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Road Map to the 2024 Election

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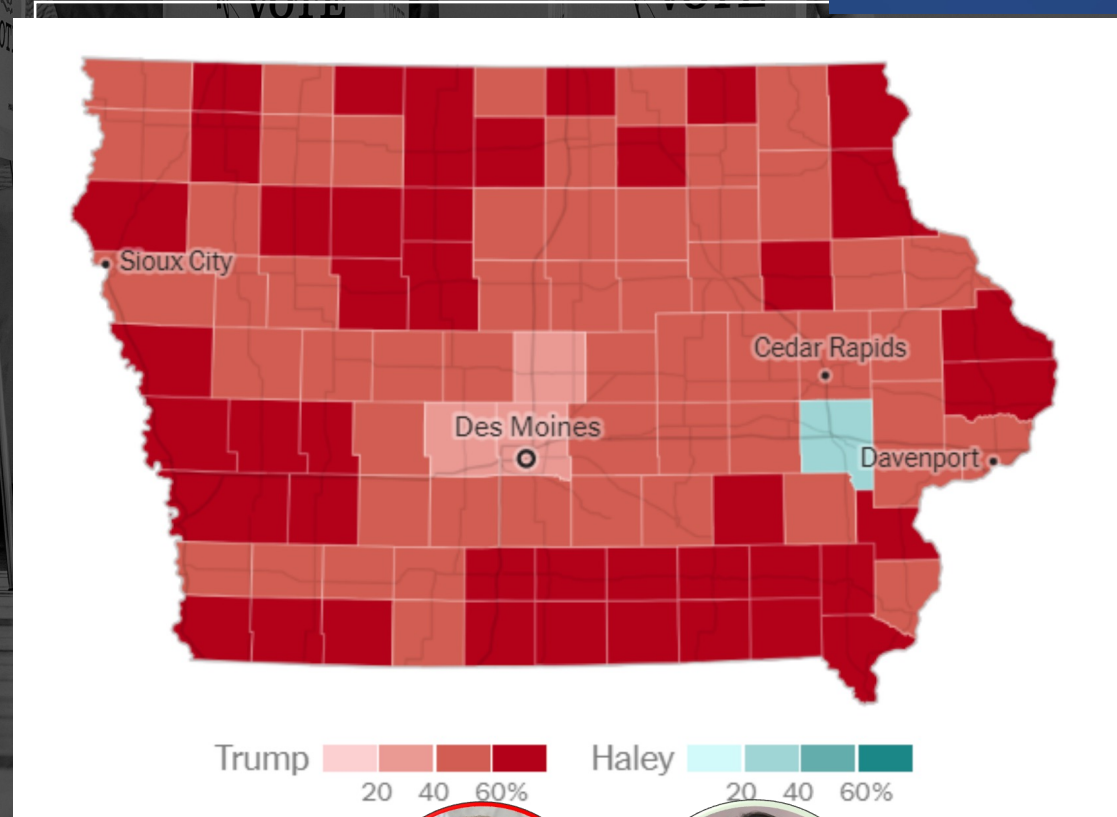
