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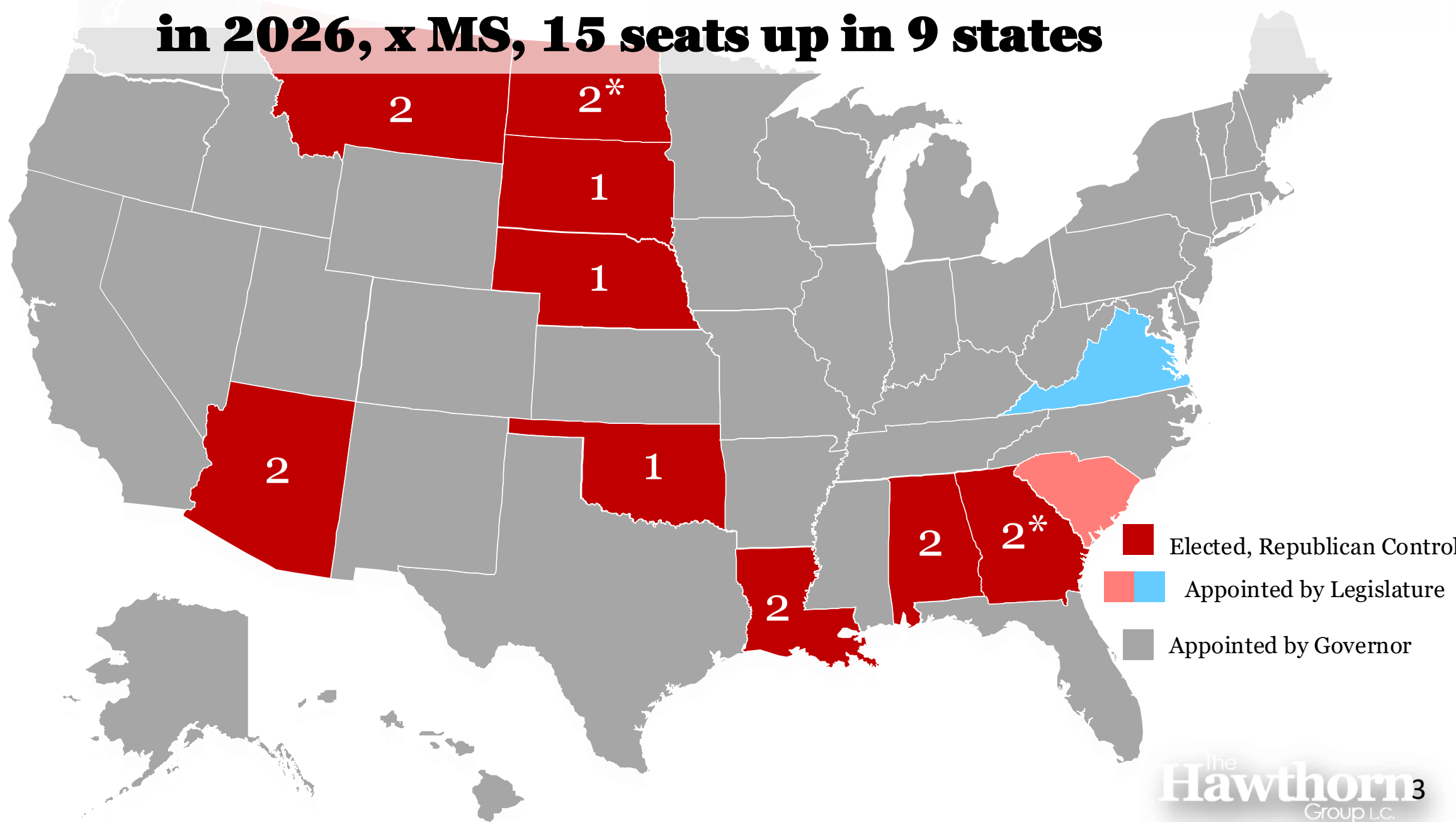
April 21, 2026
155 Days Until the 2026 Election

2026 Elections

- U.S. Senate – 35
- U.S. House – 435
- Governors – 36
- “Down Ballot” Races – 300
 - Lieutenant Governors – 31
 - Attorneys General – 30
 - Secretaries of State – 26
 - Public Utility Commissioners -- 15
- State Legislators – 6,122
 - State Senators – 1,162
 - State Representatives – 4,960
- Ballot Issues – 93 (to date)

Elected Public Service Commissions

in 2026, x MS, 15 seats up in 9 states



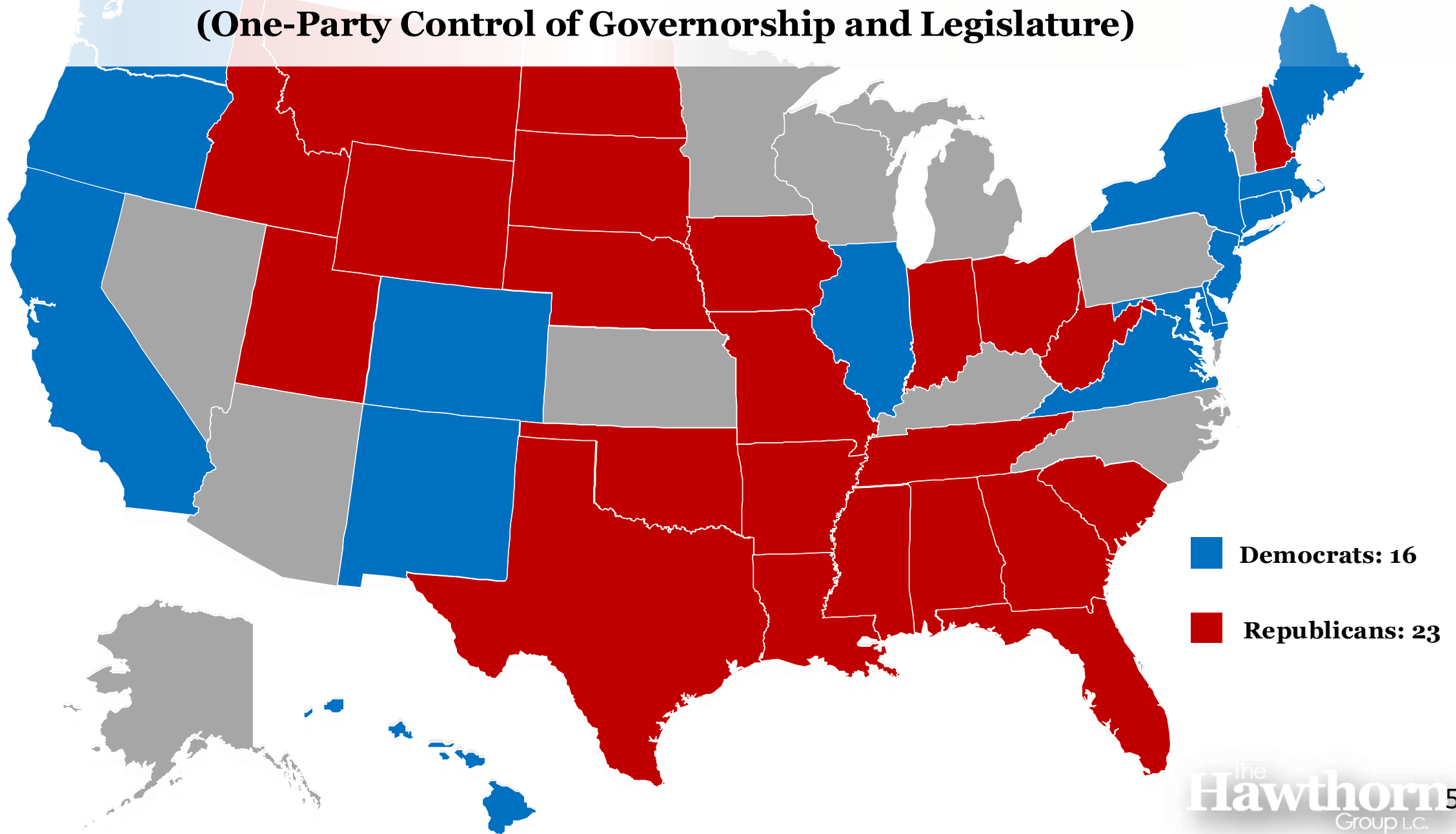
2026 Status Quo

- U.S. Senate – **53-47**
 - 11 Open Seats
- U.S. House – **218*-214** (3 vacancies)
 - 58 Open Seats
- Governors – **26-24**
- State Legislatures
 - State Senates – **29-20-1**
 - State Houses – **27-18-2**

Current State Government Trifectas

(One-Party Control of Governorship and Legislature)

