the election been controversial?
- 2. Why do 64% of Republicans and 6% of Democrats agree with the statement, "Trump definitely/probably won the 2020 election."*
- 3. Why is it certain that there was no widespread fraud in the November 2020 election?
- Let's start with procedures and results

What was at stake included:

- Presidency
- Legislature
 - House of Representatives: all 435 members are up for election every 2 years
 - Senate: one-third of senators are up for election every 2 years
- State governments
 - State and local positions that are up for election vary, and can include:
 - State legislators
 - In California, all 80 members of the California Assembly and ½ of the members of the California Senate
 - Local elections
 - Some City Council members, County Board of Supervisors

State and local governments play a large role in US Elections

Local

- Local governments administer elections
- Voters register and vote subject to county level

State

- State governments pass laws regarding voting
- State governments oversee local governments

National

- National results are a culmination of local results
- When national rights are involved national government can play a role

National Legislative Elections

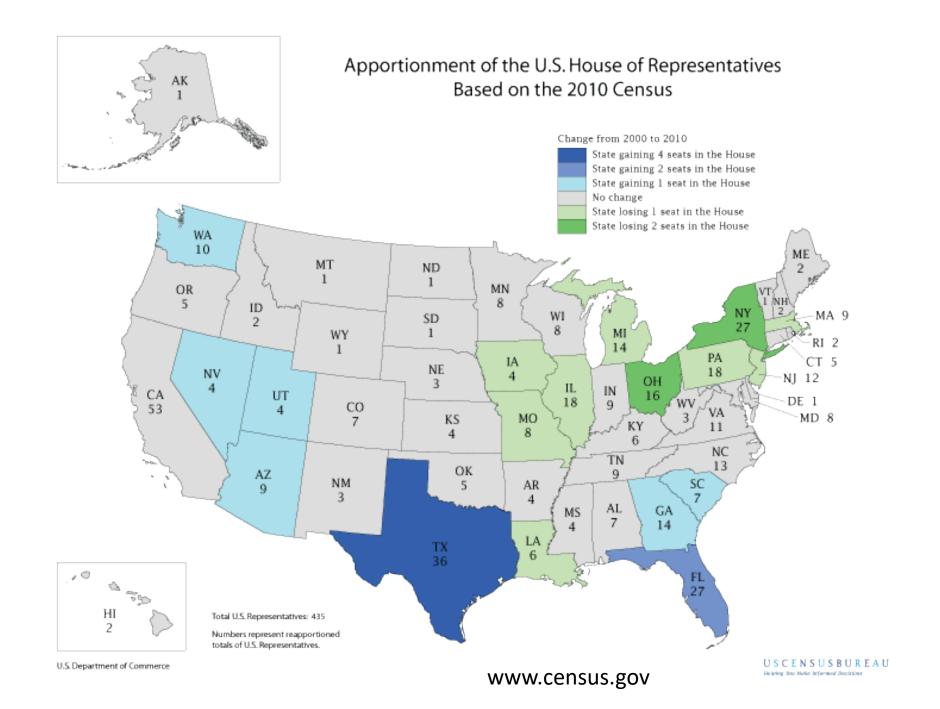
US House of Representatives and Senate



Legislative Elections

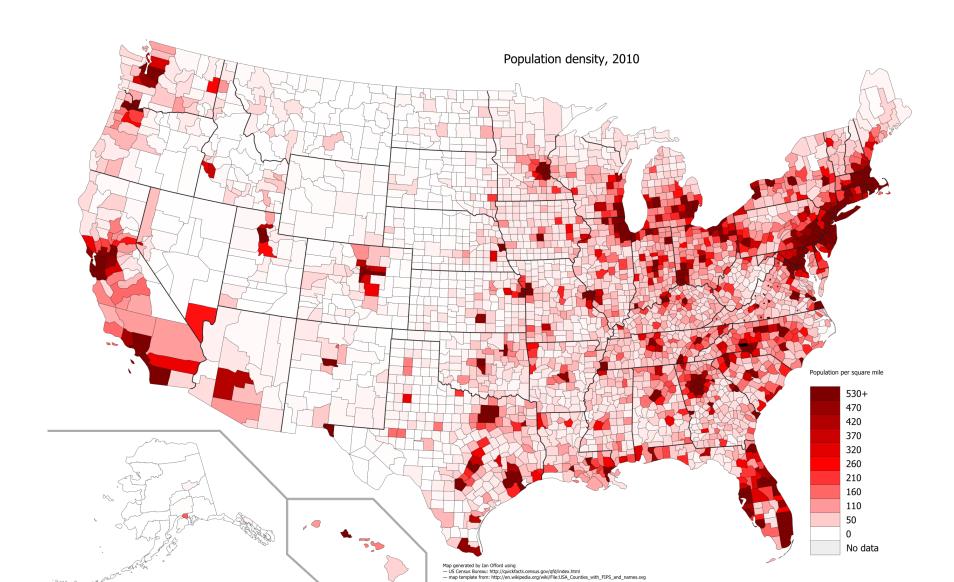
- U.S. House of Representatives before and after the election
 - Democratic Seats: 235 before, 222 after (lost 10 seats)
 - Now 221 seats because Representative <u>Cedric Richmond</u> resigned to join Biden Administration as a senior advisor
 - Republican Seats: 200 before, 211 after (gained 11 seats)*
 - *Two Republicans elected in November 2020 died of COVID-19
 - <u>Luke Letlow</u> of Louisiana died in December 2020 before being sworn in
 - Ron Wright of Texas died February 7, 2021
 - Democratic Party holds majority of seats
 - Information as of March 1, 2021: https://pressgallery.house.gov/member-data/party-breakdown