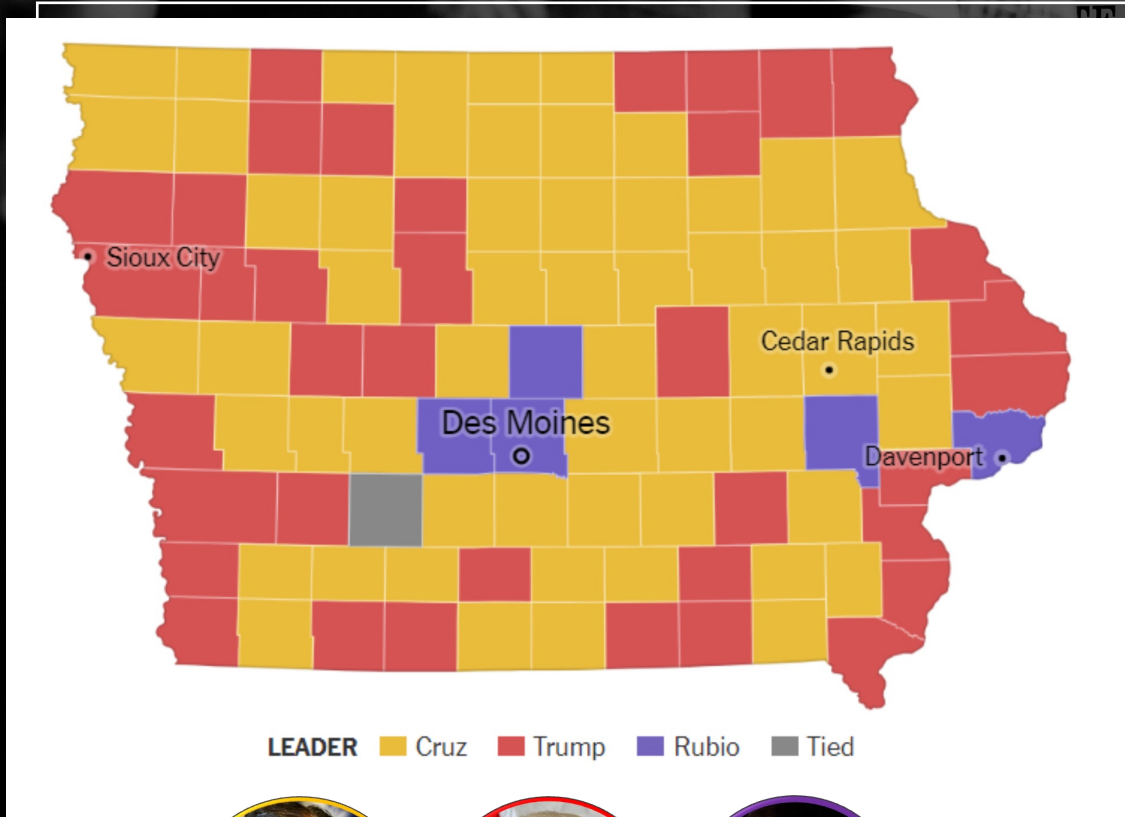
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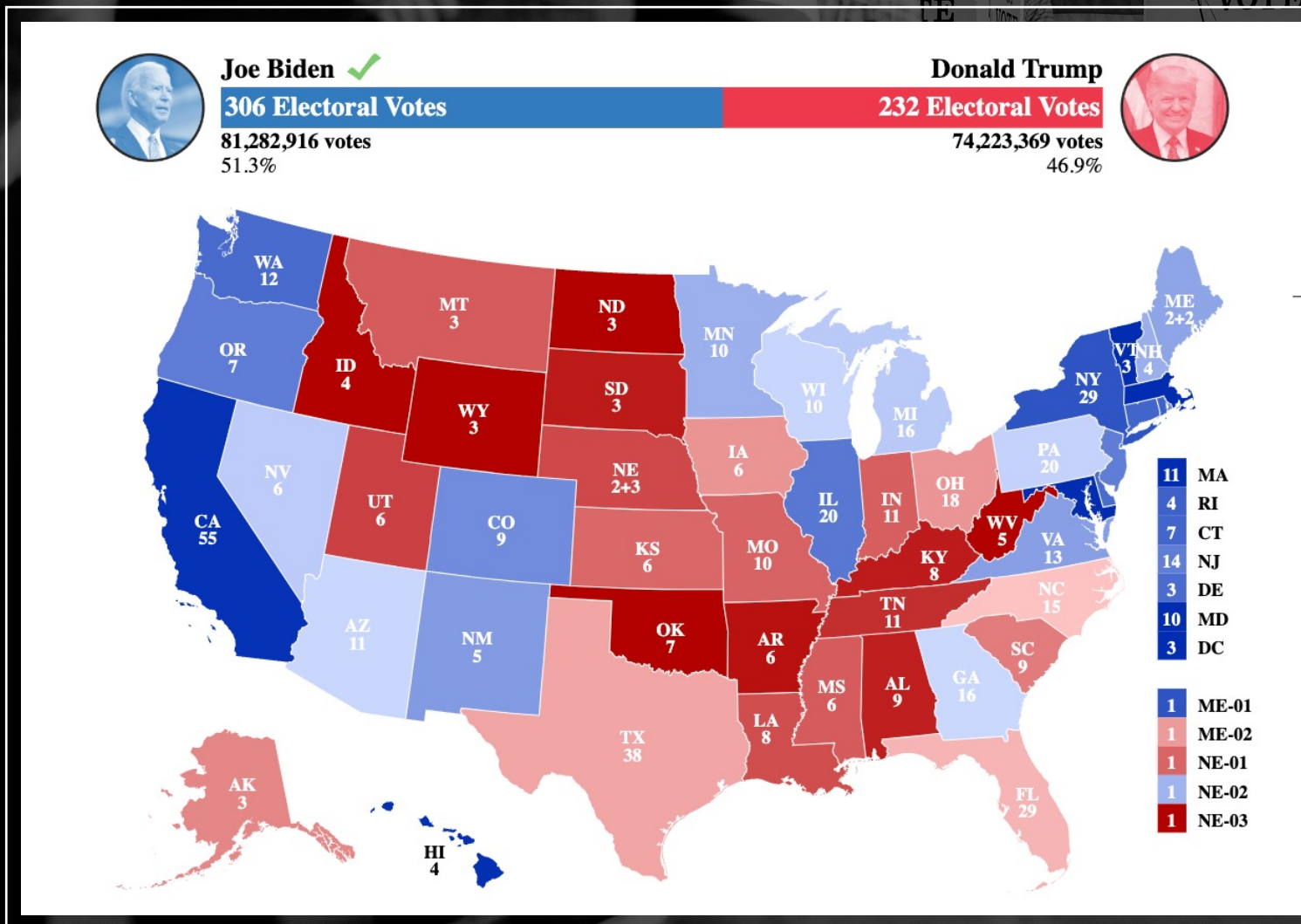