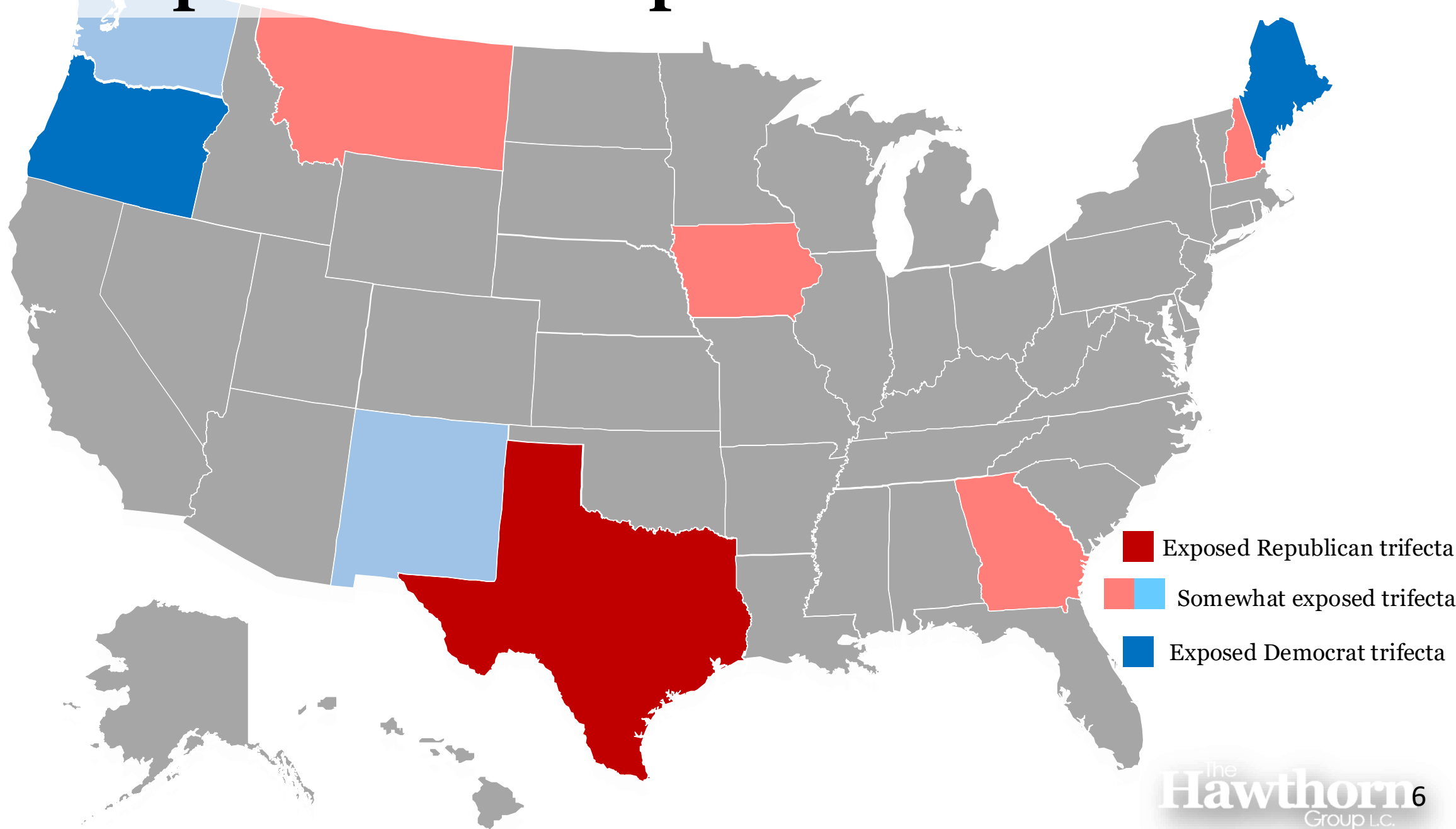
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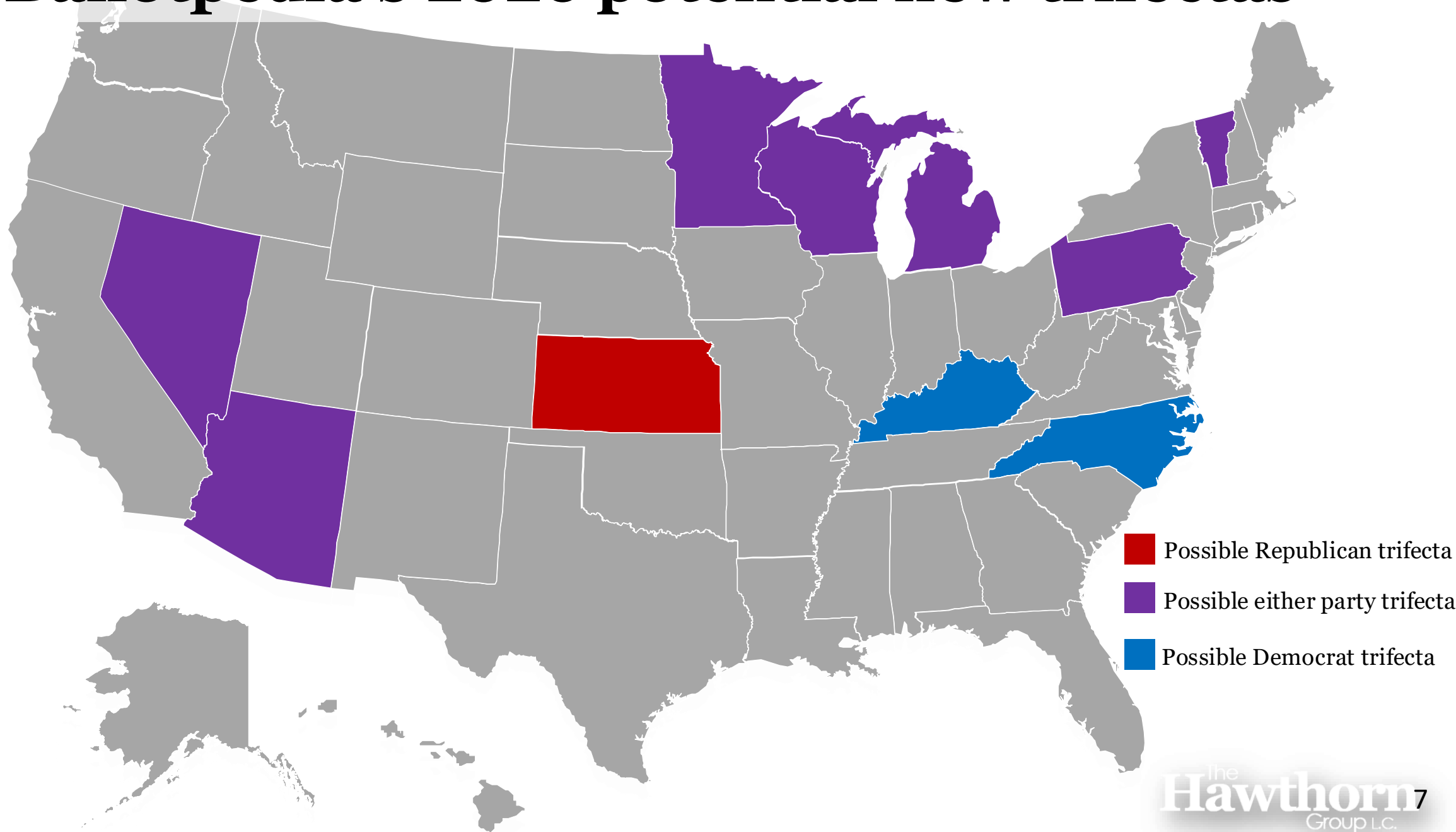
Democrats: 16

