



2020 Election Recap

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November 16, 2020

Biden is the projected winner of the 2020 Presidential Election.

White House



Historic turnout estimated at 160 million

- This beats projections by 10 million
- Biden gained 12.8 million voters compared to Clinton in 2016
- Trump gained 10.1 million voters compared to 2016

Democrats will take back the White House

- Biden has 306 Electoral College votes compared to Trump's 232
- Biden also leads in the popular vote, 78.7M to 73.1M
- Biden flipped 5 states since 2016

Senate



House



Historic Vice President-Elect

- Kamala Harris will be the first woman and first person of color to be VP

Biden's lead did not flow down ballot

- Senate: In a shock to both parties, it is unlikely that Democrats will gain control; the possibility hinges on two Georgia runoff elections in January
- House: The Democratic majority is likely to shrink

America's political and cultural divide persists.

Popular vote count:

Joe Biden
50.9%

Pres. Trump
47.3%

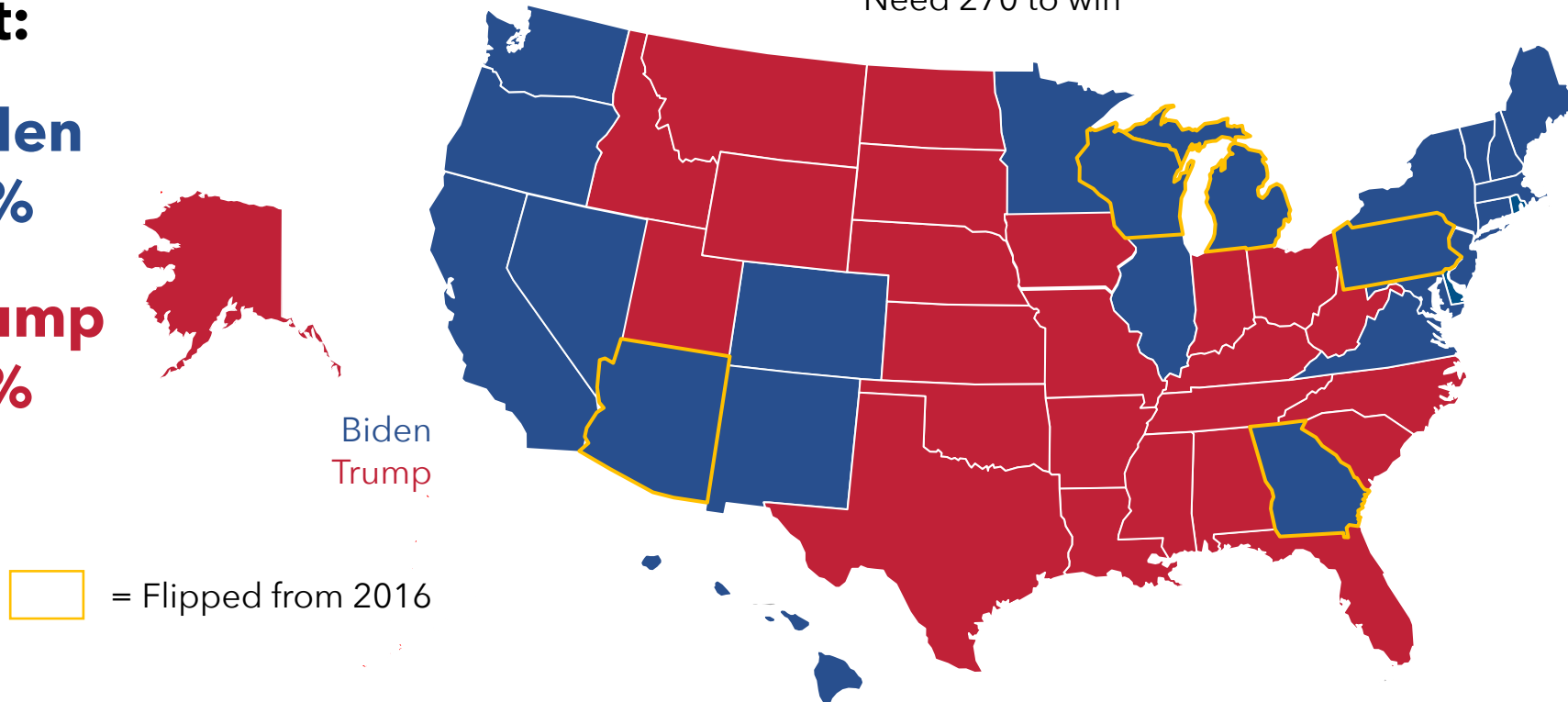
Electoral vote
counter:



Biden Electoral
Votes

Need 270 to win

Pres. Trump
Electoral Votes



 = Flipped from 2016

Trump's campaign has mounted several legal challenges.