2024: The election voters aren't asking for





Trump has doubled his GOP support vs. 2016



Biden/Democrats started out with no margin for error



Biden faces daunting numbers to start reelection year

Year	President	Jan. Approval
2004	 George W. Bush (R)	54%
2012	 Barack Obama (D)	49%
2016	 Donald Trump (R)	46%
2020	 Joe Biden (D)	37%

Jan. 2024 NBC News Poll

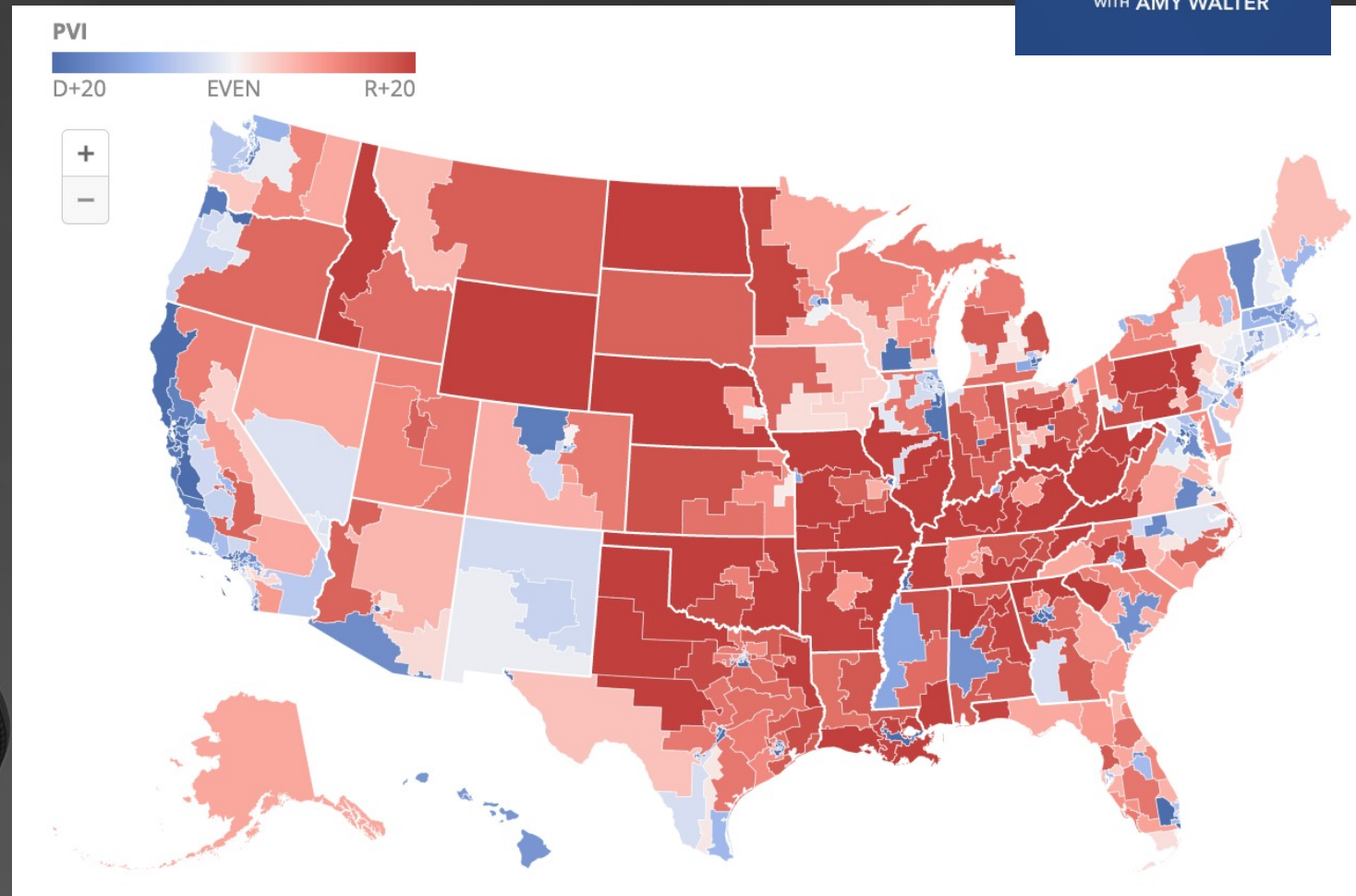
So, where are
we headed?

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The House
(**221R-214D**)
is a game of
Inches in 2024



House Republicans:
New speaker, same
math problem



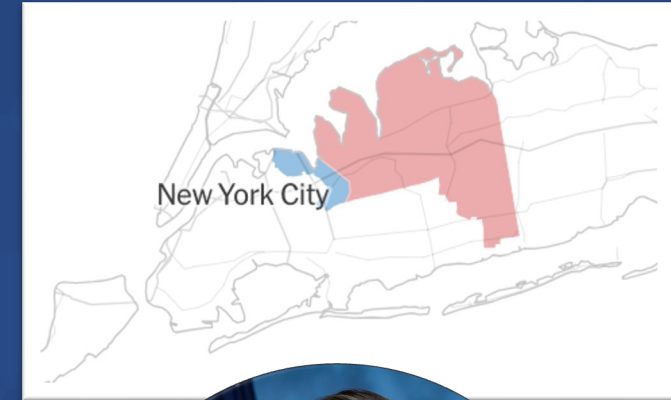
Key Race: **Democrats'** victory in **George Santos** special could be blueprint for other candidates to outrun Biden



Tom Suozzi (D) – 54%
Former NY-03 Representative



Mazi Melesa Pilip (R) – 46%
Nassau County Legislator



Irony: McCarthy's recruits
won Republicans the
majority in 2022. Now,
they've had the rug pulled
out from under them.