■ **Republicans: 23**

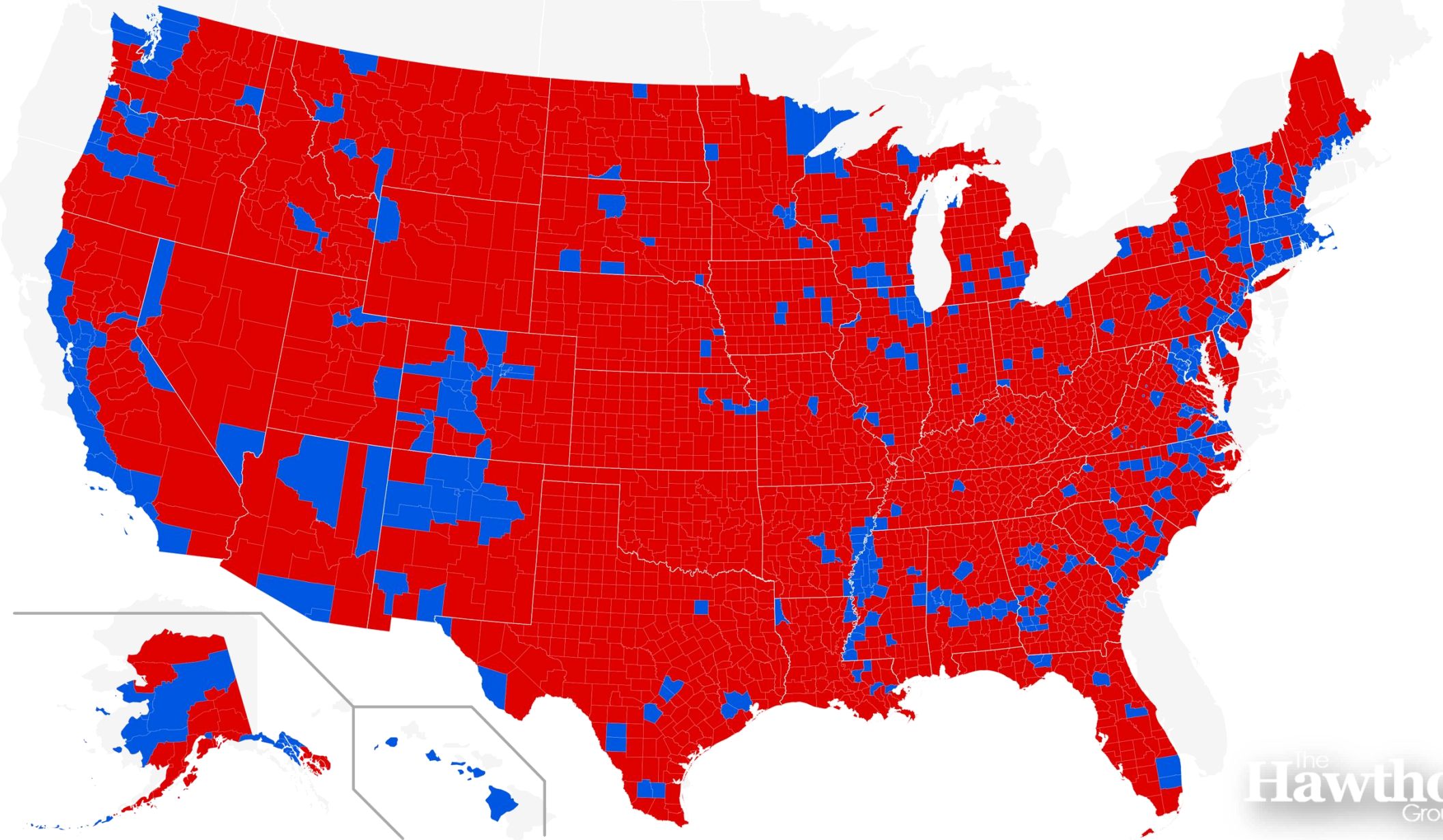
Ballotpedia's 2026 exposed state trifectas



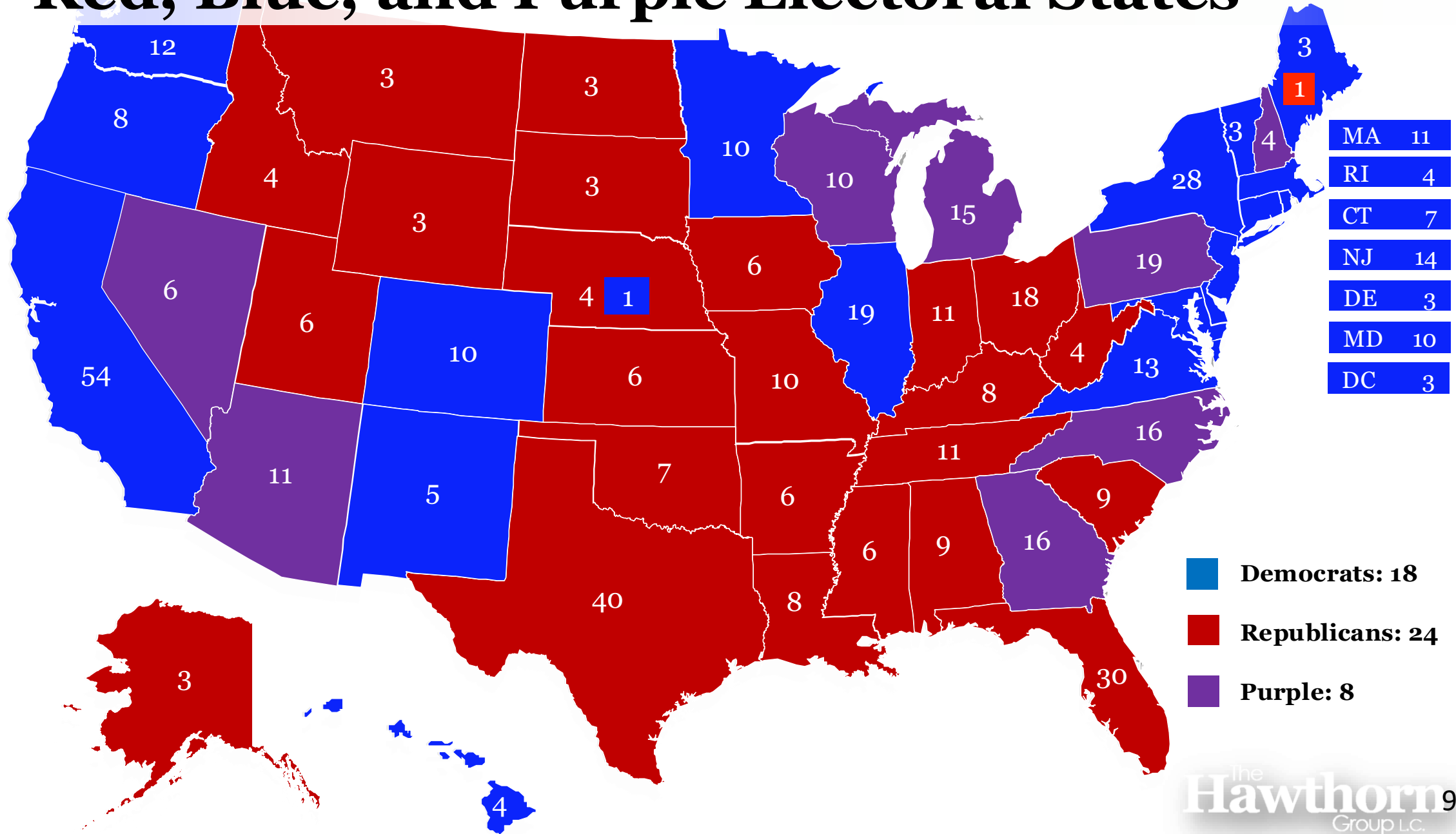
Ballotpedia's 2026 potential new trifectas



