

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

What It Is and Why It Matters



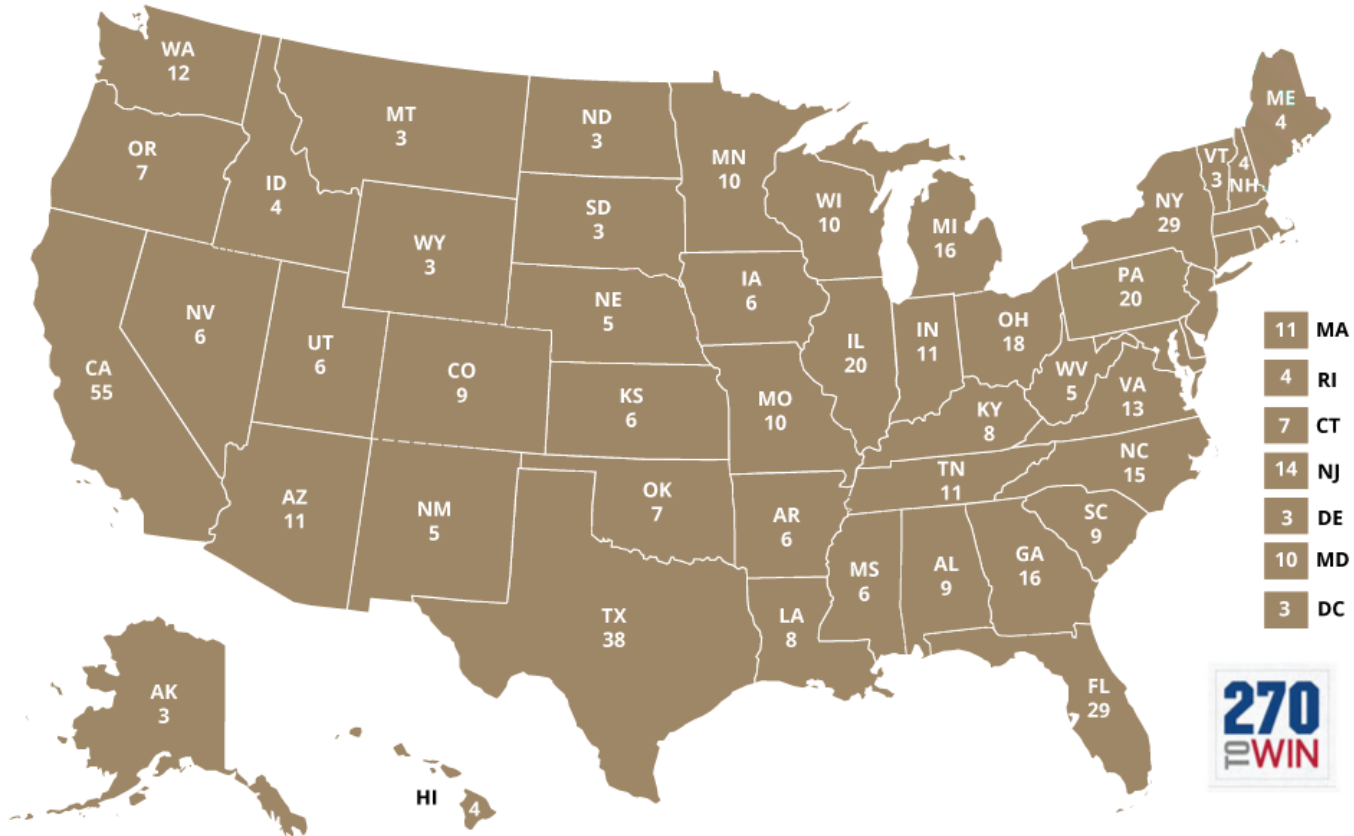
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Electoral College Votes by State

Democrat 0

538

0 Republican





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***NATION
VS.
FEDERAL
REPUBLIC***

***~BLACK'S
LAW
DICTIONARY***

“A national government is a government of the people of a single state or nation, united as a community by what is termed the ‘social compact,’ and possessing complete and perfect supremacy over persons and things, so far as they can be made the lawful objects of civil government. A federal government is distinguished from a national government by its being the government of a community of independent and sovereign states, united by compact.”