And, a fresh wave of retirements – mostly in safe seats

Open Seats

Democratic Open Seats (23)

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	REASON	PVI
AZ-03	Ruben Gallego	Running for Senate	D+24
CA-12	Barbara Lee	Running for Senate	D+40
CA-16	Anna Eshoo	Retiring	D+26
CA-29	Tony Cárdenas	Retiring	D+26
CA-30	Adam Schiff	Running for Senate	D+23
CA-31	Grace Napolitano	Retiring	D+15
CA-47	Katie Porter	Running for Senate	D+3
DE-AL	Lisa Blunt Rochester	Running for Senate	D+7
MD-02	Dutch Ruppersberger	Retiring	D+7
MD-03	John Sarbanes	Retiring	D+10
MD-06	David Trone	Running for Senate	D+2
MI-07	Elissa Slotkin	Running for Senate	R+2
MI-08	Dan Kildee	Retiring	R+1
MN-03	Dean Phillips	Running for President	D+8
NC-06	Kathy Manning	Retiring	R+11
NC-13	Wiley Nickel	Retiring	R+11
NC-14	Jeff Jackson	Running for Attorney General	R+11
NJ-03	Andy Kim	Running for Senate	D+5
OR-03	Earl Blumenauer	Retiring	D+22
TX-32	Colin Allred	Running for Senate	D+14
VA-07	Abigail Spanberger	Running for Governor	D+1
VA-10	Jennifer Wexton	Retiring	D+6
WA-06	Derek Kilmer	Retiring	D+6

Republican Open Seats (21)

DISTRICT	INCUMBENT	REASON	PVI
AZ-08	Debbie Lesko	Retiring	R+10
CO-03	Lauren Boebert	Running in CO-04	R+7
CO-05	Doug Lamborn	Retiring	R+9
GA-03	Drew Ferguson	Retiring	R+18
IN-03	Jim Banks	Running for Senate	R+18
IN-06	Greg Pence	Retiring	R+19
IN-08	Larry Bucshon	Retiring	R+19
MO-03	Blaine Luetkemeyer	Retiring	R+16
MT-02	Matt Rosendale	Running for Senate	R+16
NC-08	Dan Bishop	Running for Attorney General	R+20
NC-10	Patrick McHenry	Retiring	R+22
ND-AL	Kelly Armstrong	Running for Governor	R+20
OH-02	Brad Wenstrup	Retiring	R+25
SC-03	Jeff Duncan	Retiring	R+21
TN-07	Mark Green	Retiring	R+10
TX-12	Kay Granger	Retiring	R+12
TX-26	Michael C. Burgess	Retiring	R+13
UT-03	John Curtis	Running for Senate	R+13
WA-05	Cathy McMorris Rodgers	Retiring	R+8
WI-08	Mike Gallagher	Retiring	R+10
WV-02	Alex Mooney	Running for Senate	R+22



Rep. Abigail
Spanberger (D)
Virginia's 7th

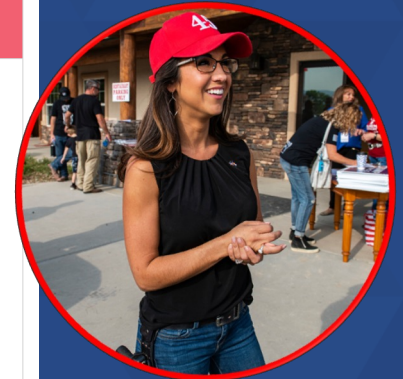


Rep. Kay
Granger (R)
Texas's 12th

2024 House Ratings: another competitive fight for control



Rep. Jared Golden (D)
Maine's 2nd



Rep. Lauren Boebert (R)
Colorado's 3rd

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The Senate Republicans favored, but candidates matter



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Senate: **51D-49R** now, but brutal map for Democrats

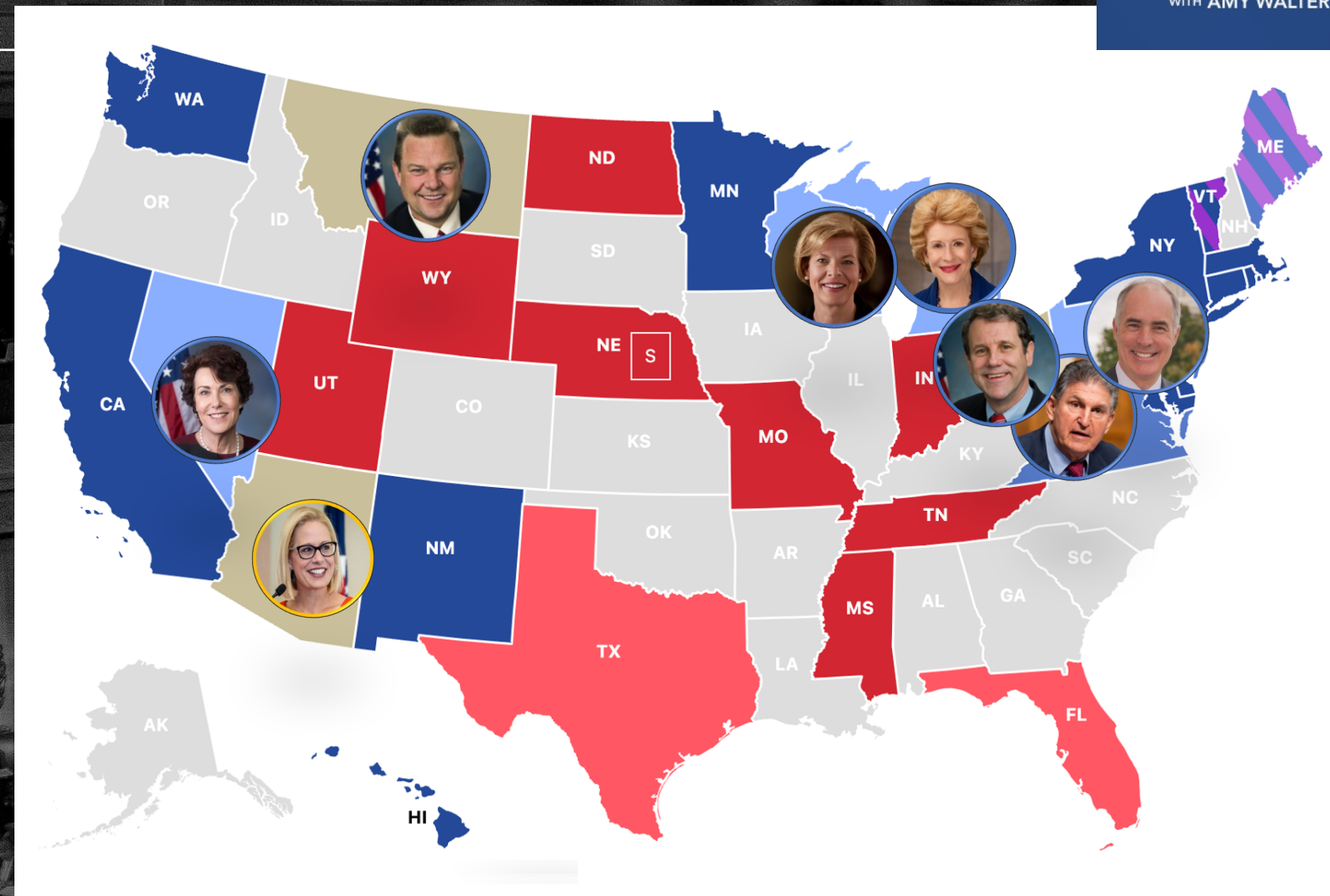
Already Gone:
WV Open (Manchin)

