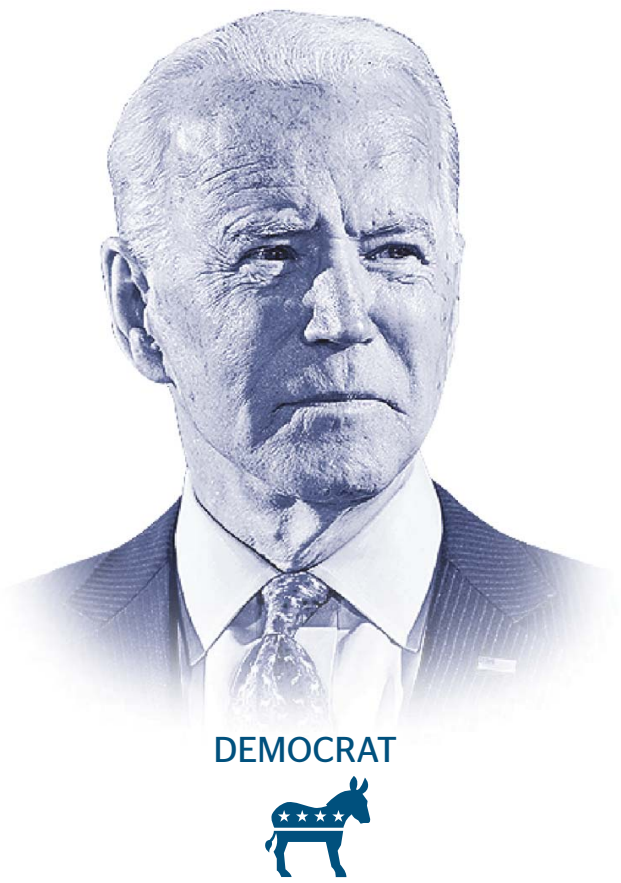


US presidential election 2020

The results



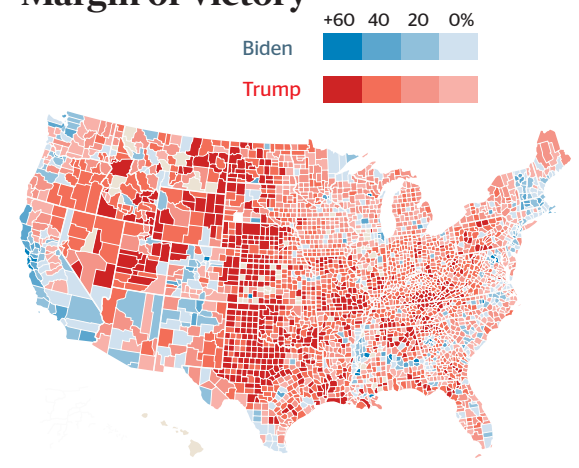
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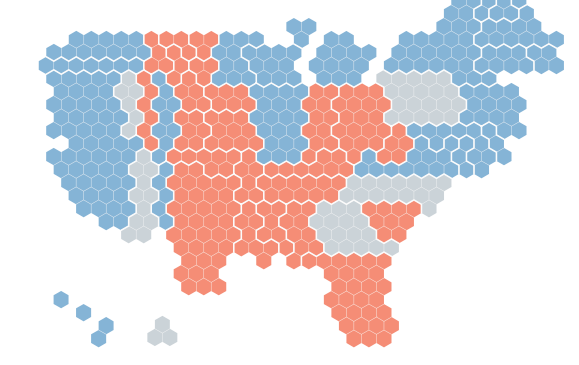
253 Joseph Biden

69,954,665 votes (50.2%)

