# The 2024 Presidential Election in the United States

What happened on November 5th?

What's next for the US and the world?

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## The Campaign | The Republican Ticket

#### Presidential candidate

**Donald John Trump** 

Age 78

Republican from 1987 to 1999, and again since 2012

U.S. President from 2017 to 2021

Won the Republican primary over Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley

Has been described as a right-wing populist





#### Vice-Presidential candidate

James David Vance

Age 40

Author and political commentator, writer of Hillbilly Elegy (2016)

Venture capitalist with strong Silicon Valley ties, supported by billionaire Peter Thiel

U.S. Senator from Ohio since 2023

Described himself as belonging to the 'postliberal' right

## **The Campaign** | The Democratic Ticket

#### Presidential candidate

Kamala Devi Harris

Age 60

Former District Attorney for San Francisco (2004-2011), Attorney General of California (2011-2017) and U.S. Senator from California (2017-2021)

U.S. Vice-President since 2021

Was nominated by the Democratic National Convention after the withdrawal of incumbent Joe Biden

Has been described as a 'pragmatic moderate'





#### Vice-Presidential candidate

**Timothy James Walz** 

Age 60

Former teacher and member of the National Guard (1981-2006) and U.S. Representative from Minnesota (2007-2019)

Governor of Minnesota since 2019

Picked by Harris and confirmed at the Democratic Convention

Is widely considered to be a progressive Democrat

## The Campaign | Contrasted Messaging

#### Harris-Walz

- appeal to the widest possible electorate
- popular liberal stances on social issues
- a rightward shift on environmental issues
- a leftward shift on economic issues
- very little on foreign policy

#### Trump-Vance

- a flurry of various positions on a number of issues
- strong right-wing stances on social issues and immigration
- more a collection of previously-held positions and positions popular with the Republican base than a proper program
- backed by very organized groups (Project 2025)



Trump campaigns at Madison Square Garden, New York City in late October

## The Campaign | Controversies and Events

June 28th. Calls for Biden to drop out intensify after a bad performance in the first Biden-Trump debate

July 13th. Trump is the victim of an assassinaton attempt in Butler County, Pennsylvania

July 15th. Trump picks JD Vance to be his running mate at the Republican National Convention

July 21st. Joe Biden announces his withdrawal from the presidential race, endorsing Kamala Harris

August 6th. Harris picks Tim Walz to be her running mate at the Democratic National Convention

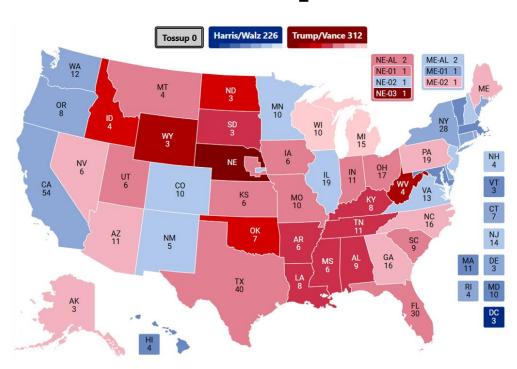
September 15th. Trump is the victim of a second assassination attempt on a golf course in Florida

October 8th. Harris declares she would not have done anything differently from Biden in the last four years

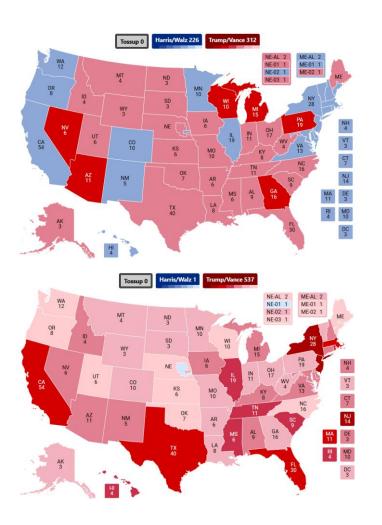
October 26th. Trump appears on the Joe Rogan Podcast, and is endorsed by Elon Musk on the same podcast days later

