

The 2020 Election: What Happened and What It Means



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Agenda

- ✓ **Presidential Election**
- ✓ **Key Senate and House Race Outcomes**
- ✓ **What the Results Mean**
- ✓ **Our Strategic Direction**
- ✓ **How We Will Succeed**
- ✓ **Lame Duck Session**
- ✓ **The 117th Congress**
- ✓ **Amelia Jenkins: White House Public Lands Agenda**
- ✓ **Open Q&A Conversation**



Presidential Election

AZ (11) – Biden +0.3 (flip)

CO (9) – Biden +13

NM (5) – Biden +11

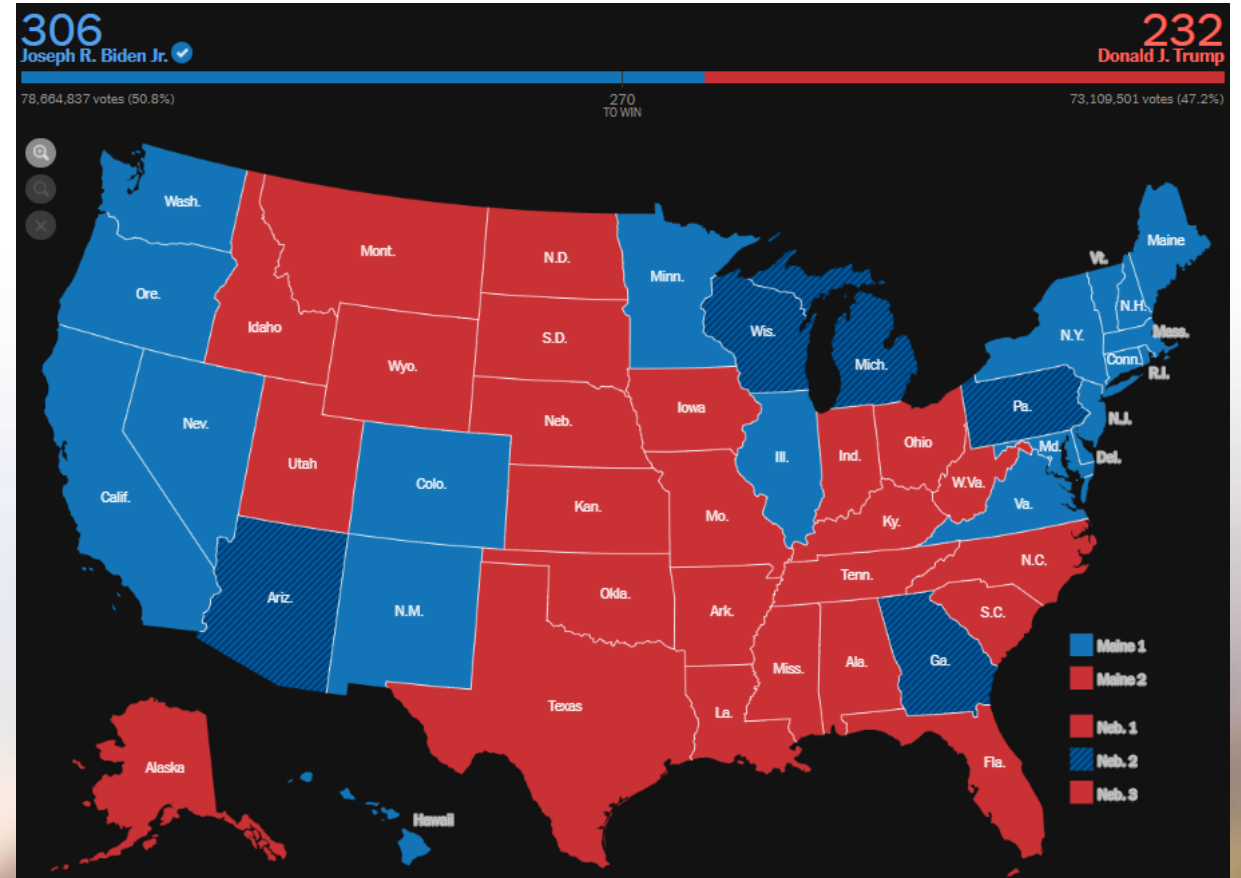
NV (6) – Biden +2