**Dem Seats at
Very High Risk:**

Tester (MT)
Brown (OH)
Sinema (AZ)

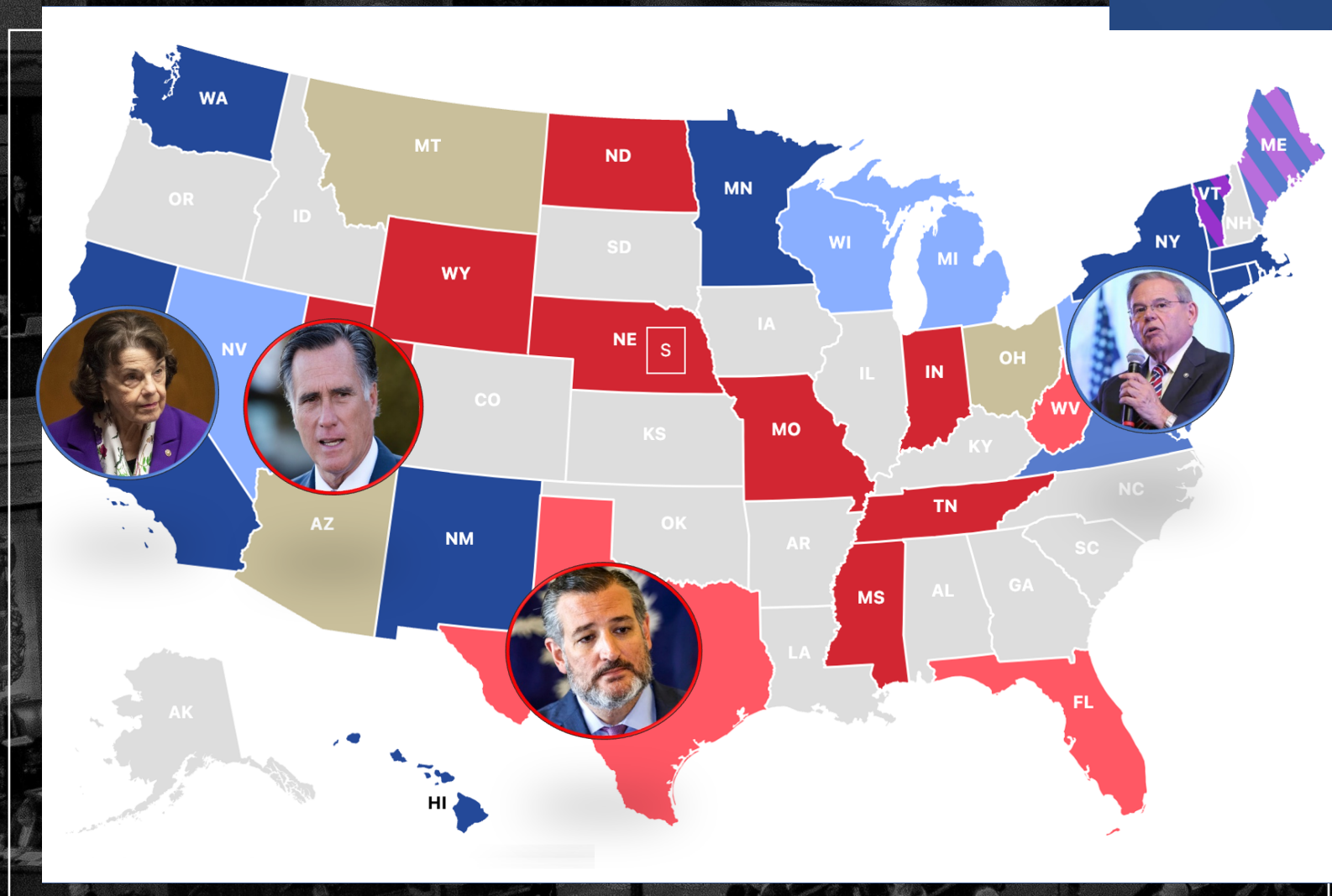
Other Dem Seats at Risk:

