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Summary: In a sharp contrast to a previous era, college educated voters are now more likely to identify as Democrats, and those without college degrees - particularly white voters, but increasingly all Americans – support Republicans. Culturally, a person's educational attainment increasingly correlates with their views on a wide range of issues, including abortion, attitudes about LGBTQ+ rights, and the relationship between government and organized religion. This educational sorting has made the vast majority of states no longer politically competitive. It is the battleground states in the middle - where education levels are neither disproportionately high nor low - that will decide the 2024 presidential election. Democrats will likely enter the General Election with 222 electoral votes, compared to 219 for Republicans. That leaves only eight states, with 97 electoral votes – Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin – up for grabs. The education levels in these states are at or near the national average - Pennsylvania (23rd), Georgia (24th), North Carolina (25th), Wisconsin (26th), Arizona (30th), and Michigan (32nd) - not disproportionately highly educated nor toward the bottom.

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