*As of 11/16/20

7 of the 12 states where we work
went for Biden/Harris

**Total popular vote in those 12
states:**

Biden 20.4M, Trump 14.5M

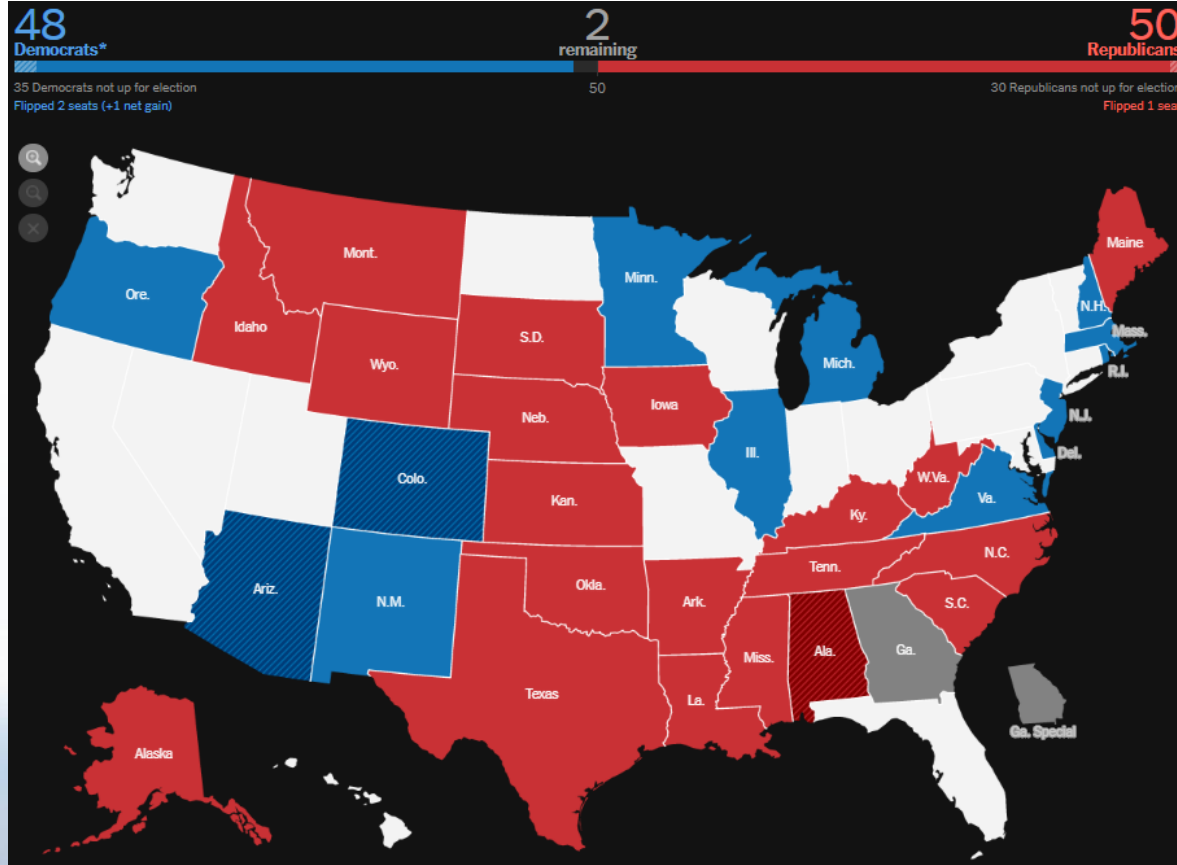


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Key Senate Race Outcomes



AZ Special: Kelly (D) +2 (flip)

CO: Hickenlooper (D) +9 (flip)

NM: Lujan (D) +6

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Democrats gained one seat (so far)

GOP has 50-48 majority until January 5 runoffs

Majority Leader and Chairmanship of Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee at stake.

