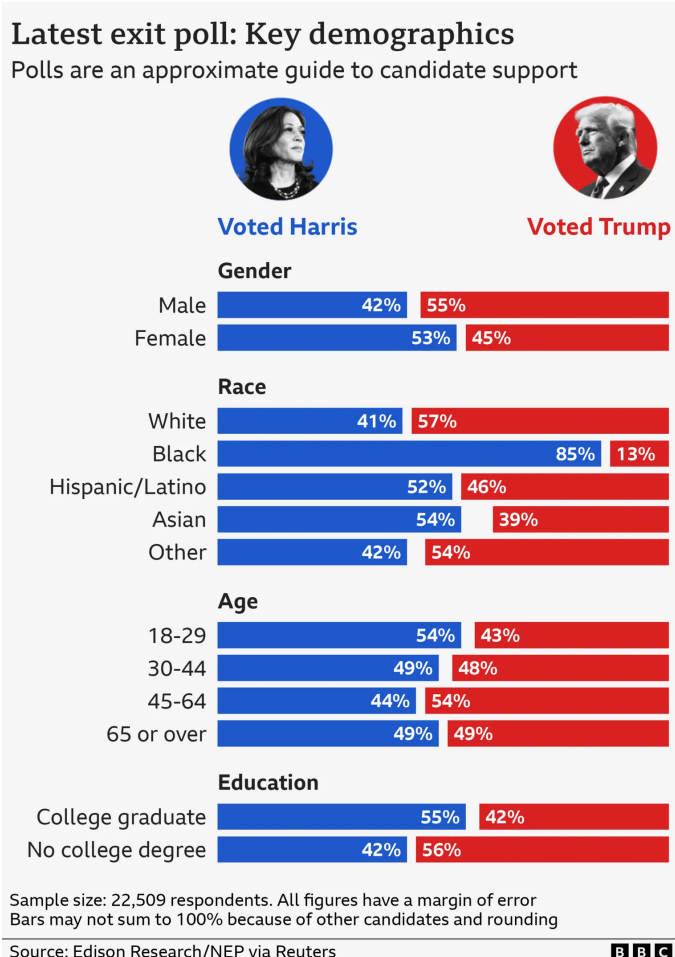ECG2 - US Elections 2024 – maps and statistics

Look at these maps and figures carefully, and **answer the questions in writing**:

(All documents taken from www.bbc.com)

1. **Election demographics**

What do these demographic figures tell us about why Trump won this election?

Latest exit poll: Key demographics
Polls are an approximate guide to candidate support

Voted Harris / Voted Trump

Gender
	Voted Harris	Voted Trump
Male	42%	55%
Female	53%	45%

Race
	Voted Harris	Voted Trump
White	41%	57%
Black	85%	13%
Hispanic/Latino	52%	46%
Asian	54%	39%
Other	42%	54%

Age
	Voted Harris	Voted Trump
18-29	54%	43%
30-44	49%	48%
45-64	44%	54%
65 or over	49%	49%

Education
	Voted Harris	Voted Trump
College graduate	55%	42%
No college degree	42%	56%