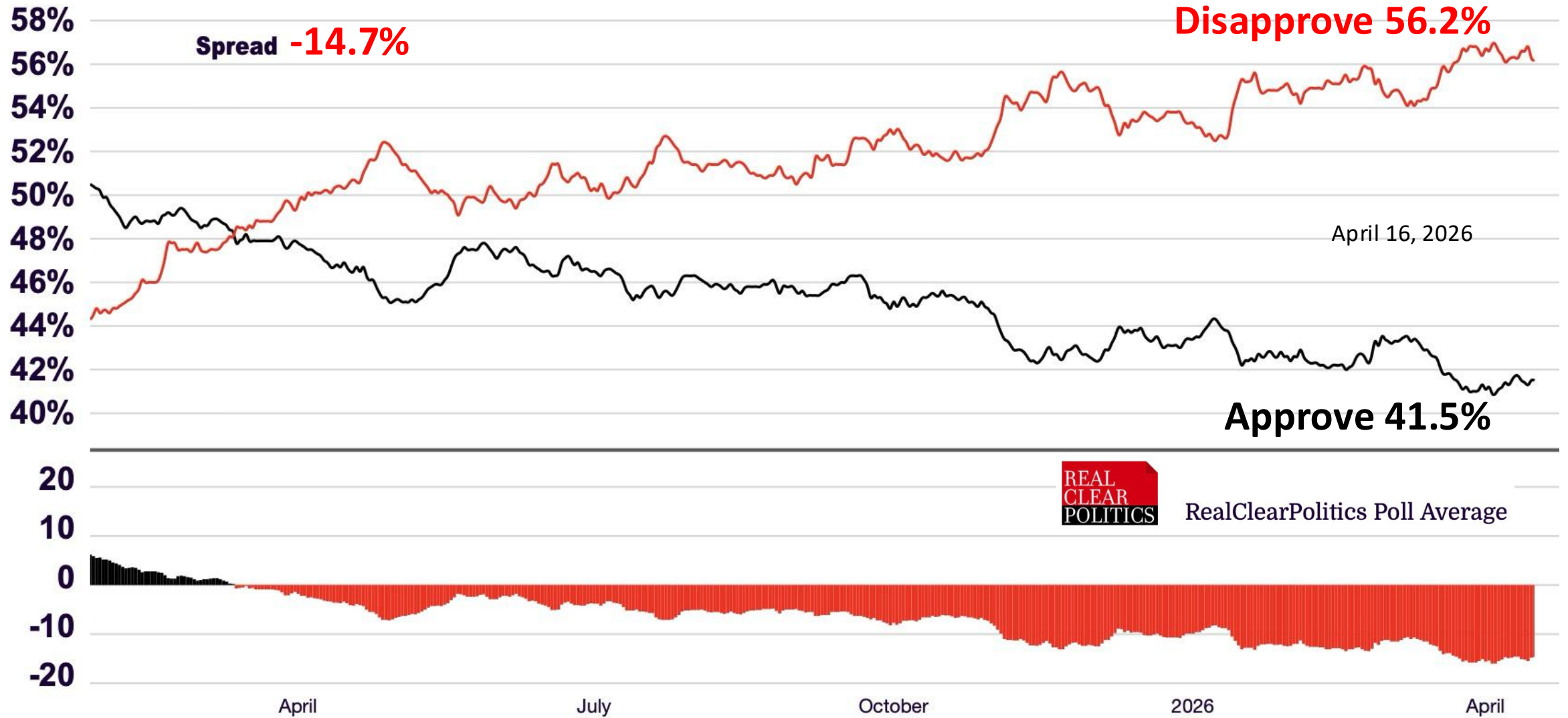
2024 Presidential Election Results by County