October 27th. A speaker at a Trump rally calls Puerto Rico 'a floating island of garbage'

## The Results | Maps



Maps showing the margins of victory, the difference from 2020 and the shift from 2020 in each state. (AP)



## The Results | Demographics

County type No. of counties		2020 shift	2024 shift		
Trump won by >20 pts. in 202	0 2,137	← 1.3 pts.	→ 2.7 pts.		
Biden won by >20 pts. in 2020	243	← 2.5 pts.	→ 5.8 pts.		
Urban	144	← 1.6 pts.	→ 6.6 pts.		
Suburban	617	← 4.2 pts.	→ 4.7 pts.		
Over 90% white	911	← 0.6 pts.	→ 2.4 pts.		
Less than 50% white	375	→ 0.8 pts.	→ 8.3 pts.		
Over 25% Black	377	← 2.5 pts.	→ 4.2 pts.		
Over 25% Hispanic	311	→ 0.7 pts.	→ 9.6 pts.		
Over 50% college-educated	76	← 4.8 pts.	$\rightarrow$ 5.1 pts.		
Less than 20% college-educa	ted 1,387	ightarrow 1.8 pts.	→ 5.1 pts.		
Large age 65+ population	378	← 1.8 pts.	→ 4.4 pts.		
Large population age 18-34	110	← 2.8 pts.	→ 5.9 pts.		

#### Changes of note

Democratic underperformance in heavily Democratic cities and urban counties

Democrats hold their own in suburban America

Massive and continued shift right of Hispanics and non-whites (including Asian-Americans)

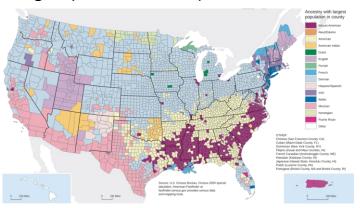
Rightward shift of younger voters (social media presence, anti-establishmentarianism, foreign policy)

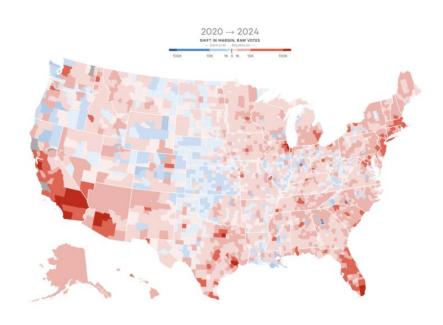
Note: Data as of Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. By The New York Times

## The Results | Demographics



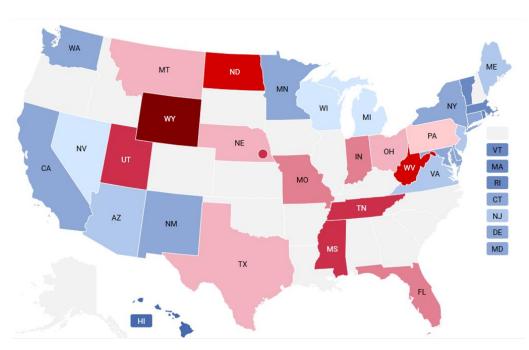
Largest ethnic (top) and ancestry (bottom) group in each county, 2020 census.



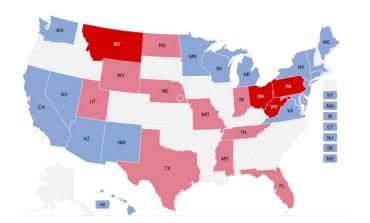


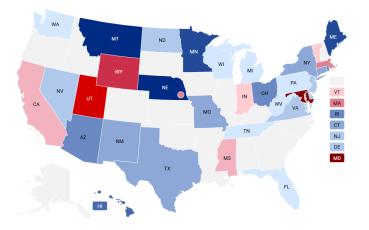
Shift in raw vote margin from 2020 to 2024 by county. (NPR)