Margin of victory

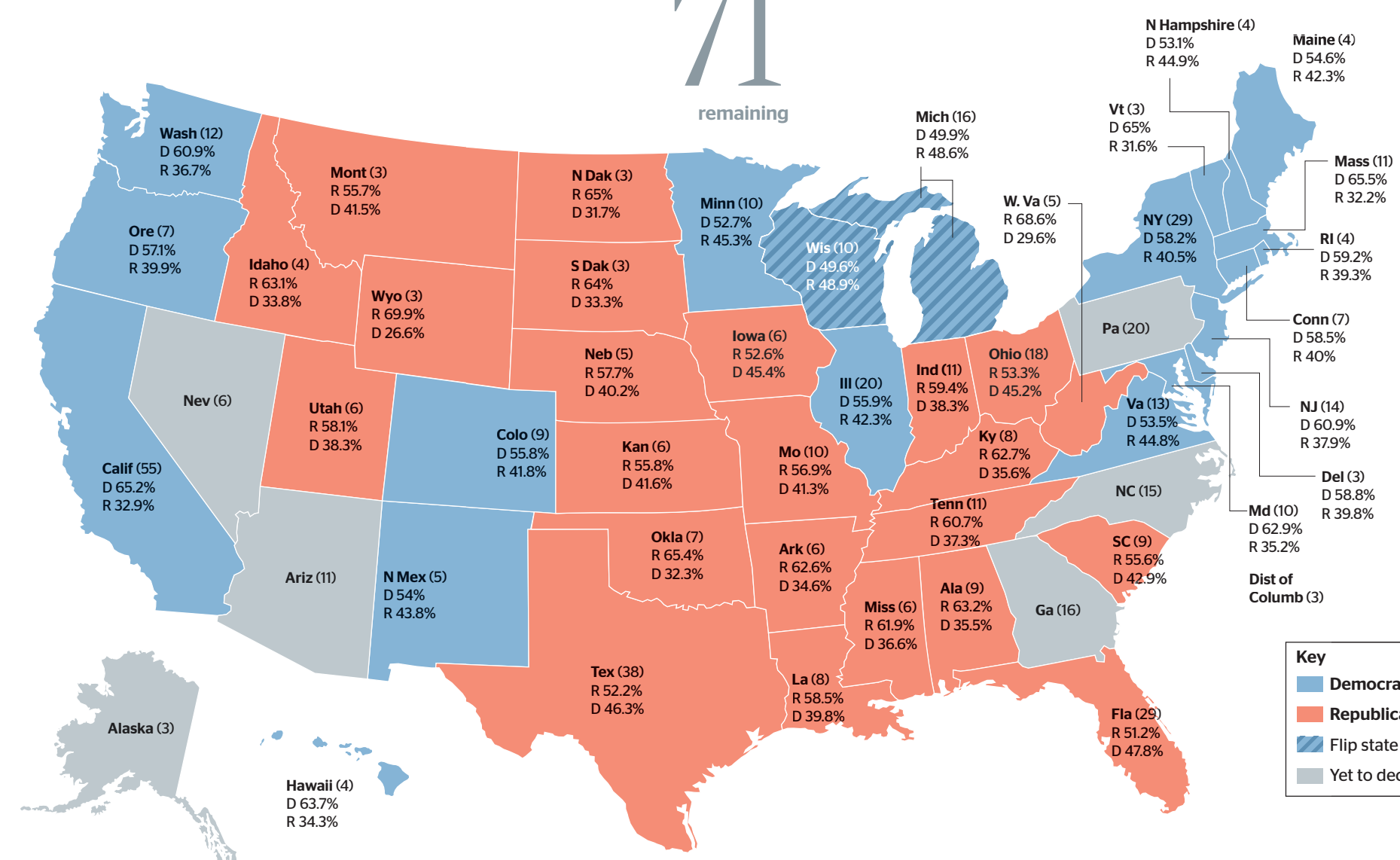


US electoral votes



270 electoral college votes to win

71 remaining

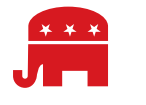


Donald Trump 214

66,980,356 votes (48.1%)