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Key House Race Outcomes That Matter for Public Lands

CA-8: Obernolte (R) +12 (new)

CA-21: Cox (D) vs. Valadao (R)

CA-25: Garcia (R) vs. Smith (D)

CA-39: Kim (R) +1.2 (flip)

CA-48: Steel (R) +2 (flip)

CO-3: Boebert (R) +6 (new)

MT-AL: Rosendale (R) +12 (new)

NV-3: Lee (D) +3

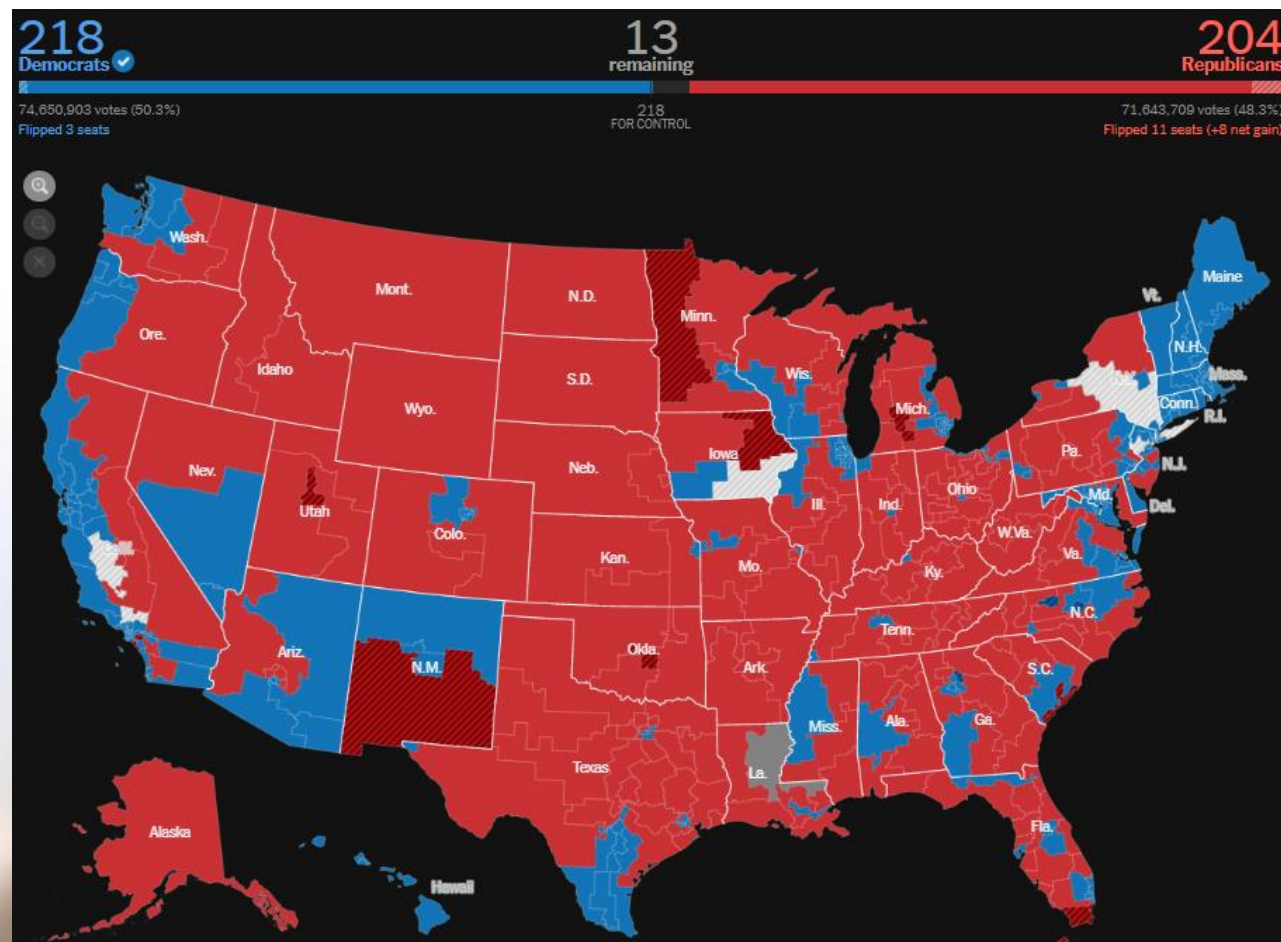
NV-4: Horsford (D) +5

NM-2: Herrell (R) +8 (flip)

NM-3: Leger Fernandez +16 (new)

UT-4: Owens (R) +0.5 (flip)

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What Does All of This Mean For the 117th Congress?