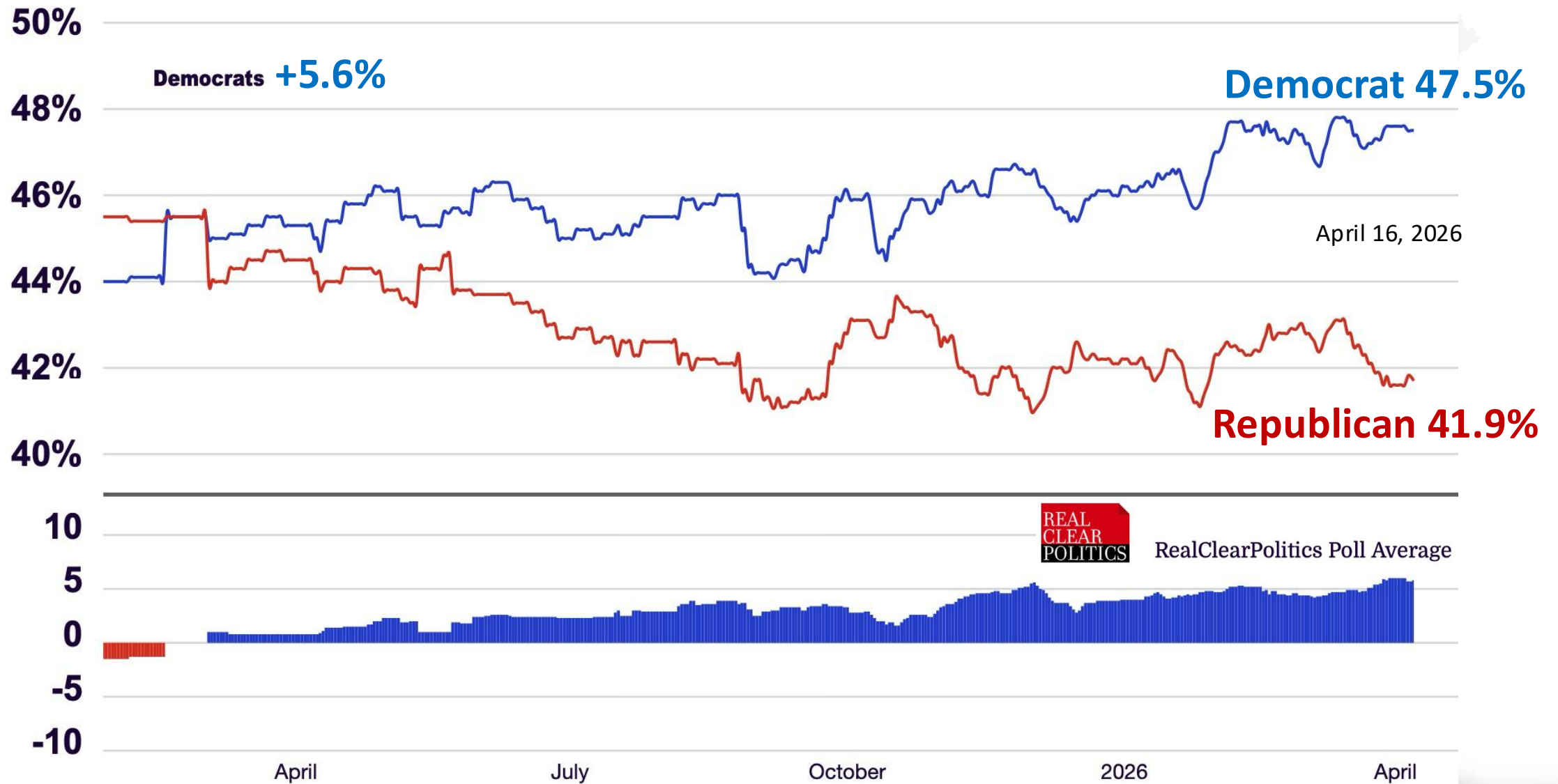
Red, Blue, and Purple Electoral States



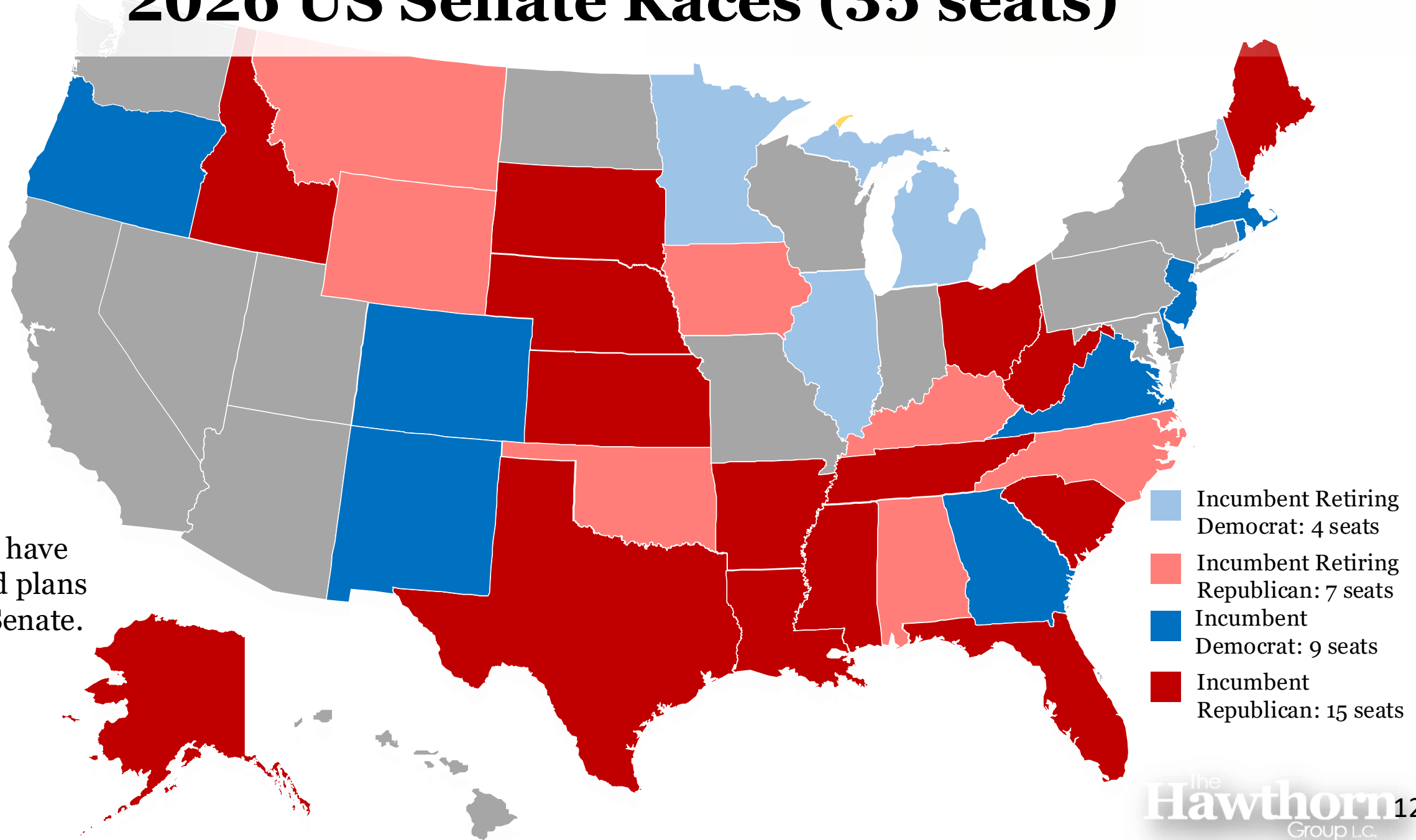
Trump Average Job Approval Second Term



Generic Congressional Ballot



2026 US Senate Races (35 seats)



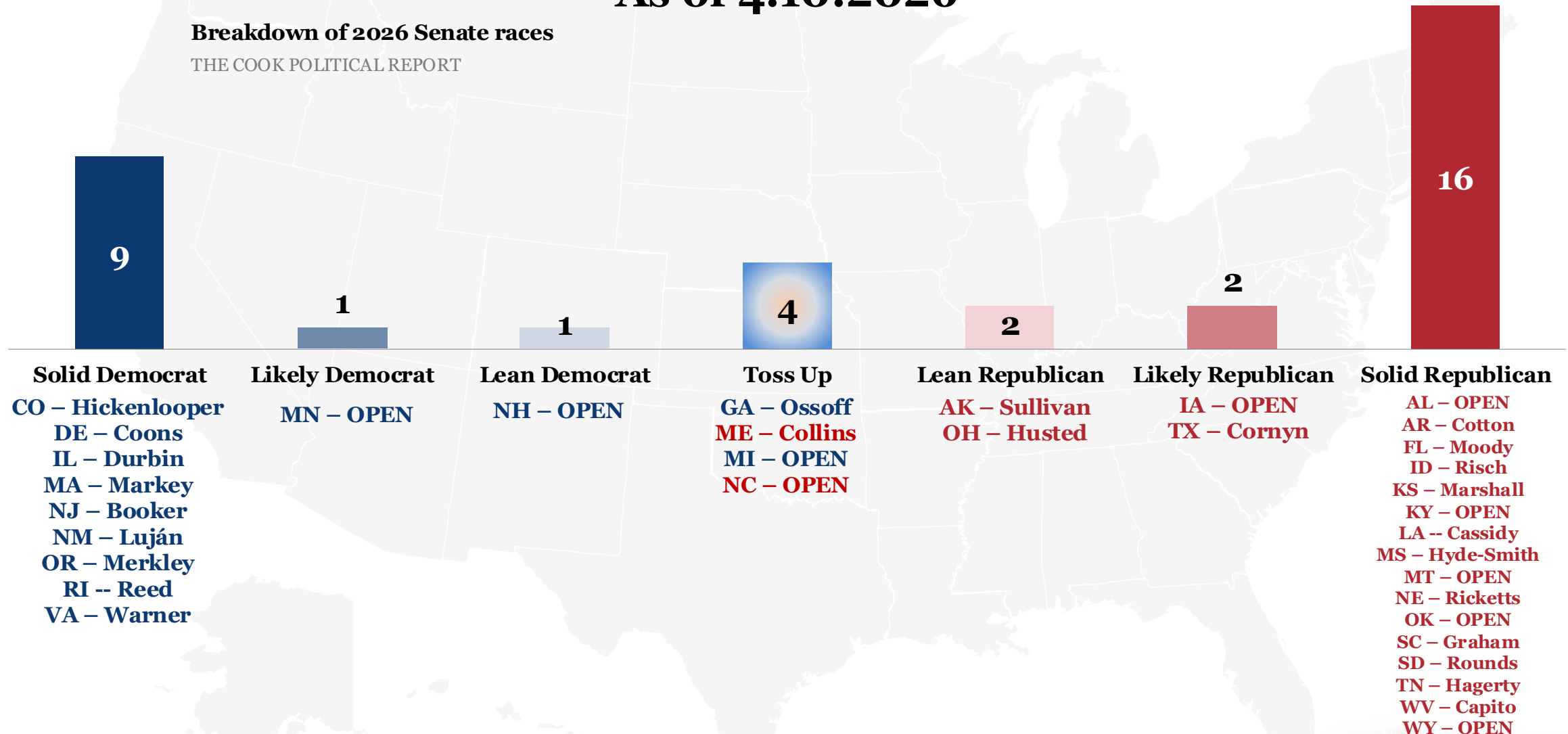
To date **11**
Senators have
announced plans
leave the Senate.