Michigan Open (Stabenow)
Rosen (NV)
Casey (PA)
Baldwin (WI)



Four “Wildcard” races:

California Open (Feinstein)
Menendez (NJ)*
Cruz (TX)
Utah Open (Romney)





Key Health Committee Leaders to Watch



Bernie Sanders (VT)
Senate HELP



Bill Cassidy (LA)
Ranking Member



Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA)
House Energy & Commerce

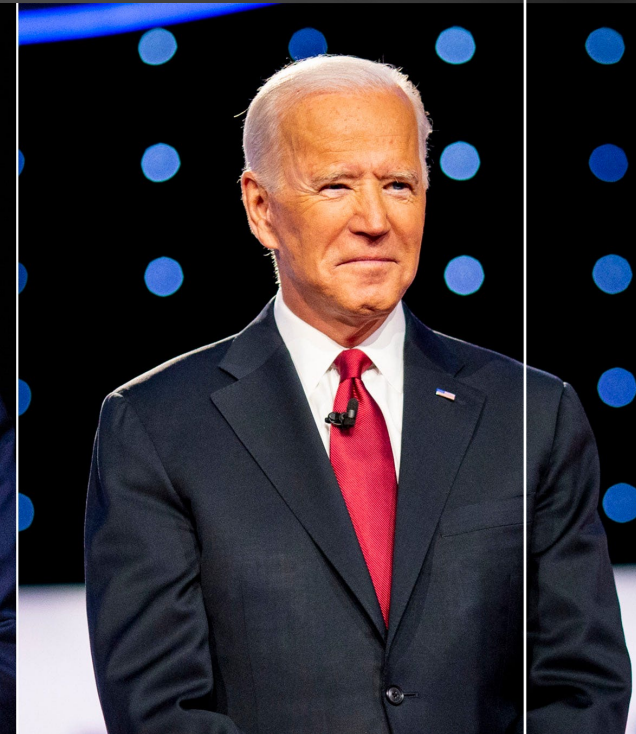
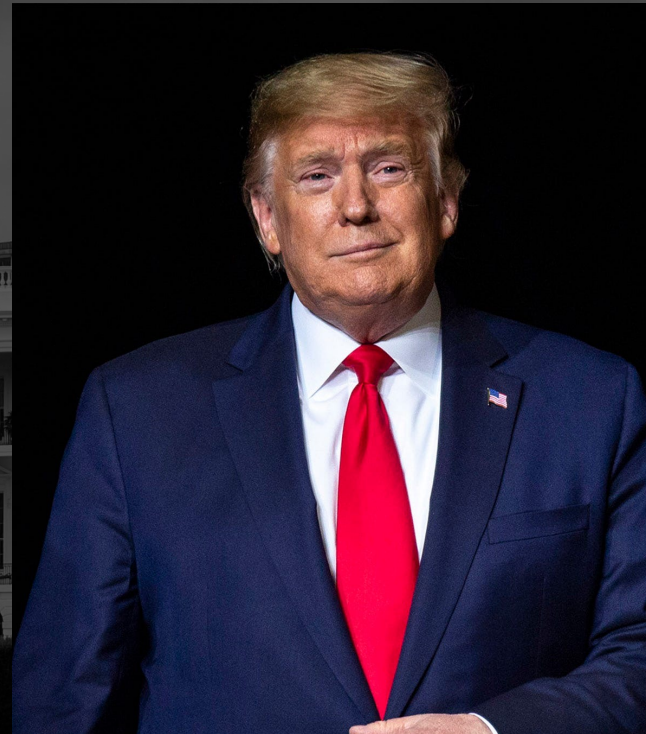


Frank Pallone (NJ)
Ranking Member

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The White House

Despite four **Trump**
indictments, **Biden/Dems**
face five major headwinds



Age:

86% of voters say **Biden** “too old to effectively serve another term,” vs. 62% who say same of **Trump**

Feb. ABC/Ipsos poll

sky news

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BIDEN AVOIDS
A STUMBLE



Economic Perceptions:

Even as economic data improves, by 55%-33%, voters say **Trump** would do a better job “dealing with the economy” than **Biden**

Jan. 2024 NBC News poll



Foreign Policy:

By 58%-38%, voters disapprove of **Biden's** handling – and Israel/Hamas driving a wedge among young voters

*Feb. 2024
RealClearPolitics average*



Immigration

By 63%-32%, voters disapprove of **Biden**'s handling of the border – but opportunity for him to run against a “do nothing” Congress

Feb. 2024
RealClearPolitics average



Nonwhite Erosion

Biden carried nonwhite voters 70%-23% in 2020, but leading **Trump** just 56%-35% in key states in 2024