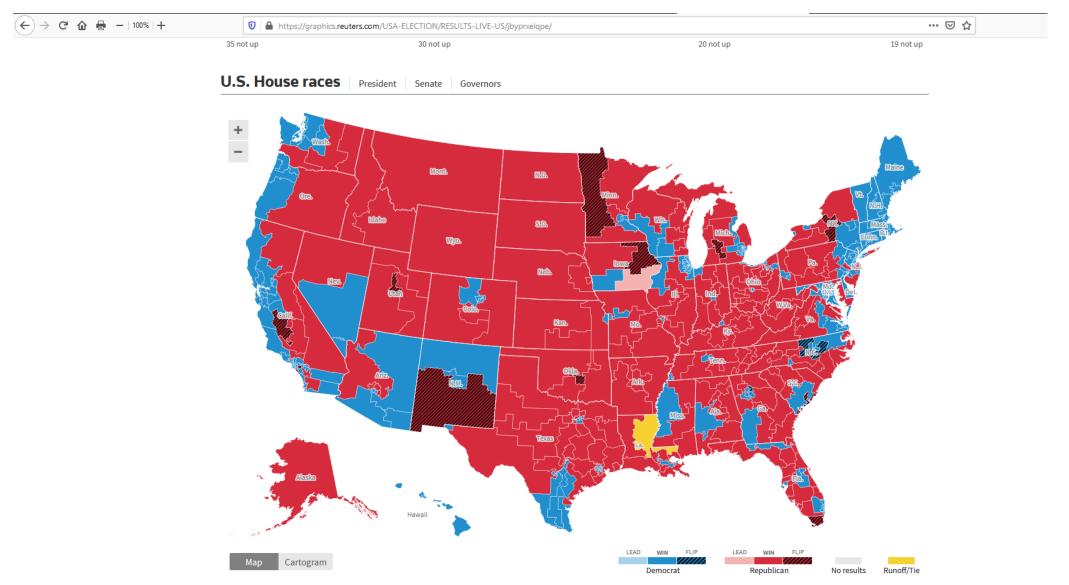


Where do people live in the US?





Map of House results from Reuters



U.S. House of Representatives Results of Election November 3, 2020

Party	Votes Received	% Votes	Seats (%)
Democratic	77,538,205	50.80%	222 (51%)
Republican	72,838,858	47.70%	211 (49%)
Others (estimate)	9,256,333		0



US Senate Political Party Representation

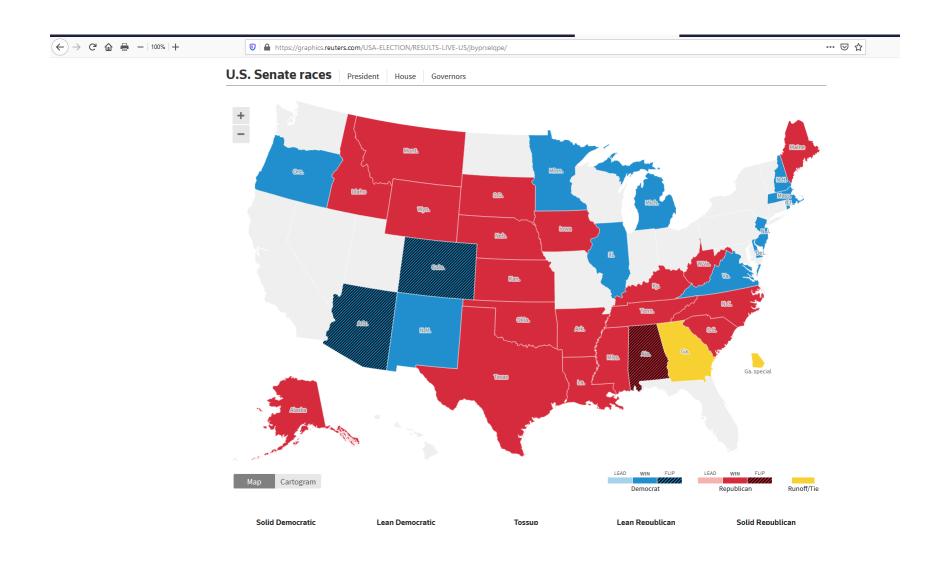
116th Congress (2019-2021)