Senate Races – Cook Report Predictions

As of 4.10.2026

Breakdown of 2026 Senate races

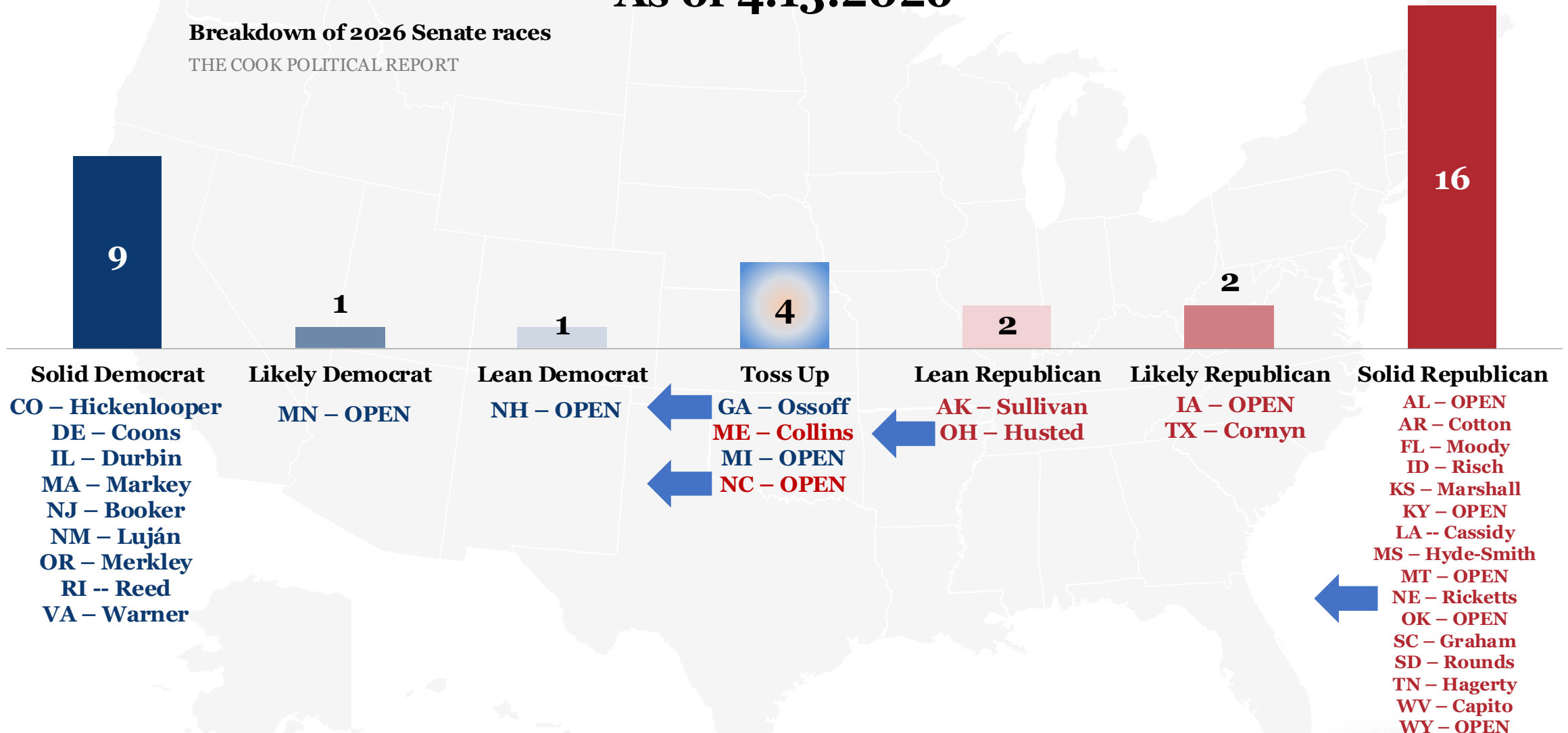
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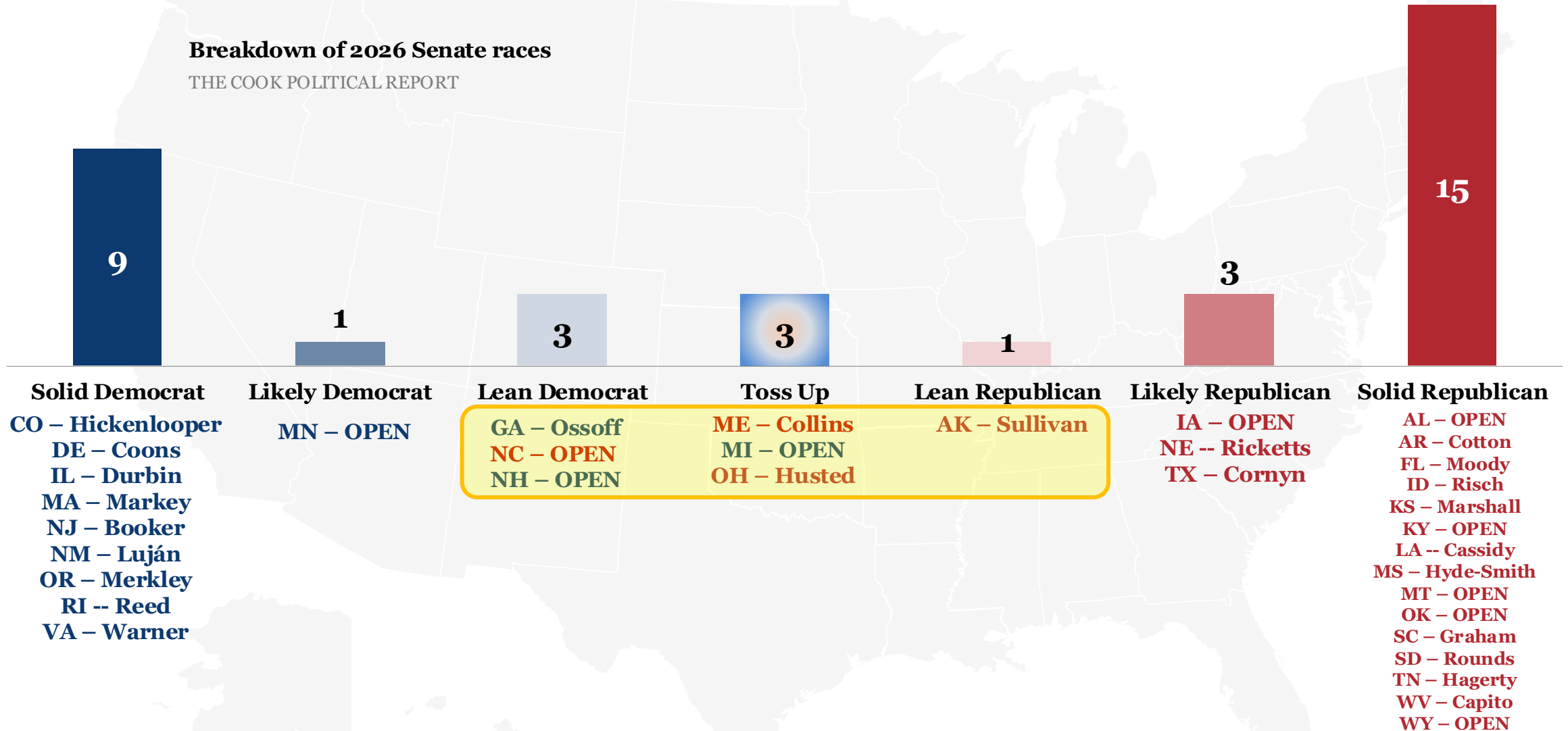
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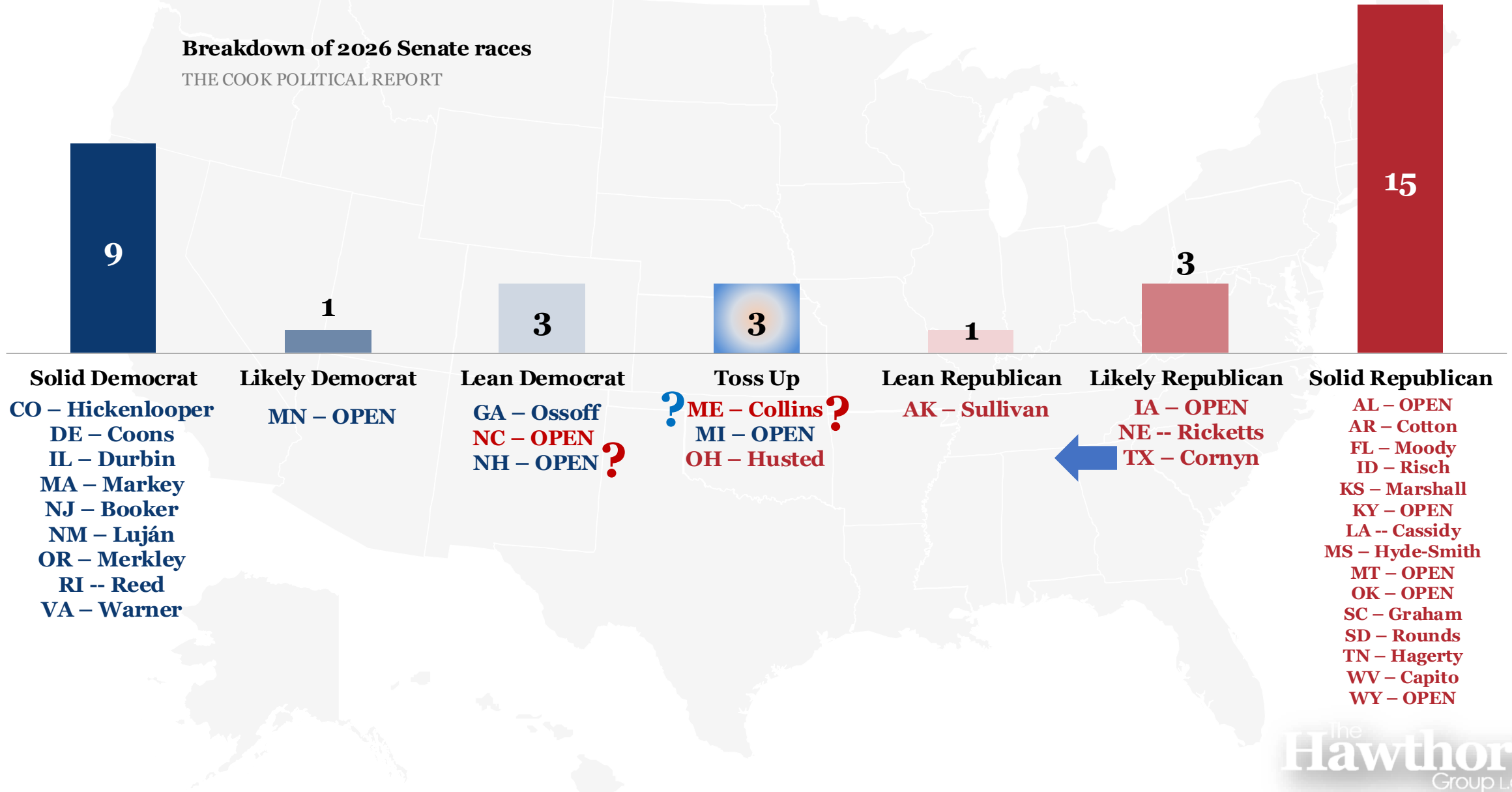
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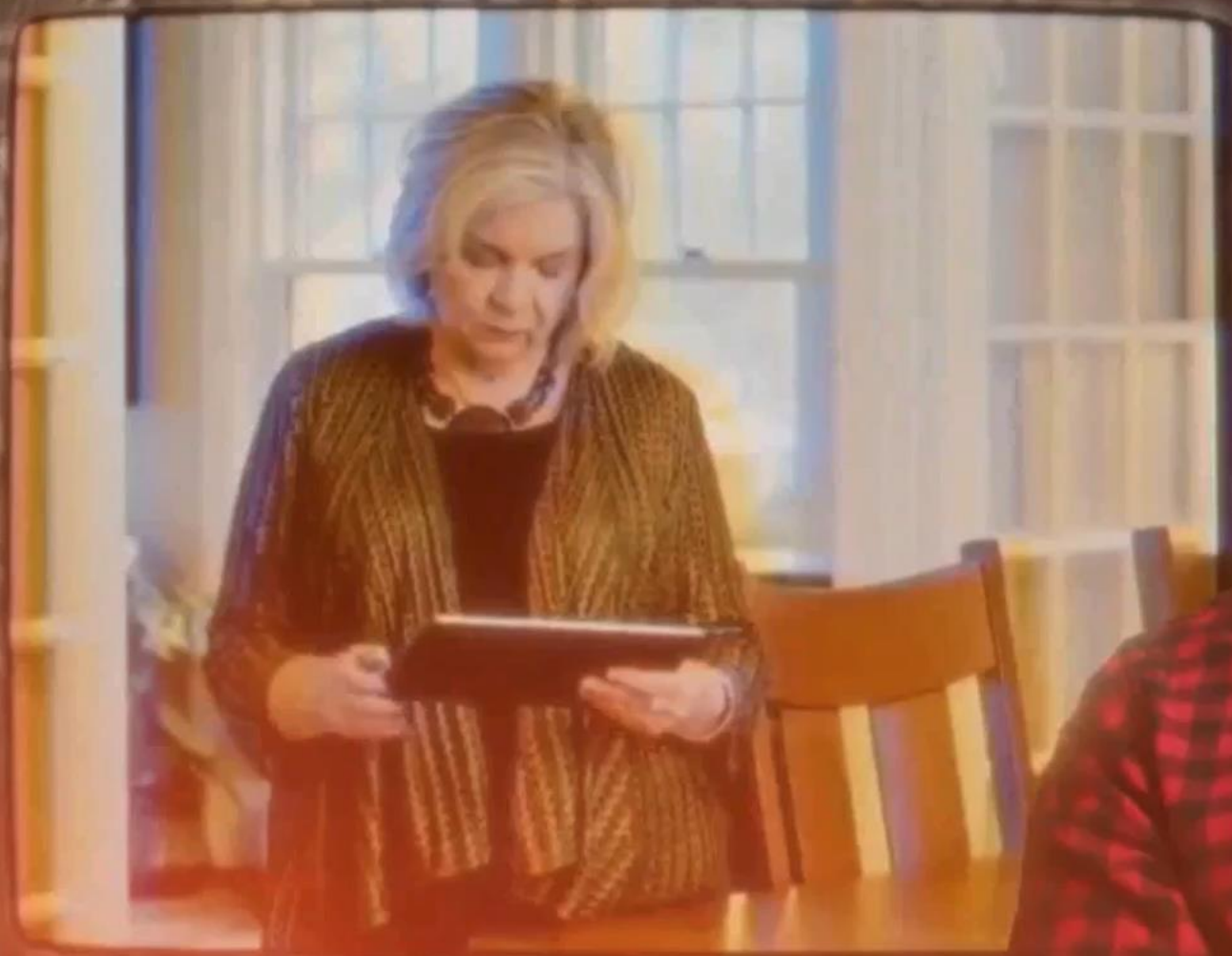