- ✓ **Democratic president pledging unity and bipartisanship**
- ✓ **Smaller Democratic House majority**
- ✓ **Closely-divided Senate led by Republicans**



Our Strategic Direction

- ✓ **Work with House champions, forcing Senate action.**
- ✓ **Identify bipartisan, bicameral legislative conservation opportunities like the Dingell Act and Great American Outdoors Act.**
- ✓ **Work with Biden administration to take bold action, reform Interior and Bureau of Land Management.**



Forward Motion in Divided Government

Community-based power sets the stage for success:

- ✓ **Friends Grassroots Network is perfectly positioned to work in this political environment to protect more landscapes:**
 - **Protecting 30% of America's lands and waters by 2030.**
 - **Place-based campaigns with clear public support.**
- ✓ **Expanding the diversity of conservation experiences and voices to improve public health, promote environmental justice, and honor ancestral connections of Native Americans.**
- ✓ **Bridging partisan divides to find common ground as was done in Oregon's Malheur County.**



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Public Lands: Top Priorities

First 100 Days:

- ✓ **Restore Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments**
- ✓ **Implement Federal 30x30 Strategy**
- ✓ **Freeze and begin reversing bad management plans**
- ✓ **Advance Stewardship and Stimulus economic recovery legislation**

Long Game:

- ✓ **Bureau of Land Management reform**
- ✓ **Advancing Place-Based Campaigns**



Lame Duck Session: Public Lands Legislation

FY2021 National Defense Authorization Act

- ✓ **Protecting America's Wilderness (PAW) Act**
- ✓ **Colorado Outdoor Recreation Economy (CORE) Act**
- ✓ **Grand Canyon Centennial Protection Act**
- ✓ **Northern Nevada Rural Land Management, Conservation, and Military Readiness Act**

Other Public Lands Bills

- ✓ **Cerro de la Olla Wilderness Act**
- ✓ **Chaco Cultural Heritage Area Protection Act**
- ✓ **Malheur Community Empowerment for the Owyhee Act**
- ✓ **M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Wild and Scenic River Act**



Committee Leadership: Who Controls the Agenda?

Senate Energy and Natural Resources

- **Chair:** Barrasso, Risch or Lee?
- **Ranking:** Manchin (D-WV)
- **Public Lands Chair:** Lee (R-UT)
- **Public Lands Ranking:** Wyden (D-OR)

Senate Interior Appropriations

- **Chair:** Murkowski (R-AK)
- **Ranking:** Feinstein (D-CA) ?

House Natural Resources

- **Chair:** Grijalva (D-AZ)
- **Ranking:** Westerman or Gosar?
- **Public Lands Chair:** Haaland (D-NM)
- **Public Lands Ranking:** Young (R-AK)

House Interior Appropriations

- **Chair:** McCollum (D-MN)
- **Ranking:** Joyce (R-OH)



Building Relationships: New Members



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Our Commitment

Protect public lands in the U.S. that are vital to:

- ✓ **Living cultures and histories of Indigenous people**
- ✓ **Climate resiliency strategies**
- ✓ **Recreation-based economies for rural communities**
- ✓ **Remaining wildlife migration corridors**
- ✓ **Broadest range of recreation activities available on public lands**

Continue to strengthen our distinctive “boots-on-the-ground” infrastructure.

- ✓ **We’re the only organization with an 80-group-strong Friends Grassroots Network to serve as the backbone for place-based campaigns that can force change in Washington, D.C. and across the country.**





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