The Trump campaign sued to halt the counting of ballots in **Michigan**, asking for its observers to be given "meaningful access" to vote-counting locations in the state. On Thursday, a Michigan judge denied the request.



Trump campaign that accused elections officials in Chatham County, **Georgia** - which includes Savannah - of mishandling absentee ballots. On Thursday, a superior court judge dismissed the lawsuit.



The Trump's campaign has said it plans to call for a recount in **Wisconsin**, which a trailing candidate is allowed to do under state law if a race is within 1 percentage point.



The Trump campaign is planning several lawsuits in **Pennsylvania**, including suing to overturn a Supreme Court decision allowing PA to continue counting mail ballots received after Tuesday until Friday, so long as they were postmarked by Nov. 3.

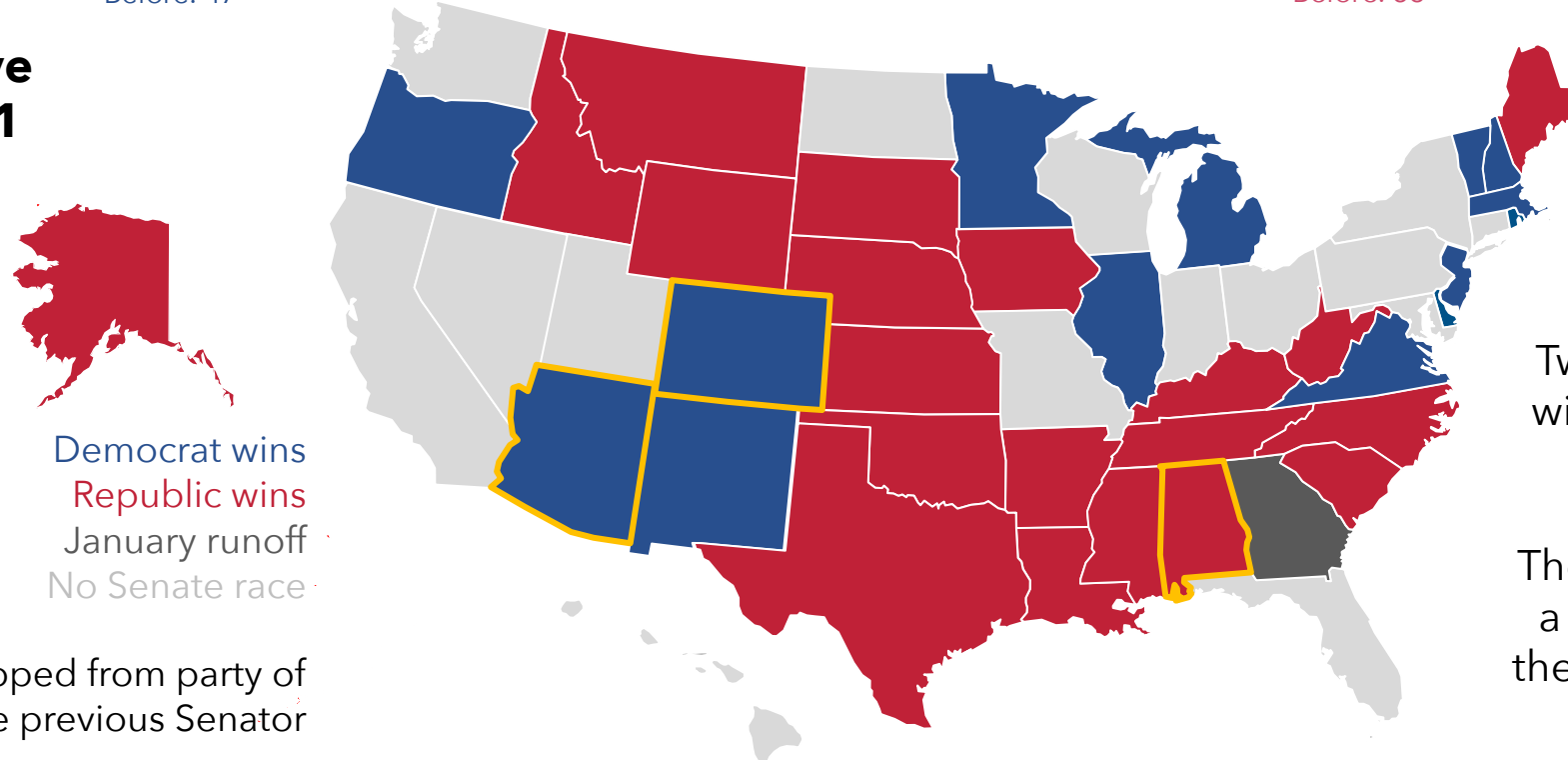
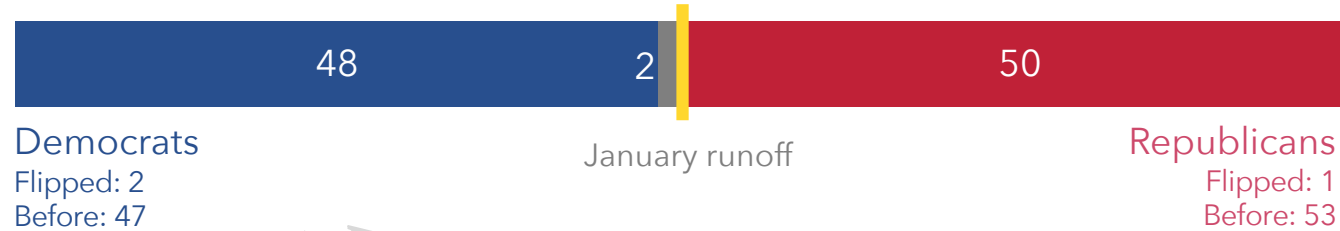
According to the United State Postal Service, some 300,000 mail-in ballots could not be traced on Tuesday, November 3. A federal judge ordered 12 postal processing facilities across 15 states be swept for ballots.