Nov. 2023
NYT/Siena Battleground polls





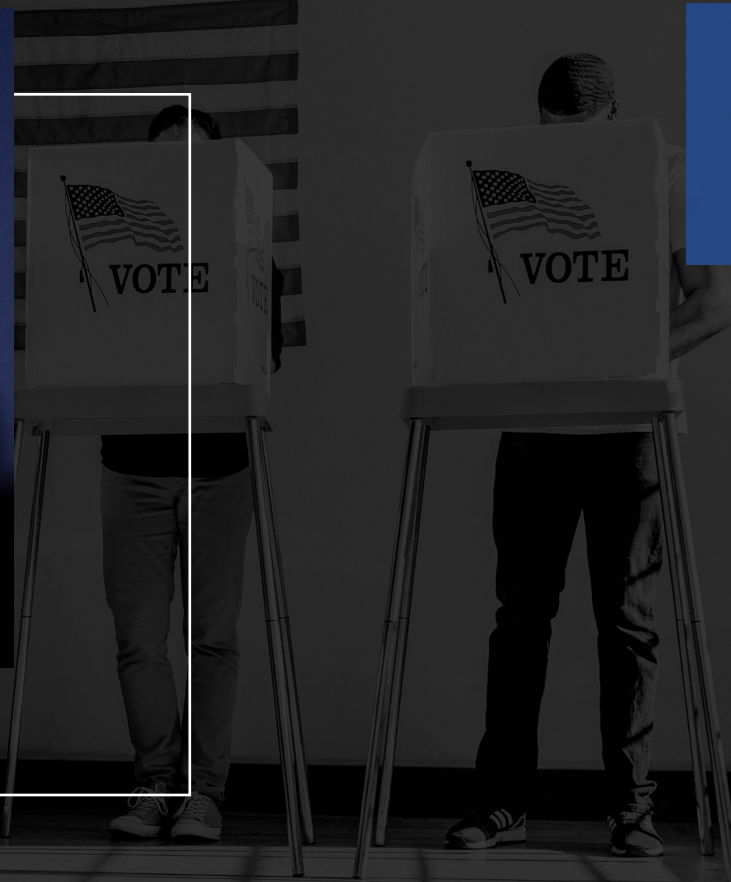
Biden's biggest advantage: A huge cash edge

Biden & DNC have \$130 million on hand vs.
\$56.5 million for Trump's various committees

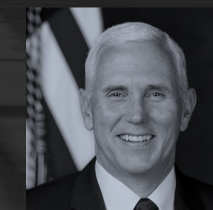
Trump's Save America PAC spend more than
\$55 million on legal fees in 2023 alone

Biden ads will play up manufacturing/job
growth and highlight unpopular Trump views
on abortion, healthcare & Jan. 6 rioters





GOP Primary
Haley can't win, but she
has voters Trump needs

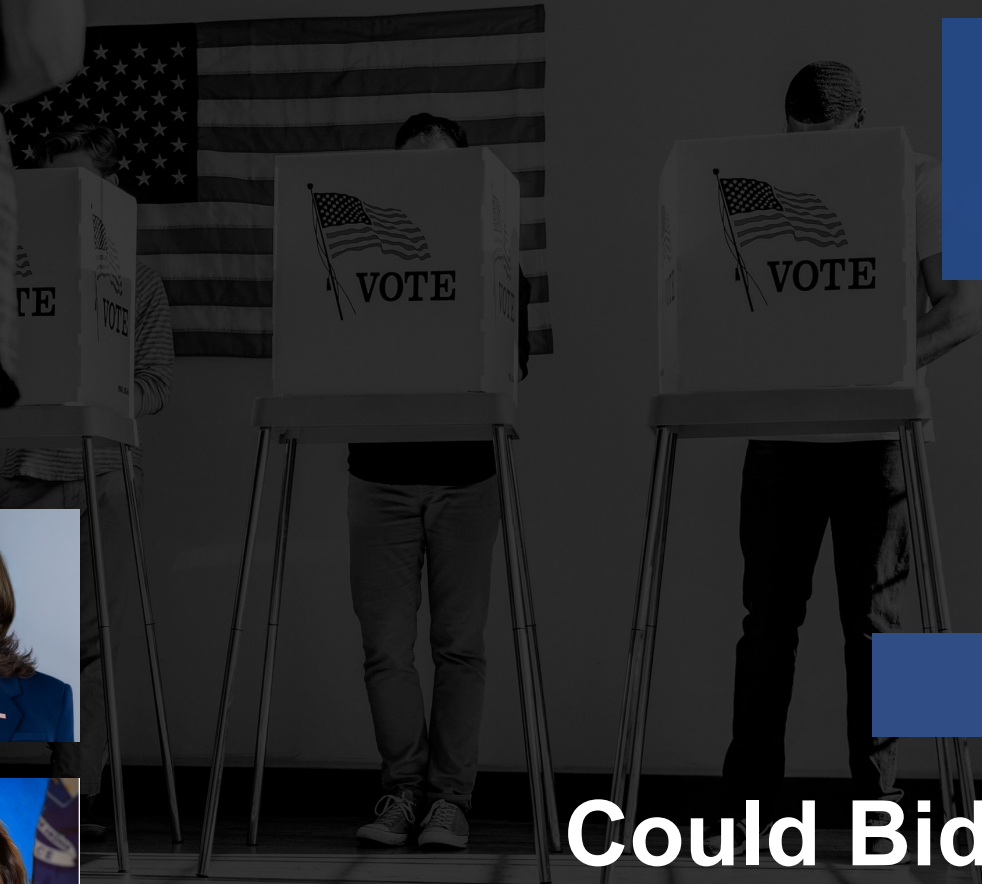


Could a New Running Mate Broaden Trump's Appeal?



