

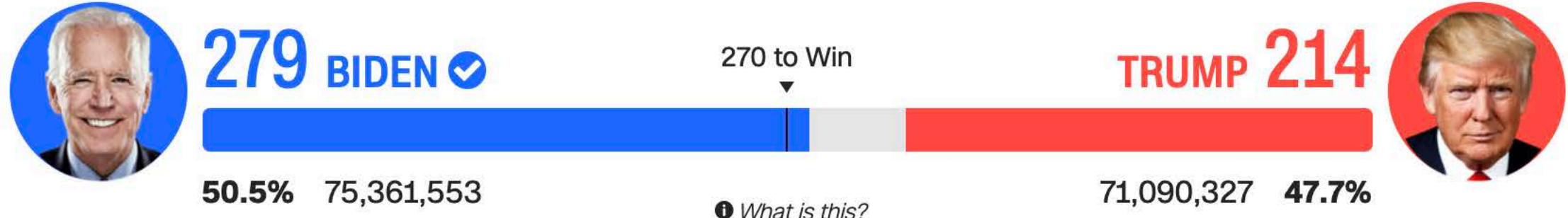
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(WASHINGTON UPDATE)

CCC Council Meeting  
November 9, 2020

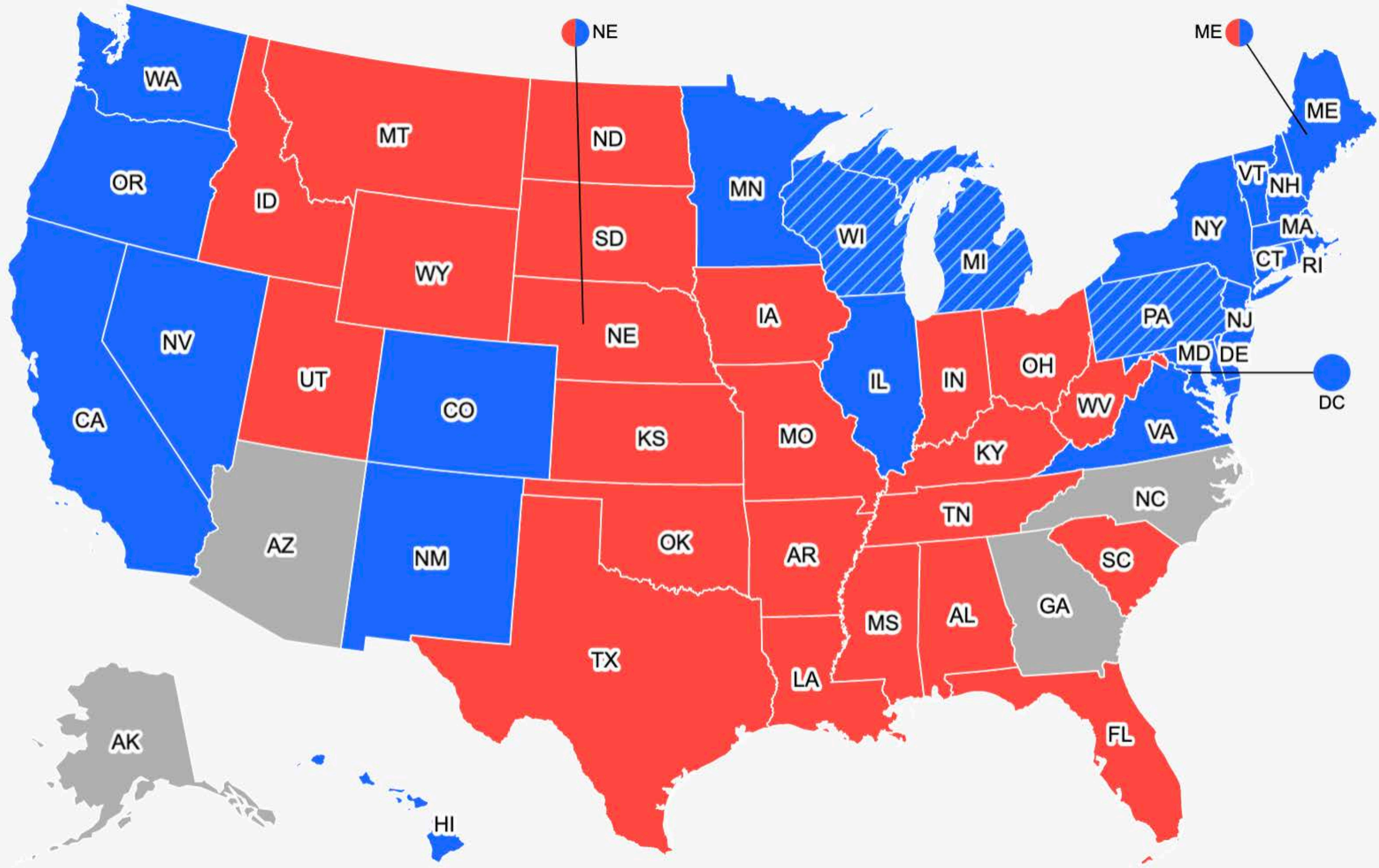
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# 2020 PRESIDENTIAL RACE