As of Friday morning, Twitter issued warnings on 12 Trump tweets in 60 hours.

Republicans will likely maintain control of the Senate. But a lot now hinges on Georgia.

**Democrats
needed to net: 4**

**Democrats have
netted so far: 1**



Two Georgia races
will go to runoffs in
January.

The state will remain
a battleground for
the next two months.

Overall Democrats underperformed expectations and Republicans held key seats.

Filled seats that were expected:



John Hickenlooper (D) unseated incumbent **Cory Gardner (R)** in Colorado by **9 points**



Mark Kelly (D) unseated incumbent **Martha McSally (R)** in Arizona by **2 points**



Tommy Tuberville (R) unseated incumbent **Doug Jones (D)** in Alabama by **20 points**

Republicans held on to key seats:



Joni Ernst (R) defeated challenger **Theresa Greenfield (D)** in Iowa by **7 points**



Susan Collins (R) defeated challenger **Sara Gideon (D)** in Maine by **8 points**



Lindsey Graham (R) defeated challenger **Jaime Harrison (D)** in South Carolina by **10 points**



Thom Tillis (R) defeated challenger **Cal Cunningham (D)** in North Carolina by **2 points**

Democrats will keep the House but likely with a smaller margin than before.

**Republicans
needed to net: 21**

**Republicans have
netted so far: 7**



Democrats
Flipped: 3
Before: 232

Districts still being
counted
Need 218 to win

Republicans
Flipped: 10
Before: 197

Prior to the 2020 election, there
were 5 vacancies and 1 Libertarian

Notable races:

Youngest to be elected:



Madison Cawthorn
(R, NC-11)
Age 25

LGBTQ firsts:



Ritchie Torres
(D, NY-15)
One of the first
openly LGBTQ
Black people
elected to Congress



Mondaire Jones
(D, NY-17)
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All four members of "The
Squad" won reelection:



Alexandria Ocasio-
Cortez (D, NY-14)



Ilhan Omar
(D, MN-15)



Ayanna Pressley
(D, MA-7)



Rashida Tlaib
(D, MI-13)



Source: New York Times (https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/11/03/us/elections/results-house.html?action=click&pgtype=Article&state=default&module=styln-elections-2020®ion=TOP_BANNER&context=election_recirc)



How did people vote

Voters were driven by the economy, racial inequality, and the coronavirus.

Most important issue:

	% of Electorate	Spread
The economy	35%	R +66
Racial inequality	20%	D +85
Coronavirus	17%	D +66
Crime and safety	11%	R +44
Health care	11%	D +25

- ✓ **Biden voters** were split between racial inequality and coronavirus
- ✓ **Trump voters** were united in the feeling that the economy was most important; crime and safety were second
- ✓ Still, 51% of voters said containing the virus should take priority even if it hurts business

The final undecided vote ultimately went to Trump by 12pts.