***FEDERALIST
#32***

***~ALEXANDER
HAMILTON***

“An entire consolidation of the States into one complete national sovereignty would imply an entire subordination of the parts; and whatever powers might remain in them, would be altogether dependent on the general will. But the plan of the convention aims only at a partial union or consolidation, the State governments would clearly retain all rights of sovereignty which they before had, and which were not, by that act, exclusively delegated to the United States.”

***FEDERALIST
#68***

***~ALEXANDER
HAMILTON***

“... almost the only part of the system, of any consequence, which has escaped without severe censure, or which has received the slightest mark of approbation from its opponents.”

“The most plausible of these, who has appeared in print, has even deigned to admit that the election of the President is pretty well guarded. I venture somewhat further, and hesitate not to affirm, that if the manner of it be not perfect, it is at least excellent. It unites in an eminent degree all the advantages, the union of which was to be wished for.”

REPORT OF 1800

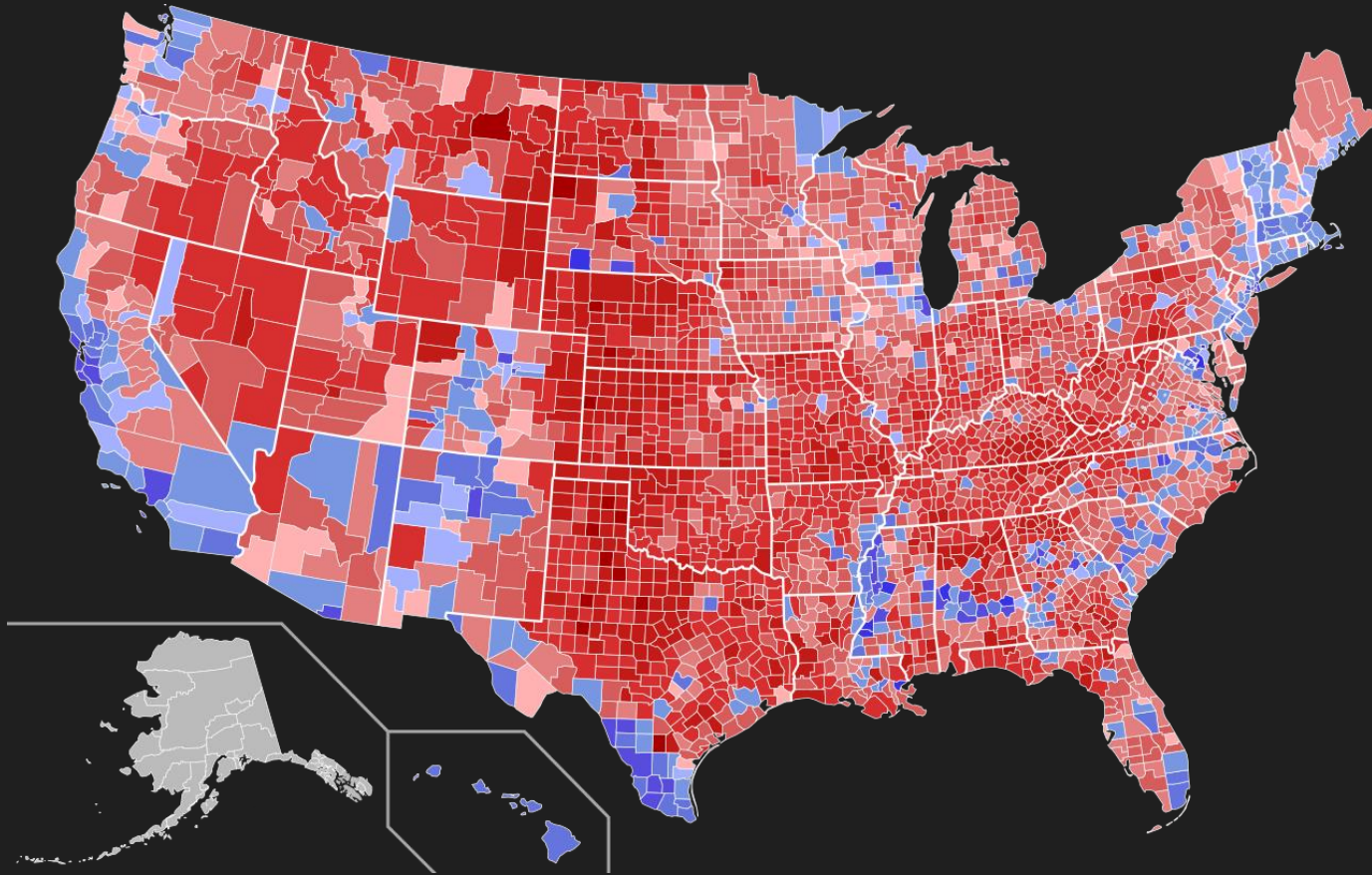
**~JAMES
MADISON**

It is indeed true, that the term “states,” is sometimes used in a vague sense, and sometimes in different senses, according to the subject to which it is applied. Thus, it sometimes means the separate sections of territory occupied by the political societies within each; sometimes the particular governments, established by those societies; sometimes those societies as organized into those particular governments; and, **lastly, it means the people composing those political societies, in their highest sovereign capacity.** Although it might be wished that the perfection of language admitted less diversity in the signification of the same words, yet little inconveniency is produced by it, where the true sense can be collected with certainty from the different applications. In the present instance, whatever different constructions of the term “states,” in the resolution, may have been entertained, all will at least concur in **that last mentioned;** because, in that sense, **the Constitution was submitted to the “states,” in that sense the “states” ratified it;** and, in that sense of the term “states,” **they are consequently parties to the compact, from which the powers of the federal government result.**