## CNN Projection

Updated 05:30 p.m. ET, Nov. 8



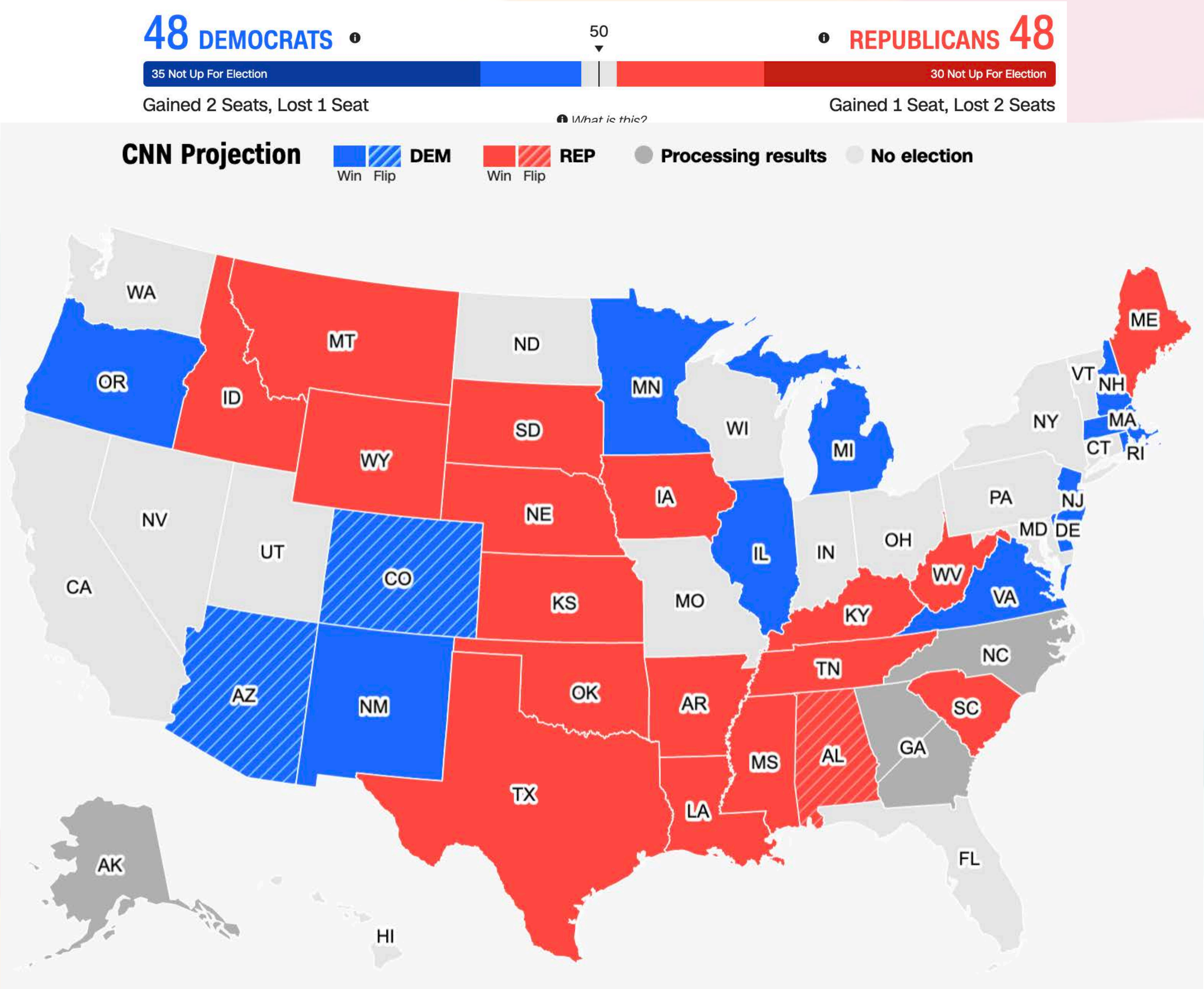
“What is our mandate? I believe it is this: Americans have called on us to marshal the forces of decency and the forces of fairness. To marshal the forces of **science** and the forces of hope in the great battles of our time. The battle to control the virus. The battle to build prosperity. The battle to secure your family’s health care. The battle to achieve racial justice and root out systemic racism in this country. The battle to save the climate. The battle to restore decency, defend democracy, and give everybody in this country a fair shot.”



