

Electoral College

- Each state has votes for president equal to its number of Senators and its number of Representatives in the House.
- Example: California
 - 2 Senators
 - 53 Representatives
 - 55 Electoral Votes for president



Why does California have 55 Electoral votes for president?

Electoral Vote

- The Electoral College (vote) has **538 total electoral votes** spread across the **50 states** and **Washington D.C.**
- To win the presidency, **a candidate needs to win at least 270 electoral votes.**



- Why are there 538 total electoral votes for the presidency?

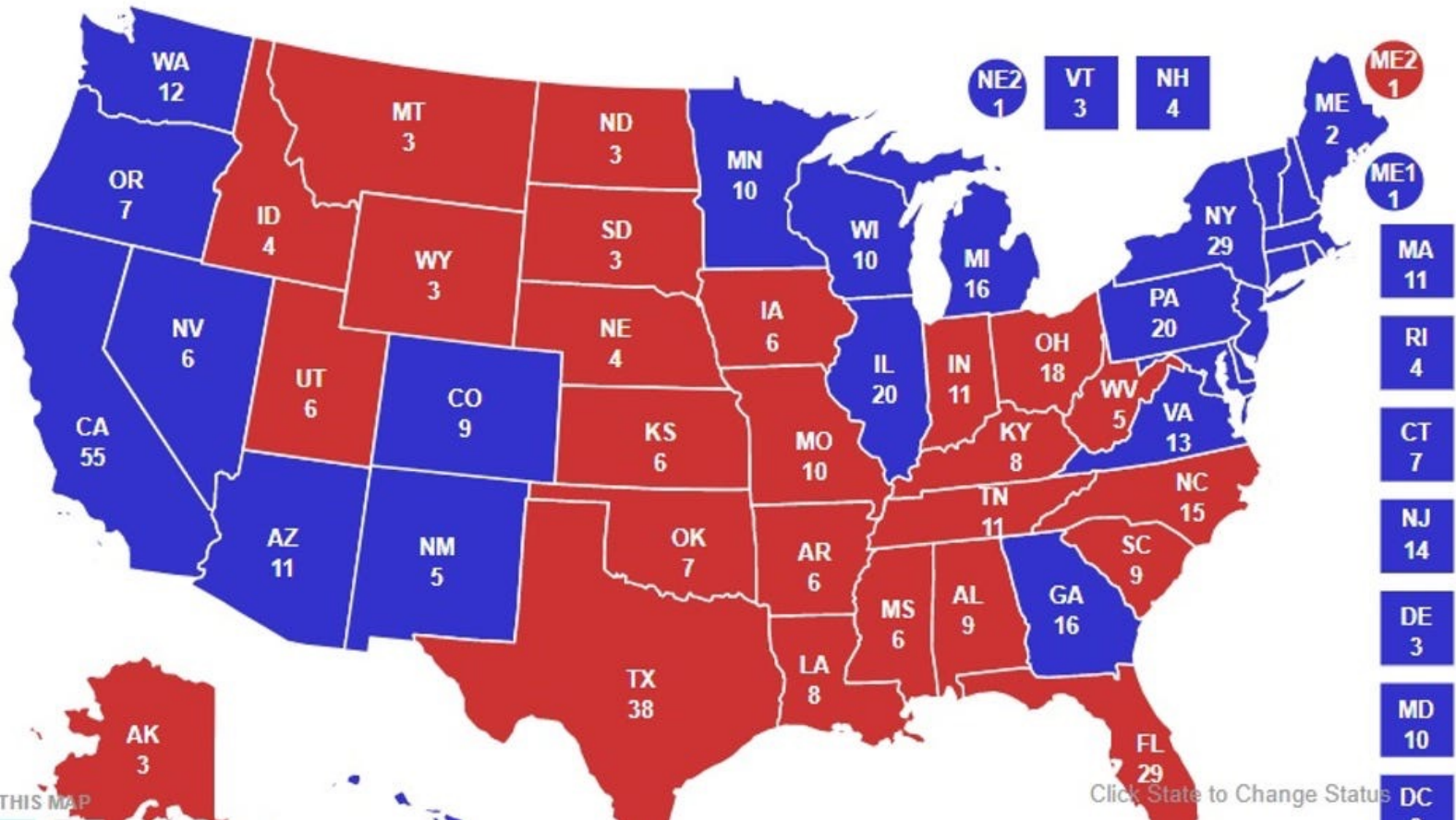
2020 Election:

Biden 306, (81,283,485 51.4%)
Trump 232 (74,223,744 46.9%)