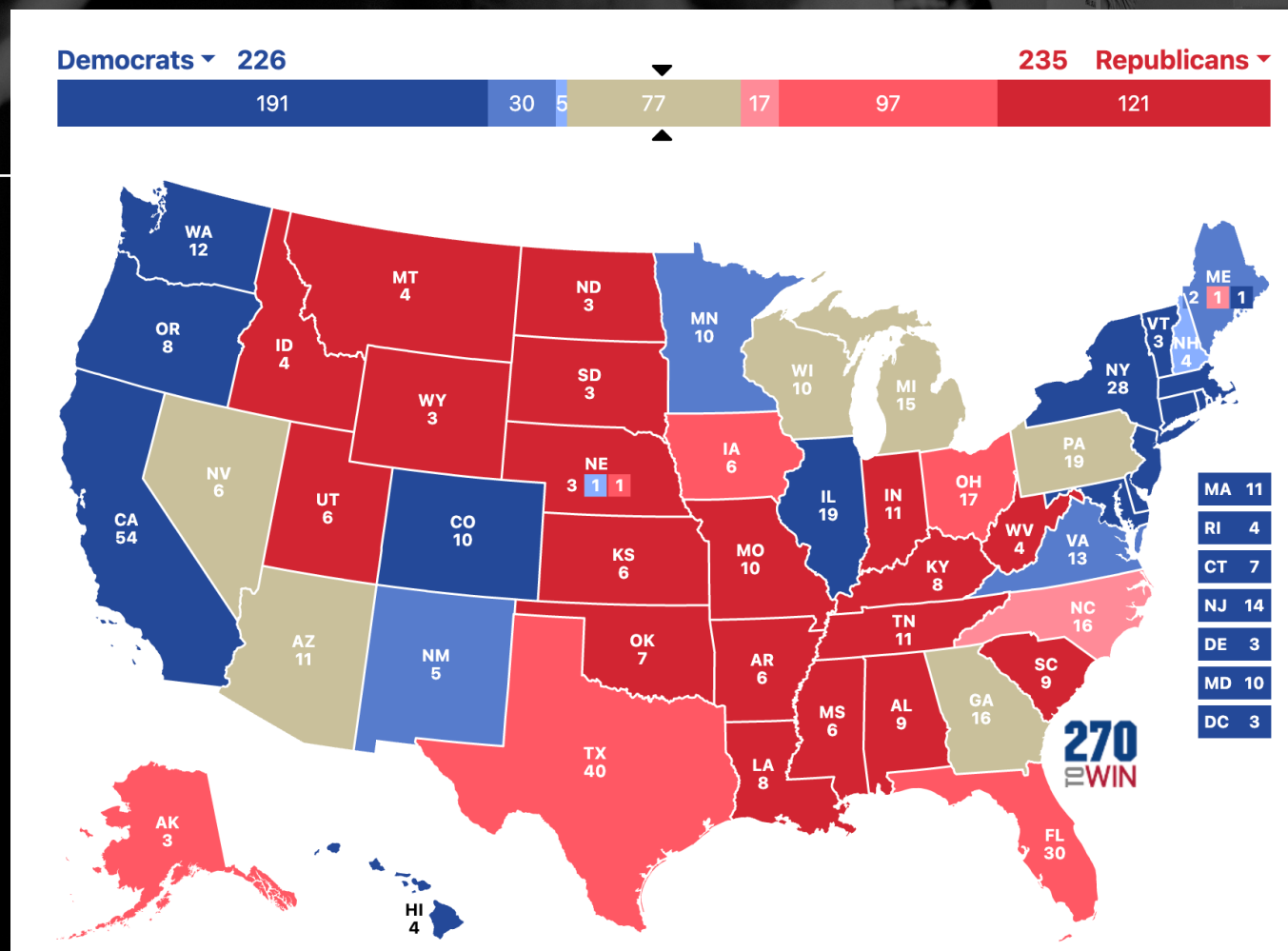


Could Biden
still change his mind
about running?



2024 Electoral Math

Just six true Toss Up states



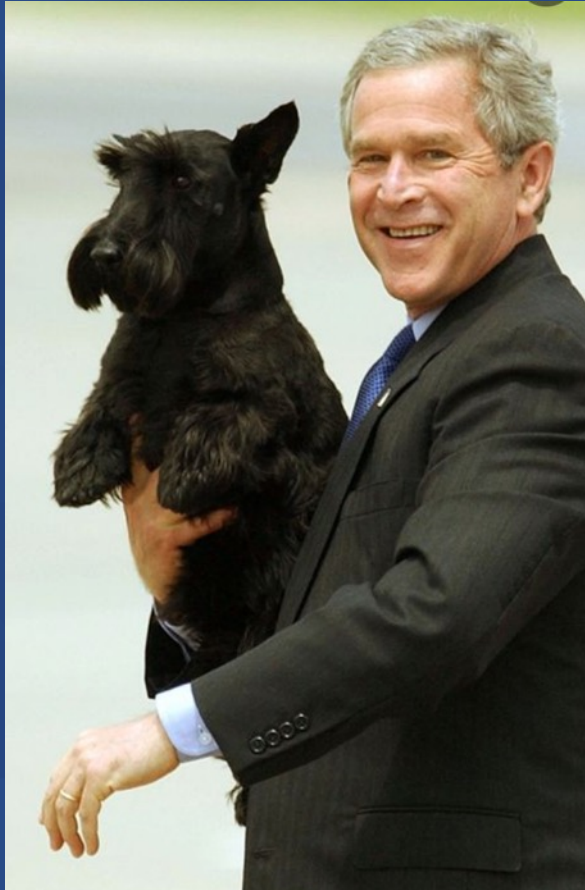
Keep in mind...

Biden may need to win the **popular vote** by four points to win the Electoral College

Third party candidates could lower Trump's **threshold for victory** to 45% of the vote



Historical fact: no president has ever...



2024: a new running mate?





Questions?



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