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Hawthorn 4/21 Senate Predictions

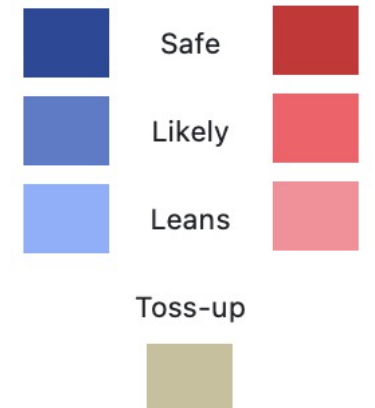
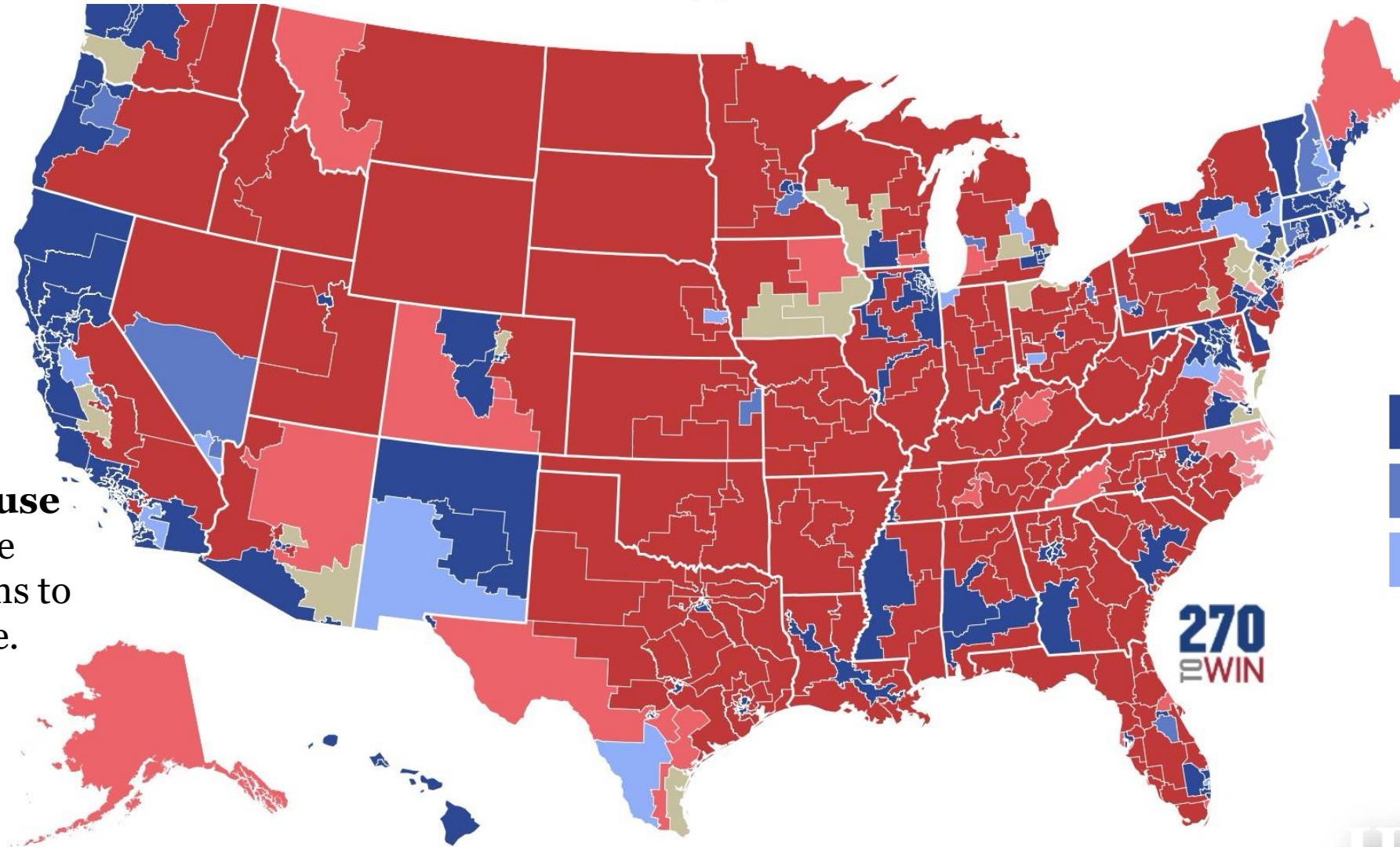
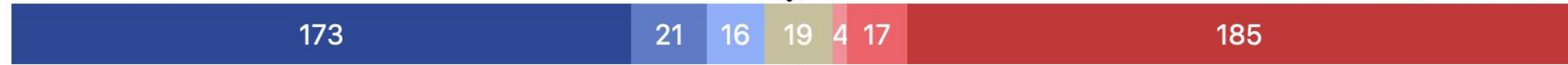
Absent a “Blue Wave,”
which COULD happen,
it will be hard for Democrats to gain control of the
Senate:

To do so Dems need to “Run the Table”
-- Holding **Georgia, Michigan,**
and **New Hampshire**
and Winning **Maine, North Carolina, Ohio,**
AND Alaska OR Iowa OR Texas --

2026 US House Races

Democrats 210

206 Republicans



To date **59 House members** have announced plans to leave the House.

