

# U.S. National Elections

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Week 1: Introduction

# Themes of the day

- 1 Political geography matters.
- 2 Parties are diverse coalitions that have evolved over time.
- 3 Identities and candidates matter, over and above partisanship.

# 2000: Bush (R) “defeats” Gore (D), 47.9% to 48.4%

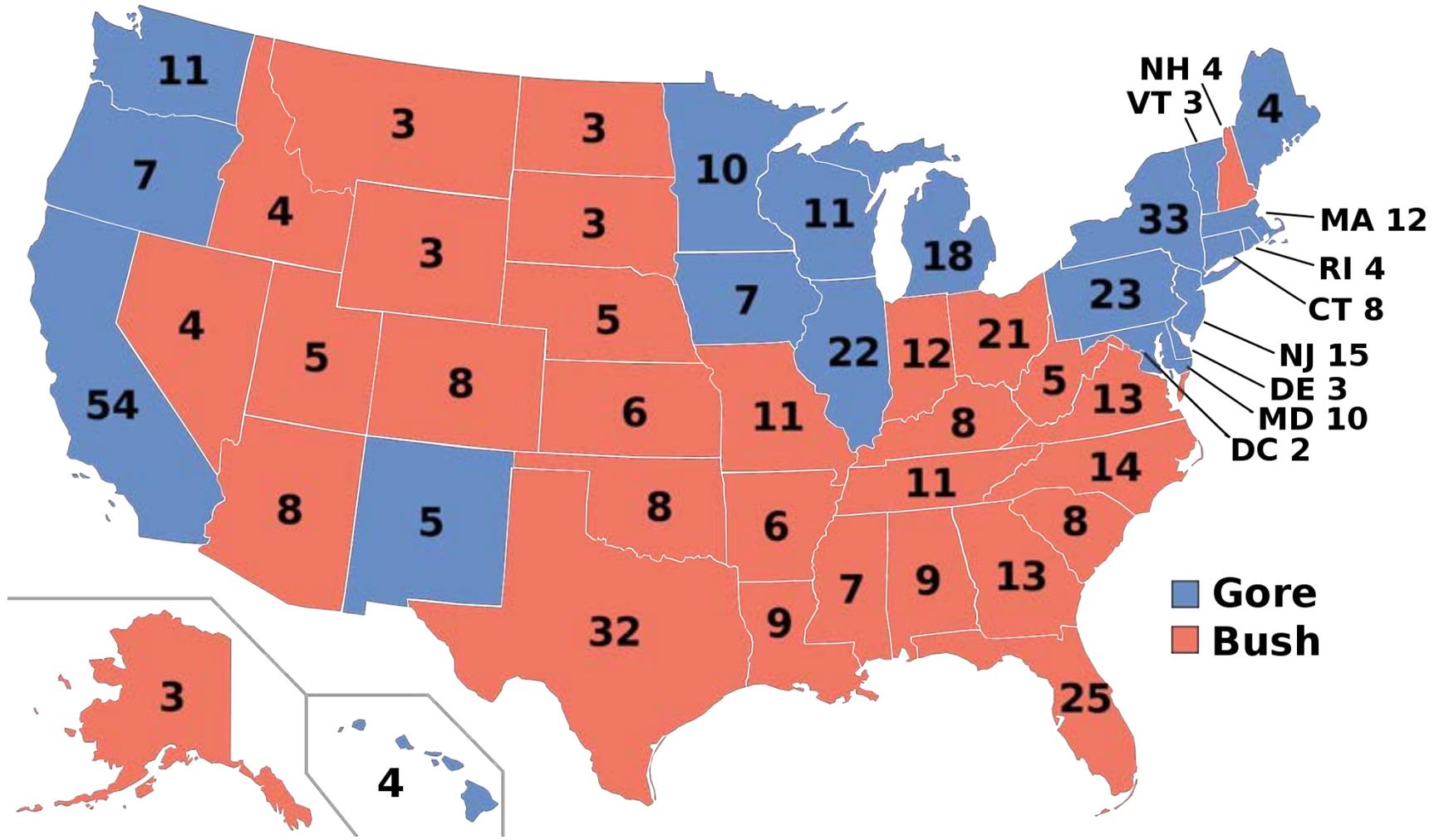
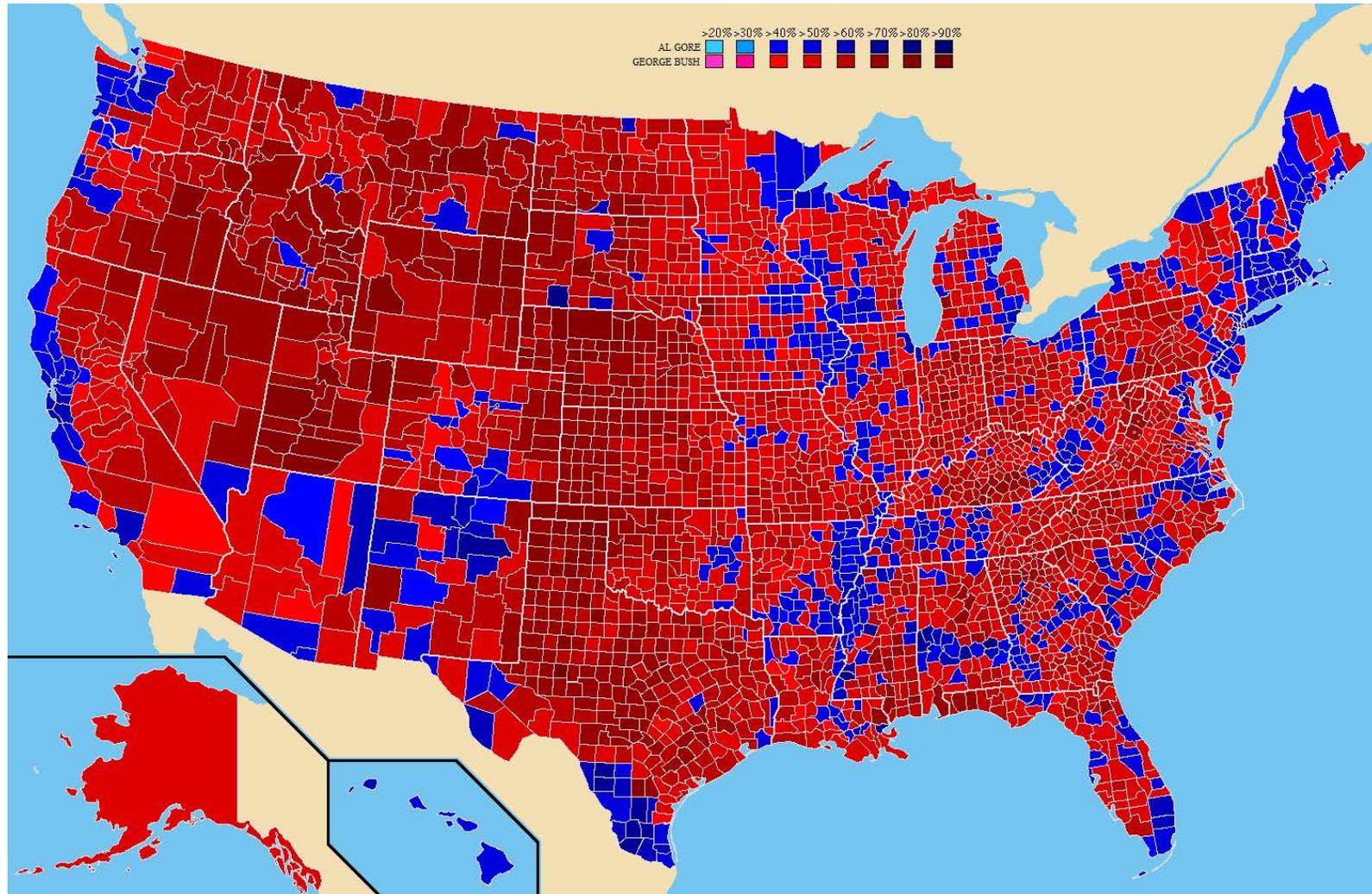