Voters who prioritized “a leader who cares about people like me” were split between the two candidates.

Most important quality:

	% of Electorate	2020
Is a strong leader	33%	R +44
Has good judgement	24%	D +42
Cares about people like me	21%	R +1
Can unite the country	19%	D +51

- ✓ **Biden** led on having good judgement and uniting the country
- ✓ **Trump** led on being a strong leader

Biden rebuilt the Blue Wall and made inroads in red states where demographics are changing.

Rust Belt states:



Michigan:
2020: **D +2.6**
2016: **R +0.3**



Minnesota:
2020: **D +7.1**
2016: **D +1.5**



Pennsylvania:
2020: **D +1.0**
2016: **R +0.3**



Wisconsin:
2020: **D +0.6**
2016: **R +0.7**

Republican strongholds:



Arizona:
2020: **D +0.3**
2016: **R +3.5**



Georgia:
2020: **D +0.3**
2016: **R +5.1**



N. Carolina:
2020: **R +1.3**
2016: **R +3.2**



Texas:
2020: **R +5.7**
2016: **R +9**

Biden expanded his support with key groups, flipping the crucial bloc of suburban voters.



- Maintained advantage with women, but didn't make gains
- Expanded support with youth and college grads, and flipped suburban voters back into the Democrat column
- Advantage shrunk among non-whites, especially Black men, and LGBTQ voters – though they still overwhelmingly voted Democrat

	2016 Spread	2020 Spread	<i>Shift from 2016</i>
First time voters	D +19	D +32	+13
Suburban voters	R +4	D +2	+6
Voters age 18-29	D +19	D +24	+5
Women	D +13	D +15	+2
College educated	D +10	D +12	+2
Households under \$50k	D +12	D +11	-1
Black men	D +69	D +60	-9
LGBTQ voters	D +63	D +37	-26

Trump lost ground with much of his base, but they still turned out in force.



- Won the undecided vote and expanded support with higher income voters
- Shrunk advantage with men, rural voters, and seniors, and those without college degrees
- White voters from all age groups and genders supported Trump; the one exception was white college-educated voters, who were split

	2016 Spread	2020 Spread	<i>Shift from 2016</i>
Households over \$100k	TIE	R +12	+12
Late deciders	R +3	R +12	+9
White women	R +9	R +11	+2
Voters over 65	R +7	R +5	-2
Men	R +11	R +8	-3
Non-college	R +7	R +2	-5
White men	R +31	R +23	-8
Rural voters	R +27	R +15	-12

Democrats lost ground with Hispanic voters in key states like FL and TX.



Florida:

D +5

19% of the electorate

In 2016: D +27

18% of the electorate



Cuban Americans are the largest group of Hispanic voters in Florida and have leaned more Republican since JFK's term. In Miami-Dade, a county Clinton won by 30 points in 2016, Biden won by only 7 points.



Texas:

D +17

23% of the electorate

In 2016: D +27

24% of the electorate



Biden was closer to flipping Texas than any Democrat in decades but underperformed in South Texas where voters are Hispanic and primarily of Mexican descent.



Arizona:

D +27

19% of the electorate

In 2016: D +30

15% of the electorate



Since SB 1070 was passed in the state legislature in 2010 allowing law enforcement to stop and request someone's papers, there has been significant grassroots organizing measures in the Arizona Hispanic community.



What's happens next

Key Post-Election Dates

NOVEMBER

STATE OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO VERIFY RESULTS

- Georgia and potentially additional states will hold a recount in the coming weeks

LAWSUITS WILL CONTINUE

- There are lawsuits currently pending and to come that will be heard in the coming weeks

DECEMBER

DEADLINE FOR DISPUTING RESULTS

- Election disputes must be resolved by Dec. 8

ELECTORAL COLLEGE MEETS

- Electors in each state will meet on Dec. 14 to cast their votes

DEADLINE FOR SENATE TO RECEIVE ELECTORS' BALLOTS

- The U.S. Senate must receive Electors' ballots by Dec. 23

JANUARY

RUNOFF ELECTIONS

- Two Georgia runoff elections for Senate seats on Jan. 5

BALLOTS COUNTED BY CONGRESS

- A joint session of Congress will meet to count Electors' ballots on Jan. 6

INAUGURATION

- The winner will be sworn in on Jan. 20

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