Sample size: 22,509 respondents. All figures have a margin of error
Bars may not sum to 100% because of other candidates and rounding
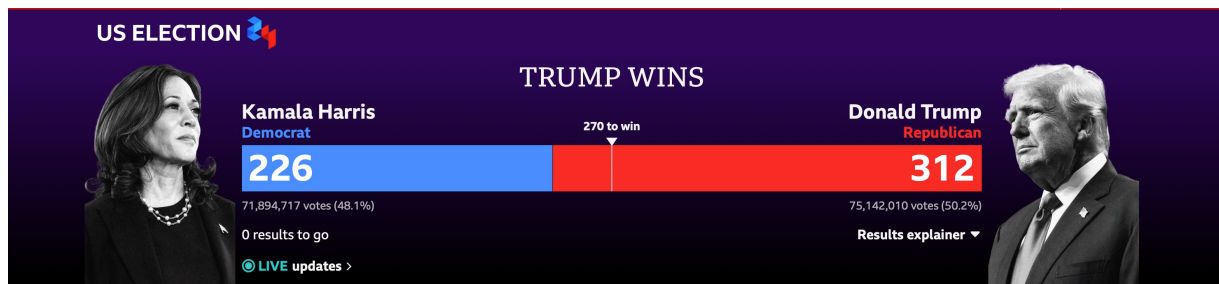Source: Edison Research/NEP via Reuters   BBC
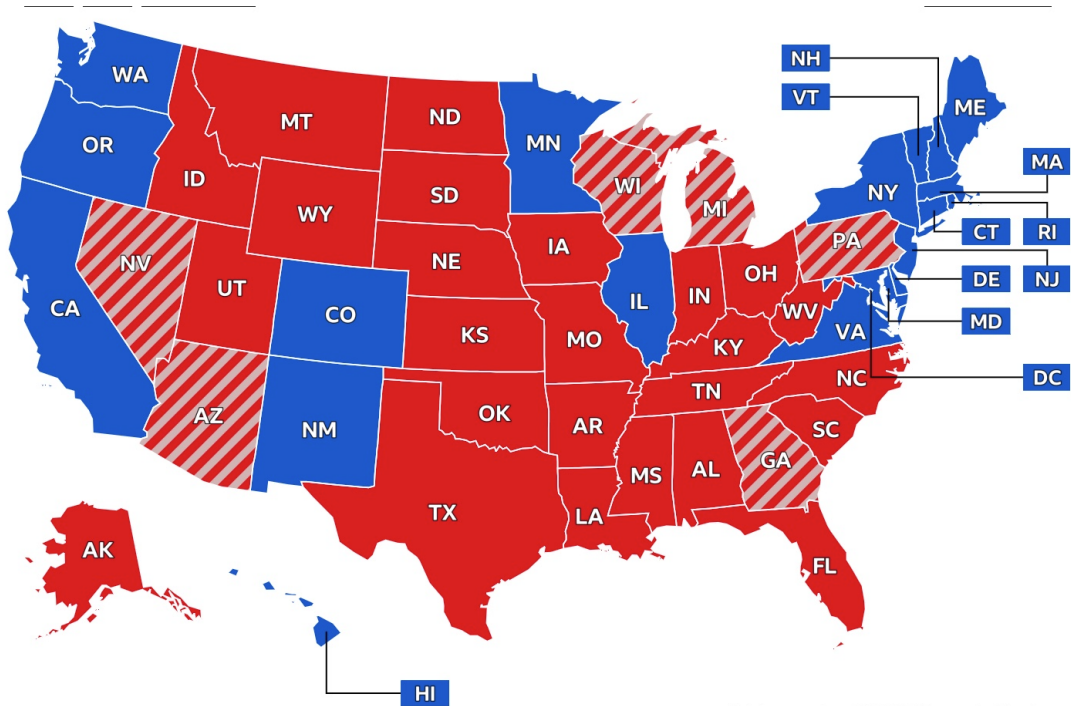
Black vote: 13% (2024) v. 8% (2023)
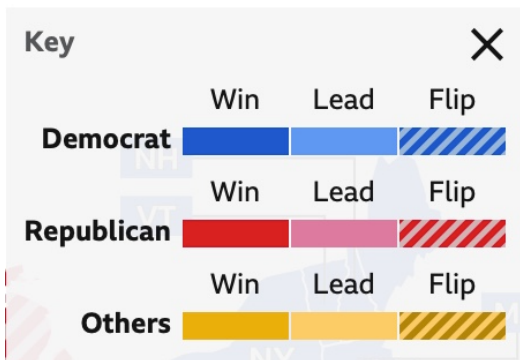
Latino vote: 46% (2024) v. 32% (2023)

2. **Election results**

a. Electoral college votes / Popular vote

What do these electoral votes tell us about why trump won this election?

US ELECTION 24
TRUMP WINS
Kamala Harris — Democrat — **226**
71,894,717 votes (48.1%)
0 results to go
LIVE updates
270 to win
Donald Trump — Republican — **312**
75,142,010 votes (50.2%)
Results explainer

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Key ✕

	Win	Lead	Flip
Democrat			
Republican	Win	Lead	Flip
Others	Win	Lead	Flip

Flip = a state « flipped » (= changed / switched) from one political party in the previous election to the other one in this election.
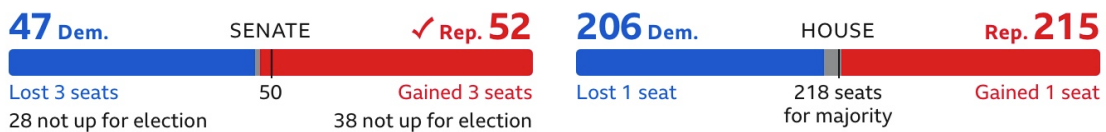
Popular vote : (*so far → not all votes have been counted yet*)

Trump : 50.2% (74,989,915 votes) **Harris** : 48.1% (71,794,548 votes)

b. Congressional elections

What do these congressional results say about trump's capacity to govern and implement his own policies?

Congressional results

47 Dem.	SENATE	✓ Rep. **52**	**206** Dem.	HOUSE	Rep. **215**
Lost 3 seats	50	Gained 3 seats	Lost 1 seat	218 seats for majority	Gained 1 seat
28 not up for election		38 not up for election			

(House of Representatives results haven't been finalized yet)

3. **Personal expression**
   Briefly explain whether you were surprised by the results and why (or why not).