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Let's take a closer look...

<http://elections.nytimes.com/2008/results/president/map.html>

<http://elections.nytimes.com/2008/results/president/explorer.html>

<http://elections.nytimes.com/2010/results/house>

# 1960: Kennedy (D) defeats Nixon (R), 49.7% to 49.5%

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Please see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:PresidentialCounty1960Colorbrewer.gif>  
for an electoral map of the 1960 presidential election.

# 1916: Wilson (D) defeats Hughes (R), 49% to 46%

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Please see <http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:PresidentialCounty1916Colorbrewer.gif>  
for an electoral map of the 1916 presidential election.

# 1900: McKinley (R) defeats Bryan (D), 52% to 46%

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for an electoral map of the 1900 presidential election.

# 1900 vs. 2000: States

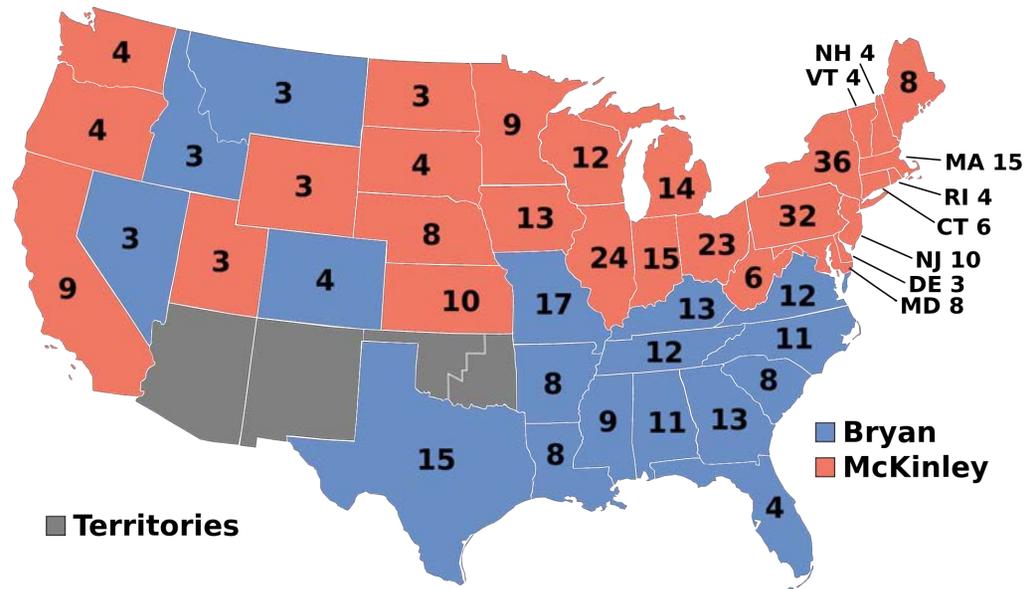


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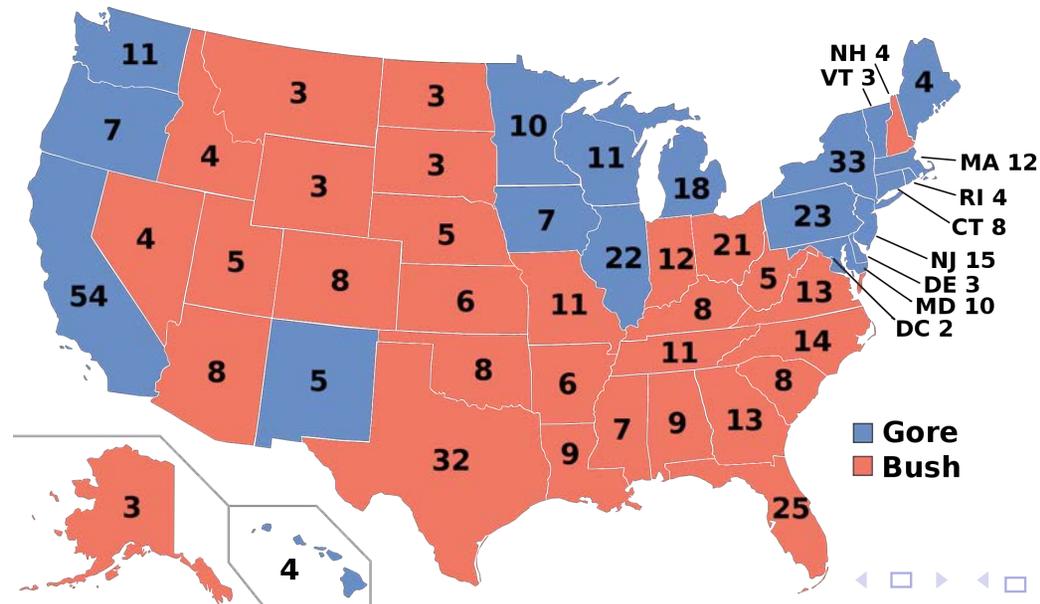


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