- Republican Seats: 53
- Democratic Seats: 47
 - Includes 2 Independents who caucus with Democratic Party

117th Congress (2021-2023)

- Republican Seats: 50
- Democratic Seats: 50
 - Includes 2 Independents who caucus with Democratic Party

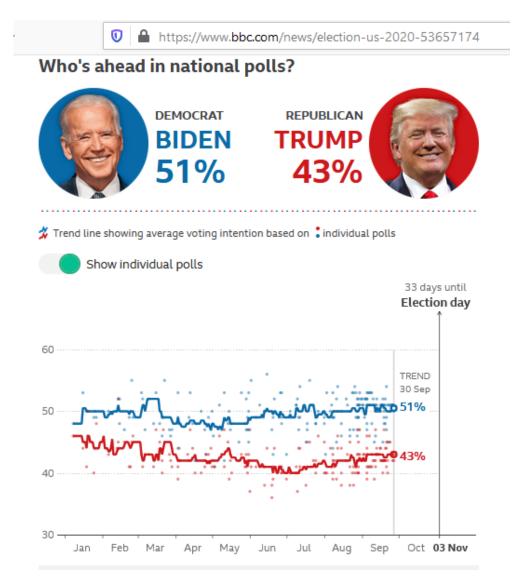
U.S. Senate Results from Reuters



Presidential Elections



Polls predicted Biden would win

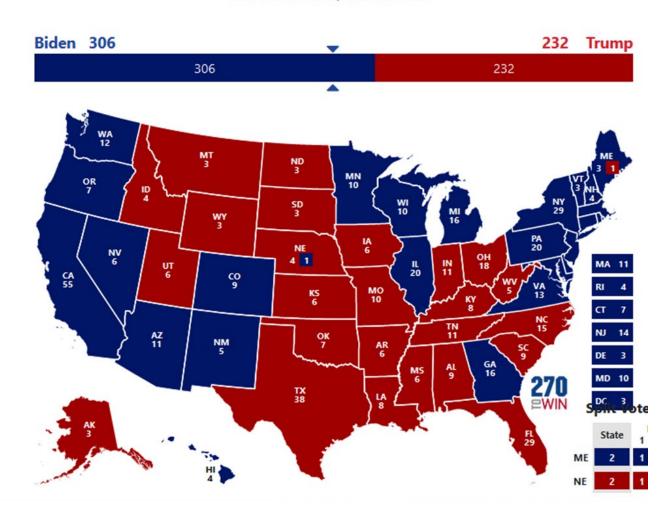


Popular Vote Results for Presidential Candidates

- Biden: 81,283,098 (51.3%)
- Trump: 74,222,958 (46.8%)
 - Biden won 7 million more votes than Trump
- Others also ran for president, over 1,000 throughout the 50 states, including Kanye West (you can see an <u>article about some of them</u> by the BBC

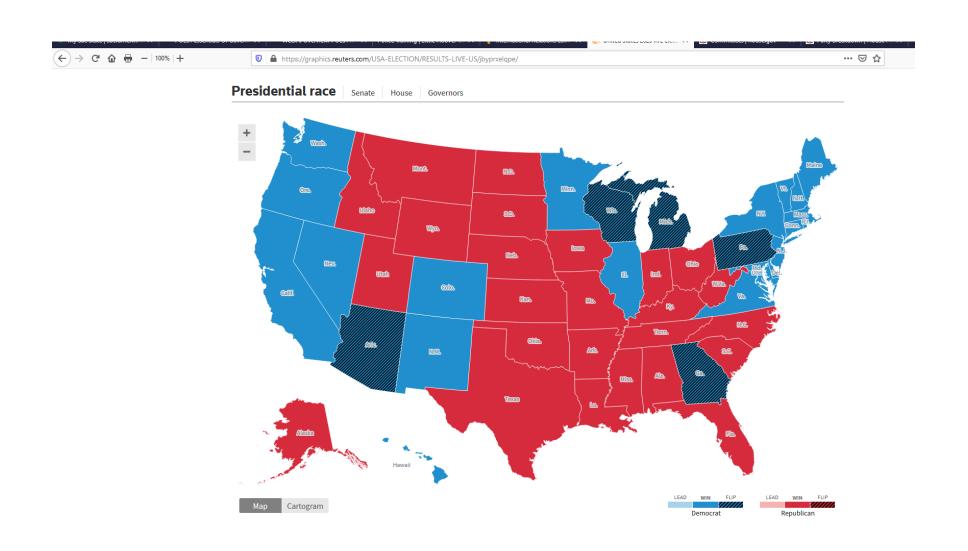
Electoral College Results in Presidential Race