-President-elect Joe Biden  
*November 7, 2020*

# 2020 SENATE RACE

- Tillis (R-NC) and Sullivan (R-AK) not called yet, but likely
- GA runoff for both seats



## 2020 SENATE RACES - KEY RESULTS

- Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO) loses to former Gov John Hickenlooper (D)
- Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) retires, replaced by Bill Hagerty (R)
- Sen. Gary Peters (D-MI) retains seat over John James (R)
  
- Narrow majority will provide three Senate moderates with leverage



Sen. Mitt Romney (R-UT)



Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)

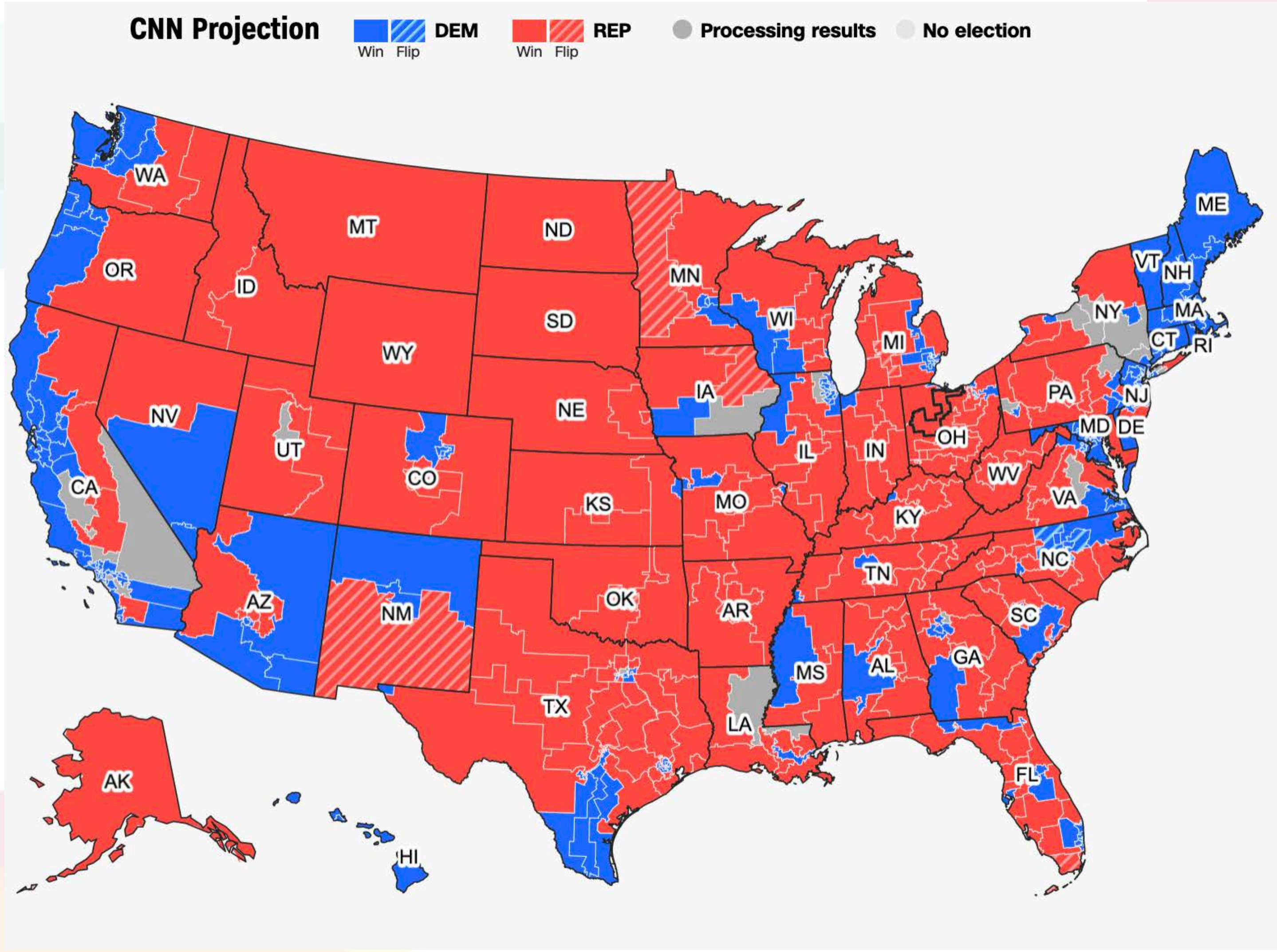


Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)

# 2020 HOUSE RACE



- Dems projected to hold House
- Net -5 atm



## 2020 HOUSE RACES - KEY RESULTS

- House Science, Space and Tech Chair and Ranking Member expected to remain in place
  - Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-IL), 3rd ranking, defeated in primary
  - Rep. Kendra Horn (D-OK), Chair of Space and Aeronautics subcom defeated
  - Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI), current Chair Research and Tech subcom, narrowly wins
  - Rep. Will Hurd (R-TX), retires
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- House dynamics – could be fractious on majority side (Tea Party echoes) with progressive v. moderate wing

## “MANDATE” FOR THE PRESIDENT-ELECT?

- He'll argue yes - Could finish with 306 electoral votes (same as Trump v. Clinton)
- Popular vote margin > 4 million votes
- Down-ballot votes held for GOP though (Trump underperformed GOP Senate candidates in competitive states)
  