## **The Results** | The Senate

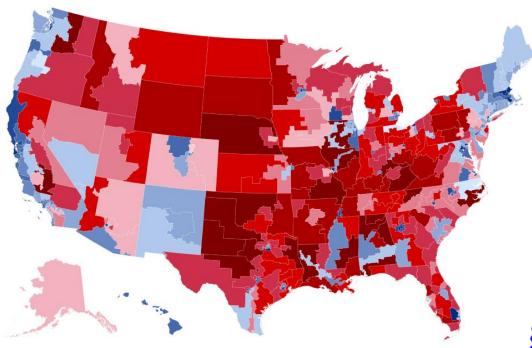


Margin, flips and downballot overperformance of senate candidates in each state. The final composition of the Senate will be 53R-47D. (AP-NYT)

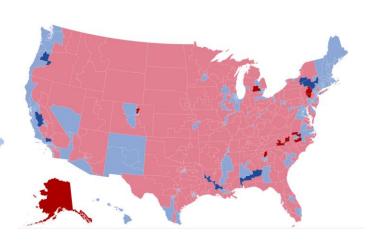


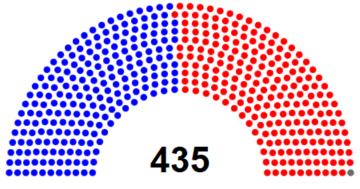


## **The Results** | The House



Margin of victory and flips in each U.S. House district, final composition of the House. (CNN)



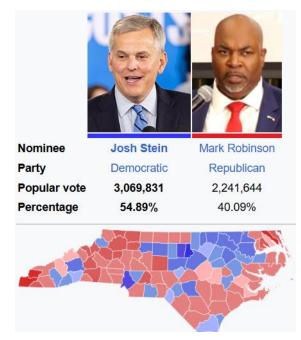


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## The Results | Two Noteworthy Downballot Results

In the U.S. Senate election in Pennsylvania, Republican McCormick defeated incumbent Democrat Casey





In the gubernatorial election in North Carolina, Democratic Attorney General Stein defeated Republican Lieutenant Governor Robinson

## **The Aftermath** | Towards a New Coalition?

#### Potential future Democratic coalition

- Strong support from Black voters
- Strong support from educated urban whites (especially women)
- Moderate support from educated suburban whites
- Moderate support from older voters
- Weak support from urban non-Black minorities
- Defection of younger voters?

#### Potential future Republican coalition

- Strong support from rural white voters
- Strong support from low-education level whites (especially men)
- Moderate support among educated exurban whites
- Moderate support among rural Hispanic voters
- Weak support from urban Hispanic and Asian voters

## **The Aftermath** | Constitutional Powers

#### Section 2

The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States [...], and he shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment.

He shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, [...] and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States, whose Appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by Law [...].

The President shall have Power to fill up all Vacancies that may happen during the Recess of the Senate, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the End of their next Session.

#### **Section 3**

He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient [...]; he shall receive Ambassadors and other public Ministers; he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed, and shall Commission all the Officers of the United States.

#### **Section 4**

The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.

From the Library of Congress

## The Aftermath | What Can Trump Do?

Let's take a look at some of the proposals made by the conservative Heritage Foundation in its infamous Project 2025

- Appoint loyal Republicans or Trump-affiliated people to high-ranking federal administration offices
- Make the Department of Justice and the FBI accountable only to the President
- Forbid the military to take climate change into account when evaluating national security threats
- Use law enforcement (via the Insurrection Act of 1807) to repress protests against the administration's policy, and ensure their enforcement
- Exclude non-citizens from taking the census

## **The Aftermath** | The Cabinet



State Sen. Marco Rubio





**Attorney General** Pam Bondi



**Government Efficiency** 



Interior Gov. Doug



Health and HS Robert Kennedy Jr.