270 Electoral Votes Needed To Win (Recent Race Changes)

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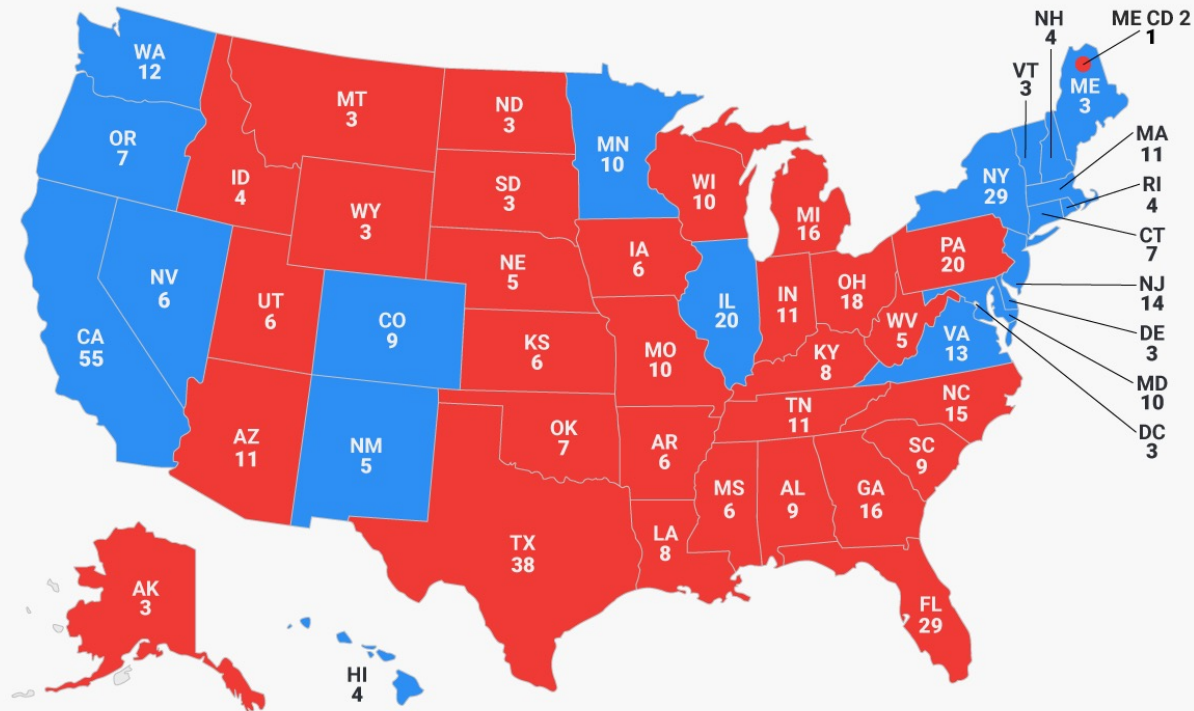
Electoral Vote 2016

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CLINTON
232

270 ELECTORAL
VOTES TO WIN

TRUMP
306



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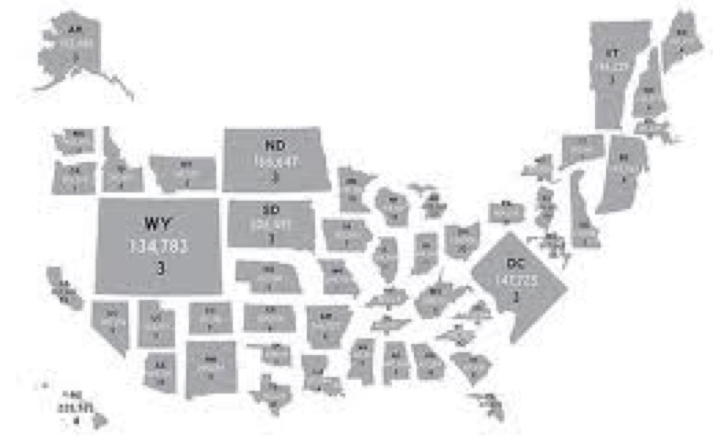
2016 Presidential Election

- Clinton/Kaine
- 65,844,954
- 48.2%
- 232 Electoral Votes
- Trump/Pence
- 62,979,879
- 46.1%
- 306 Electoral Votes

Why did Trump win the presidency, but lose the election?

The Big State Rip Off

- California
- Population: 37 million
- Electoral votes: 55
- Divide 37,000,000 by 55
 - Answer: **672,727**
- Wyoming
- Population: 545,000
- Electoral votes: 3
- Divide 545,000 by 3
 - Answer: **181,667**



Why are “big” states (high population) states ripped off in presidential elections?