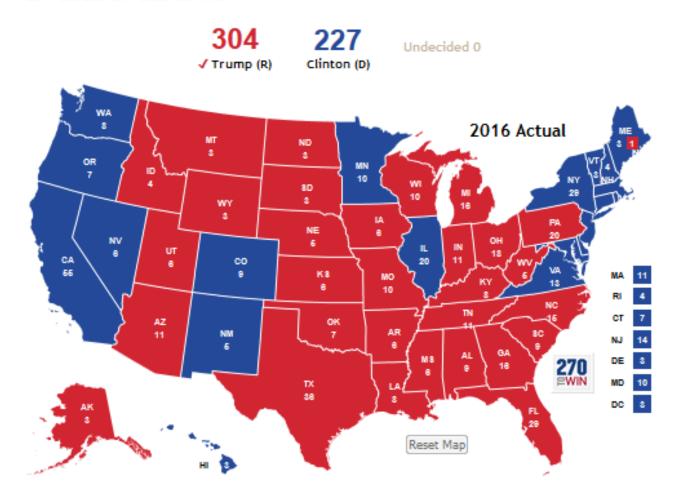
Presidential Election Results by State



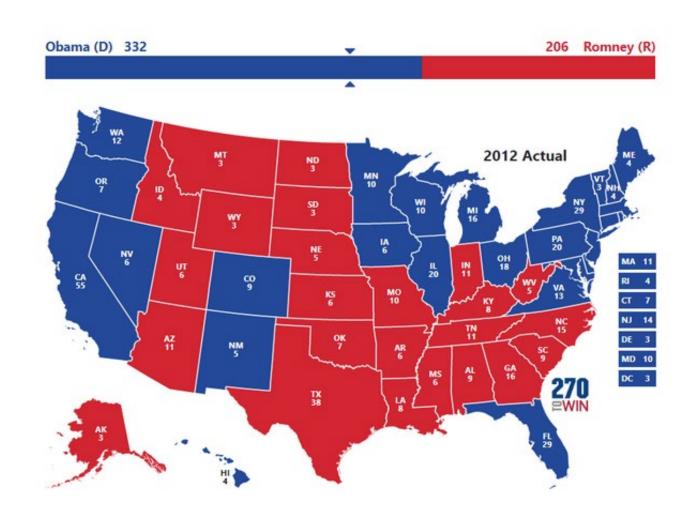
Electoral College Results in 2016

2016 Presidential Election Interactive Map

270 electoral votes to win

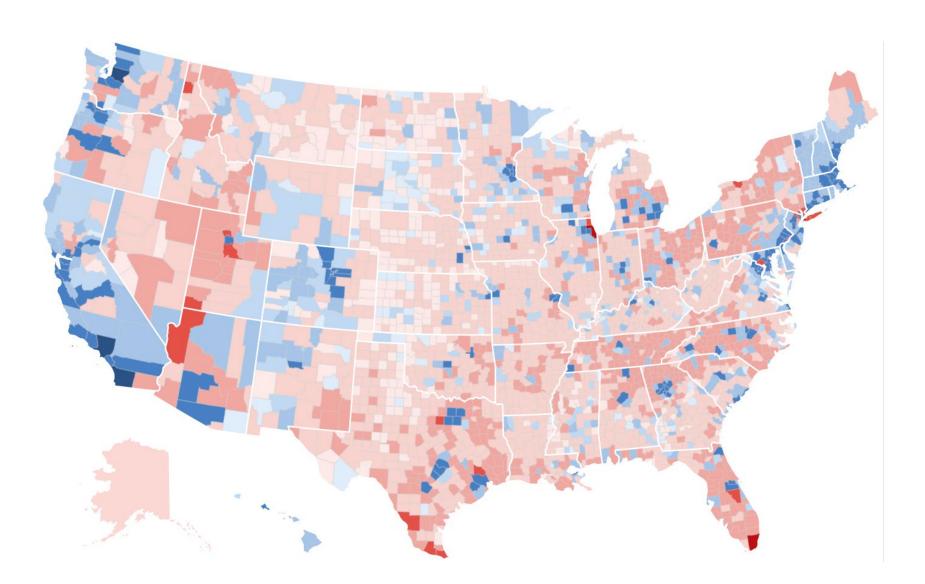


Electoral College Results in 2012





Presidential results by county



State Elections

Control of State Government

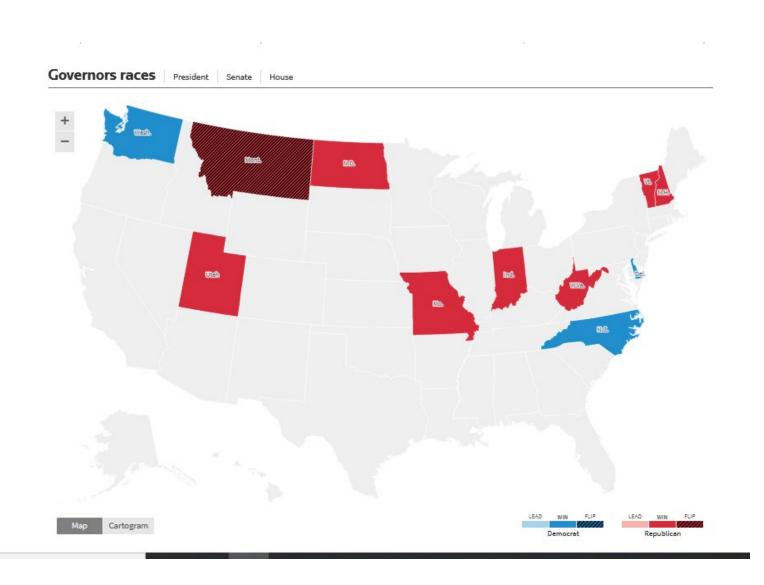
January 2018

- Party Control of State Legislatures
 - Republican: 31 (63%)