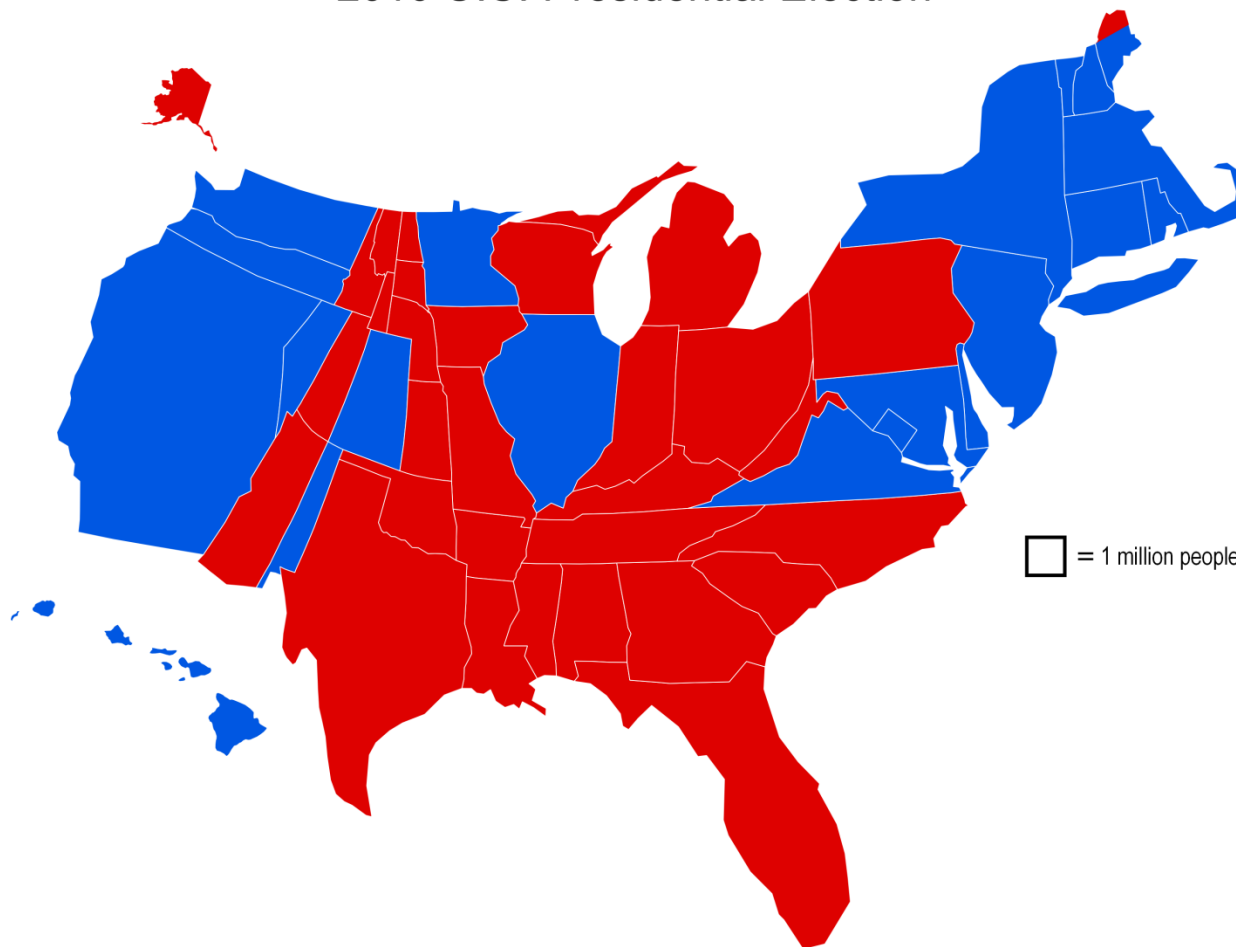


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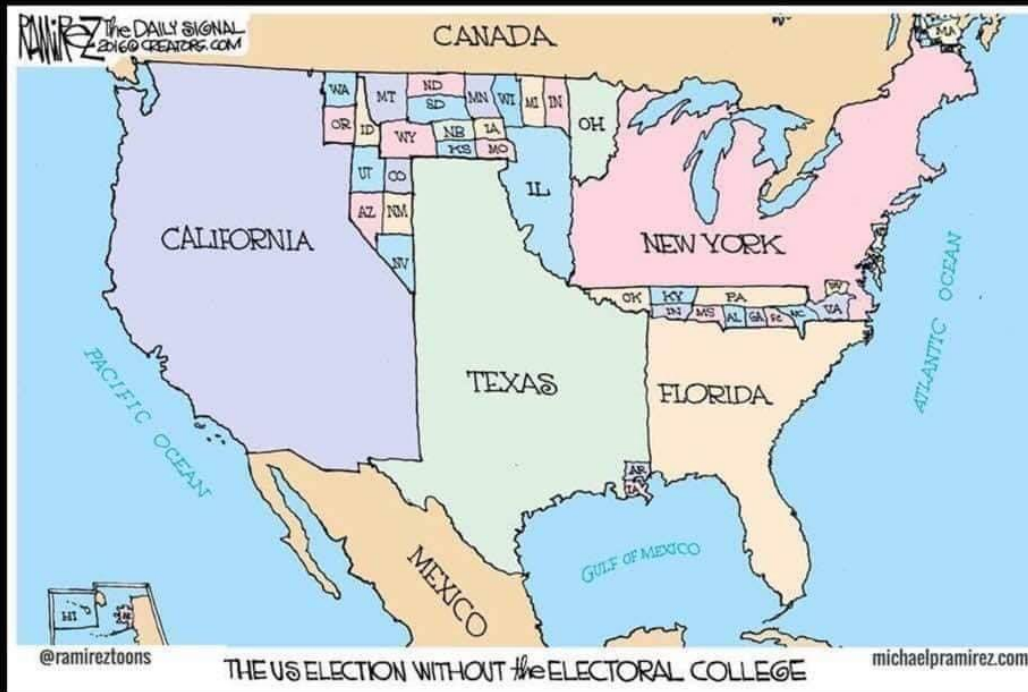
2016 US Presidential Vote by County



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This shows the power of your vote and your state if there was NO electoral college.



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