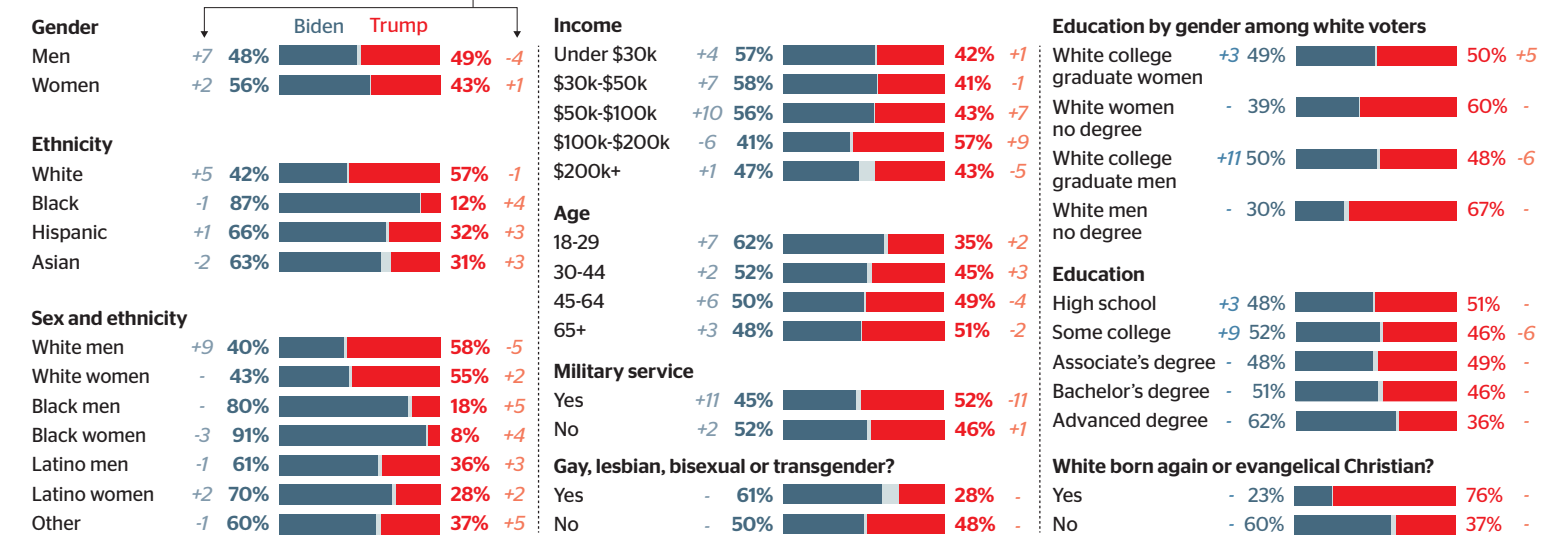
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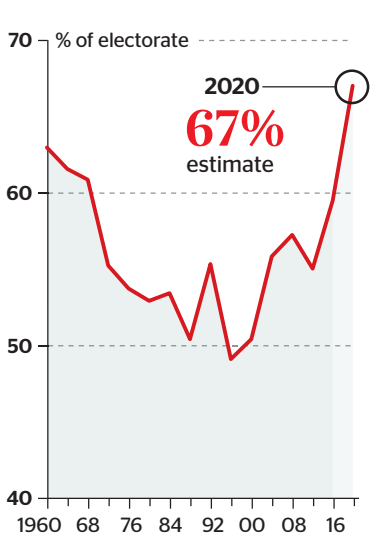
The 12 battleground states