 - Democratic: 14 (29%)
 - Divided: 4
 - Nonpartisan: 1
- State Control (Leg + Governor)
 - Republican: 25 (51%)
 - Democratic: 8 (16%)

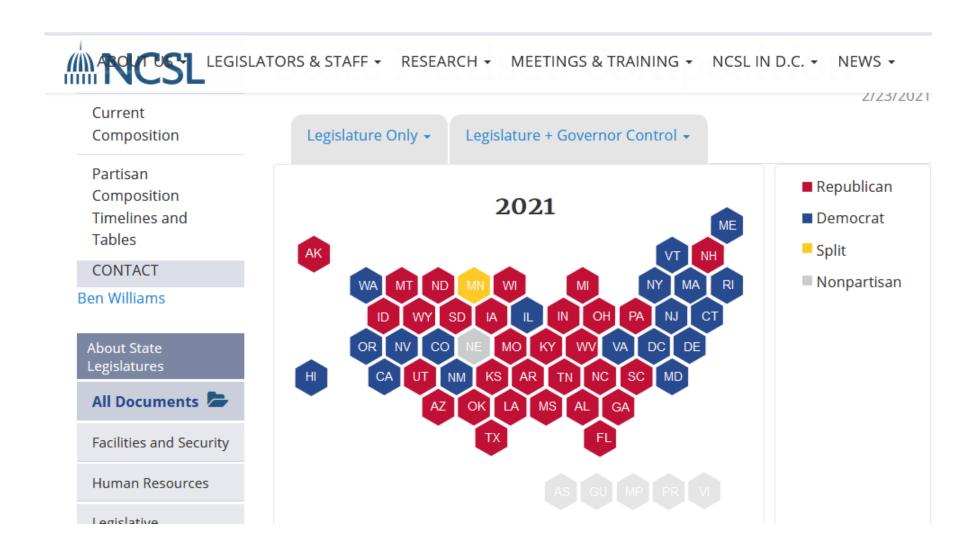
February 2021

- Party Control of State Legislatures
 - Republican: 30 (61%)
 - Democratic: 18 (38%)
 - Divided: 1
 - Nonpartisan: 1
- State Control (Leg + Governor)
 - Republican: 23 (46%)
 - Democratic: 15 (31%)

Election Results for Governor in November



State Legislatures: Party Control



State Legislatures + Governors: Party Control