- I think the dominant force will be a push to the center
- Could bode well for some notable research initiatives, but could also curb overall spending





**THE NEXT 72 DAYS**

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- Coronavirus Stimulus
  - Compromise measure?
- Funding Government - December 11th deadline; Trump hasn't indicated whether he'd sign a new deal
- Coronavirus Task Force (Biden names today)
  - Includes Zeke Emmanuel – keynoted a CCC workshop on Robotics for Infectious Disease
- Transition team....

# TRANSITION TEAM

- Has been at work since June (legally required)
- Chaired by former Sen. Ted Kauffman (D-DE), with a number of co-chairs and a big advisory board, including Pete Buttigieg, Sally Yates, Susan Rice, and Cindy McCain
- John Holdren, Tom Kalil, likely many others from Obama's tight-knit OSTP are/will be advising on science issues
- Reportedly already “discussing possible candidates for jobs in health and science agencies, though campaign officials stress no decisions have been made.”
- Likely to reach across the aisle for some appointments
- Keep eyes/ears open for rumored appointees and get them Quad Papers :-)



**STARTING JANUARY 20, 2021**

# FIRST PRIORITIES

- Reverse ~100 executive actions taken by the Trump Administration that were ill-conceived or reversed Obama-era regulation
  - Muslim Travel Bans
  - Student Visa Changes
  - Dreamers
  - Census
  - WHO
  - Paris Climate Accord
  - etc...

# FIRST PRIORITIES

- “Restoring American Leadership”
  - Covid 19
  - Economic Recovery
  - Racial Equity
  - Climate Change
- Also... INFRASTRUCTURE!