- Arizona** (11) The desert state has backed a Democrat only once in 70 years but influxes of liberal residents, Latinos and younger people were expected to favour the party. Phoenix and its suburbs were the most heavily targeted media market for campaign ads from both sides. Exit polls suggested Mr Biden had run up winning margins among Latinos and older voters.
- Florida** (29) A perennial battleground because of its large population and eclectic makeup. Mr Trump won primarily because he beat expectations in Miami-Dade, the largest county, where his efforts to portray Mr Biden as a "socialist" reminiscent of Fidel Castro resonated strongly with Cubans.
- Georgia** (16) Last backed a Democrat for president in 1996 but the Biden campaign targeted it heavily in the final days. Mr Trump claimed falsely to have won. Problems with new election machinery and a burst pipe held up counting of absentee votes from Atlanta and its suburbs, from which Democrats are hoping to construct a path to victory.
- Iowa** (6) Polls showed the president with an advantage of only around one percentage point in a state he won comfortably in 2016. Defeat would have suggested that Iowa's farmers blamed his trade tariffs for their recent economic struggles. Instead, he ran up another commanding win.
- Michigan** (16) A pillar of the once reliably Democratic Rust Belt states lost by Hillary Clinton. Early results favoured President Trump, leading him to claim that he was winning the state. However, with 99 per cent of the votes counted, Mr Biden held a lead of about 60,000 votes.
- Nevada** (6) Has frequently switched political allegiance. However, Democrats have built a fearsome political machine. Republican hopes this year hinged on the economic prosperity of Las Vegas during Mr Trump's first three years in office and on exploiting Democrat reluctance to mount an in-person voter mobilisation effort because of coronavirus. Mr Biden holds a narrow lead with all election day votes counted.
- New Hampshire** (4) The tightest contest of 2016. Hillary Clinton won it by just 2,736 votes out 740,000 and it last voted for a Republican in 2004. Mr Biden was declared a commanding winner in exit polls on Tuesday, by a 61 to 35 per cent margin.
- North Carolina** (15) Republican in nine out of the past 10 presidential elections – the exception was Barack Obama in 2008. Another state Mr Trump claimed to have won, but uncounted postal ballots could prove decisive. However Mr Trump's lead with 95 per cent of estimated votes counted looks formidable.
- Ohio** (18) Regarded as a bellwether because it has sided with the winner in all but two elections since 1900. Seen as narrowly favouring Mr Trump but he won easily with widespread support in previously Democratic areas of eastern Ohio and Appalachia, offsetting backing for Mr Biden in Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland.
- Pennsylvania** (20) A target in the final days for both campaigns. Mr Trump led by more than 675,000 votes yesterday and claimed that the state was "not even close". Yet there are more than 1.5 million votes still to count, the vast majority cast by mail and expected to favour Mr Biden, who was born in the state.
- Texas** (38) The second-largest prize after solidly Democratic California. It has voted Republican since 1976 but activists and local political leaders were optimistic of a breakthrough because population growth in the last 10 years has redefined its electorate. Instead Mr Biden only managed to reduce Mr Trump's winning margin.
- Wisconsin** (10) Four years ago Mrs Clinton was so confident of winning that she didn't bother to visit the state and lost. Mr Biden was determined not to make the same error, especially after the city of Kenosha became a deadly flashpoint in the national dialogue over policing, law and order and racial justice.

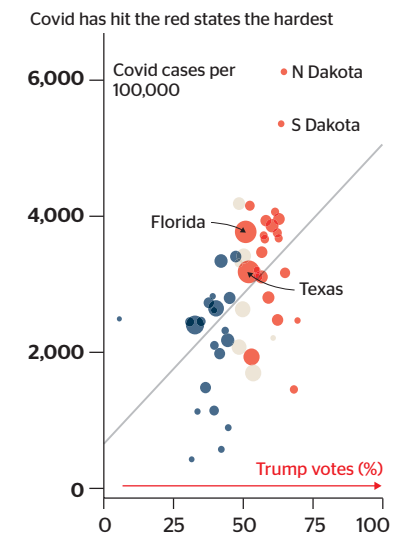
US vote breakdown



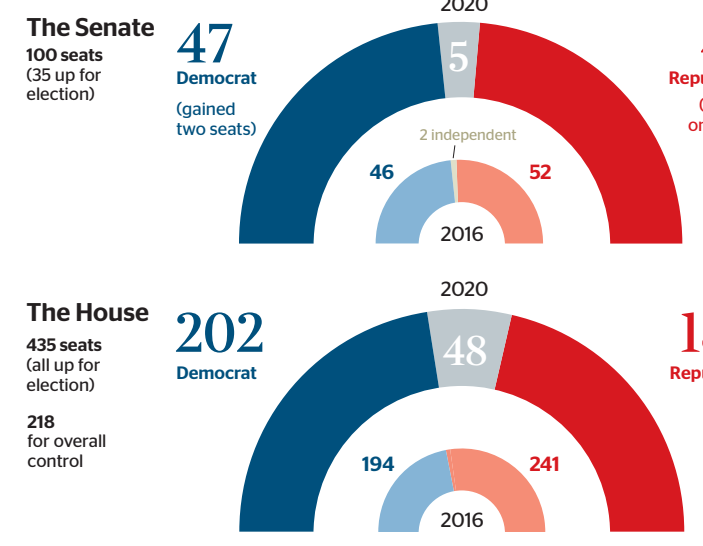
Turnout



Impact of Covid-19



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