Labor Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer



**National Security** Rep. Tulsi Gabbard



**Attorney General** Rep. Matt Gaetz (withdrew)



Vivek Ramaswamy and Elon Musk

## Thank you for you attention!

## **Bonus** | Polls

Nov. 3-4	2,703 LV	AtlasIntel		Harris	49%	50%	Trump		Trump	+1
Nov. 3-4	2,703 LV	AtlasIntel		Harris	48%	49%	Trump	More ▼	Trump	+1
Nov. 2-3	1,003 LV	Research Co.		Harris	48%	46%	Trump		Harris	+2
Nov. 2-3	1,005 LV	John Zogby Strategies		Harris	49%	46%	Trump		Harris	+2
Nov. 2-3	1,005 LV	John Zogby Strategies		Harris	48%	45%	Trump	More ▼	Harris	+4
Nov. 1-3	1,411 LV	TIPP Insights		Harris	48%	49%	Trump	More ▼	Trump	+1
Nov. 1-3	1,411 LV	TIPP Insights		Harris	48%	48%	Trump		E	EVEN
Nov. 1-3	1,115 RV	Patriot Polling		Harris	49%	48%	Trump		Harris	+1
Nov. 1-3	973 LV	Ipsos	Reuters	Harris	50%	48%	Trump		Harris	+2
Nov. 1-3	1,242 A	Ipsos	Reuters	Harris	41%	39%	Trump		Harris	+2

The results of the last polls taken before the election. Overall, polling was fairly accurate, with most results being within the margin of error. (FiveThirtyEight)

## **Bonus** | Foreign Policy

#### Trump's pick for Secretary of Defense, **Pete Hegseth**:

- 'If you love America, you should love Israel'
- Does not want to 'force Putin's hand' by supporting Ukraine
- Criticized NATO and the Geneva Convention

#### Trump's pick for Secretary of State, Marco Rubio:

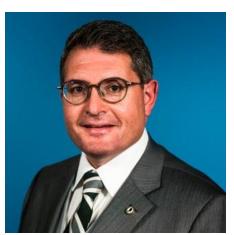
- Strong supporter of Israel, against Iran's nuclear program
- Reluctant to send more money to Ukraine
- Supporter of Taiwan's sovereignty and opponent of the PRC
- Proponent of the pivot to Asia



**Mike Huckabee**, former Governor of Arkansas, will be Ambassador to Israel

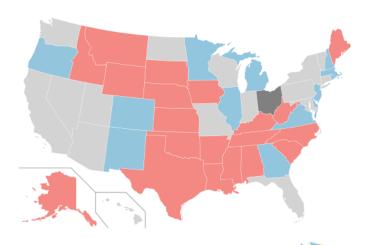
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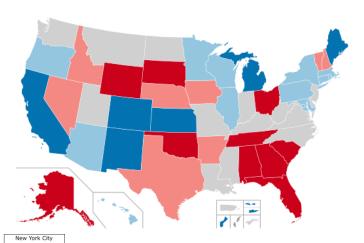


Leonard Leo, chairman of the Federalist Society, is the architect of the Court's conservative majority

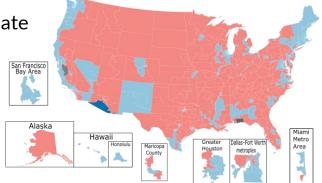
## **Bonus** | The 2026 Midterms



On Tuesday, November 3rd 2026 ...



... one-third of the Senate ...



... thirty-six governorships ...

... and all 435 House seats will be renewed

## Bonus | The 2028 Presidential Election

#### Republican frontrunners



Vice-President JD Vance



DOGE Secretary Vivek Ramaswamy



Florida Governor Ron DeSantis



President Donald Trump



Trump has hinted several times at the repeal of the 22nd Amendment, passed in 1951, that prevents presidents from running for more than two full terms

#### Democratic frontrunners



Vice-President Kamala Harris



DOT Secretary
Pete Buttigieg



California Governor Gavin Newsom



First Lady Michelle Obama