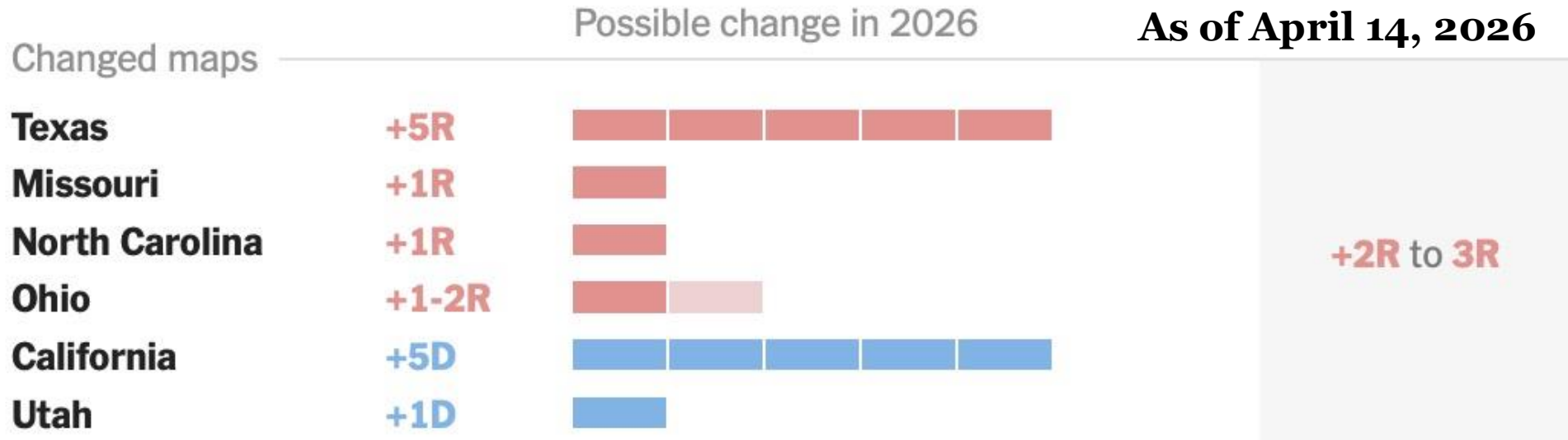
270
TO WIN

Map Updated: Apr. 7, 2026 at 19:35 UTC (3:35 PM EDT)

2026 House Races – Cook Report Predictions

LIKELY D (10) 10 Dem • 0 Rep	LEAN D (14) 12 Dem • 2 Rep	TOSS UP (17) 3 Dem • 14 Rep	LEAN R (3) 1 Dem • 2 Rep	LIKELY R (17) 2 Dem • 15 Rep
CA-21 Costa	CA-13 <i>Gray</i>	AZ-01 OPEN (Sc...	MI-10 OPEN (Ja...	AK-AL <i>Begich III</i>
IN-01 Mrvan	CA-45 <i>Tran</i>	AZ-06 Ciscomani	NC-01 Davis	AZ-02 Crane
MN-02 OPEN (Cr...	CA-48 OPEN (Issa)	CA-22 Valadao	VA-01 Wittman	CO-05 <i>Crank</i>
NH-01 OPEN (Pa...	FL-23 Moskowitz	CO-08 <i>Evans</i>		FL-07 Mills
NH-02 <i>Goodlan...</i>	MI-08 <i>McDonald...</i>	IA-01 Miller-Mee...		FL-13 Luna
NJ-09 <i>Pou</i>	NE-02 OPEN (Ba...	IA-03 Nunn		FL-27 Salazar
NV-01 Titus	NM-02 Vasquez	MI-07 <i>Barrett</i>		IA-02 OPEN (Hin...
NV-04 Horsford	NV-03 Lee	NJ-07 Kean Jr.		ME-02 OPEN (Go...
OH-13 Sykes	NY-03 <i>Suozzi</i>	NY-17 Lawler		MI-04 Huizenga
OR-05 <i>Bynum</i>	NY-04 <i>Gillen</i>	OH-09 Kaptur		MT-01 OPEN (Zi...
	NY-19 <i>Riley</i>	PA-07 <i>Mackenzie</i>		NC-11 Edwards
	OH-01 Landsman	PA-08 <i>Bresnahan</i>		PA-01 Fitzpatrick
	TX-28 Cuellar	PA-10 Perry		TN-05 Ogles
	VA-07 <i>Vindman</i>	TX-34 Gonzalez		TX-15 De La Cruz
		VA-02 Kiggans		TX-23 OPEN (Go...
		WA-03 Perez		TX-35 OPEN (Cas...
		WI-03 Van Orden		WI-01 Steil

New York Times Redistricting (Prop 50 effect)



Four states have introduced legislation proposing or authorizing new maps:

- ~~Maryland~~
- South Carolina
- Virginia **April 21, 2026**
- Washington

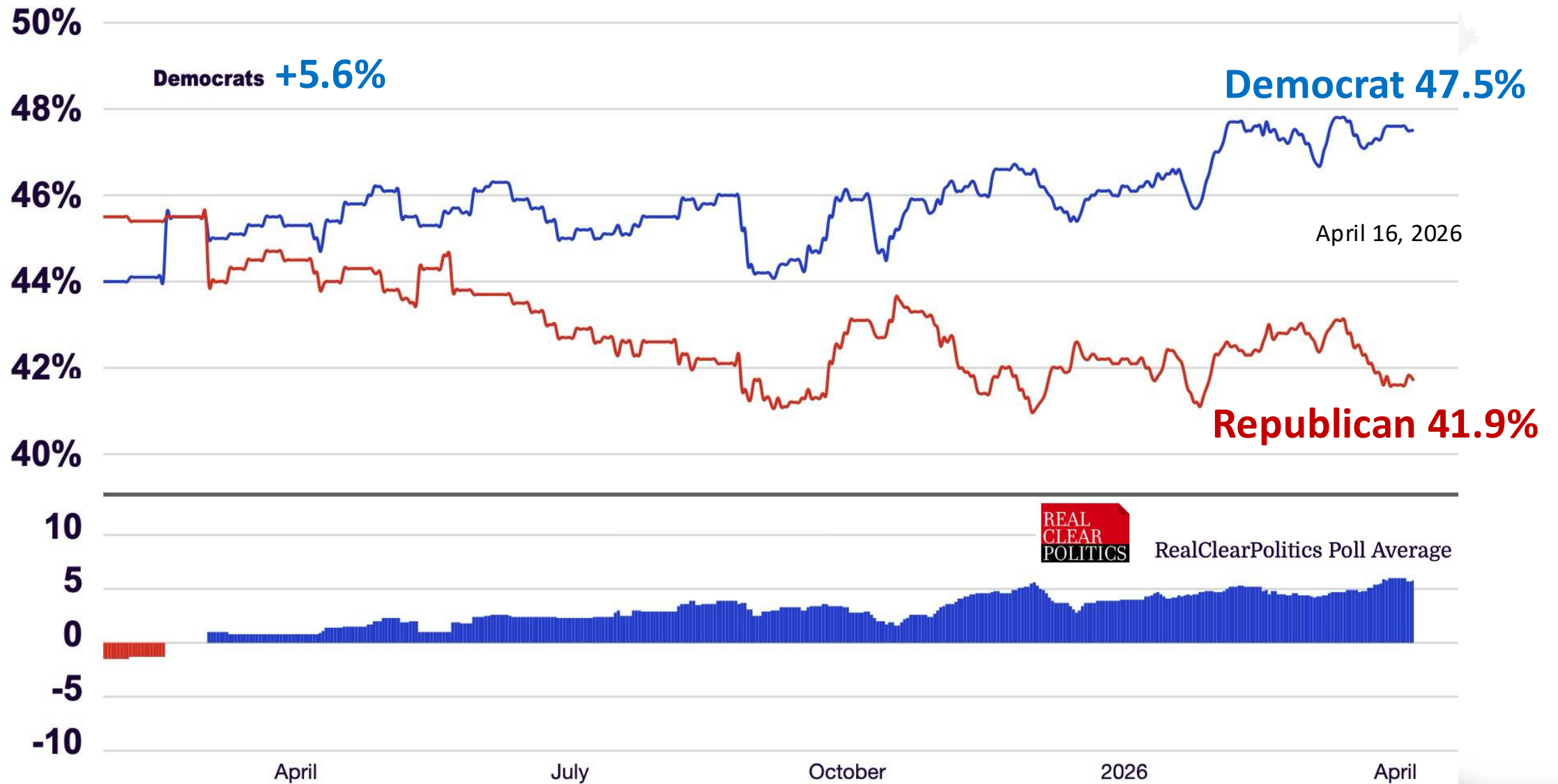
In one state, lawmakers have taken some steps to begin the redistricting process:

- Florida

Some states may have to make changes to their maps depending on the outcome of court orders, including:

- Alabama
- Louisiana
- North Dakota
- Wisconsin

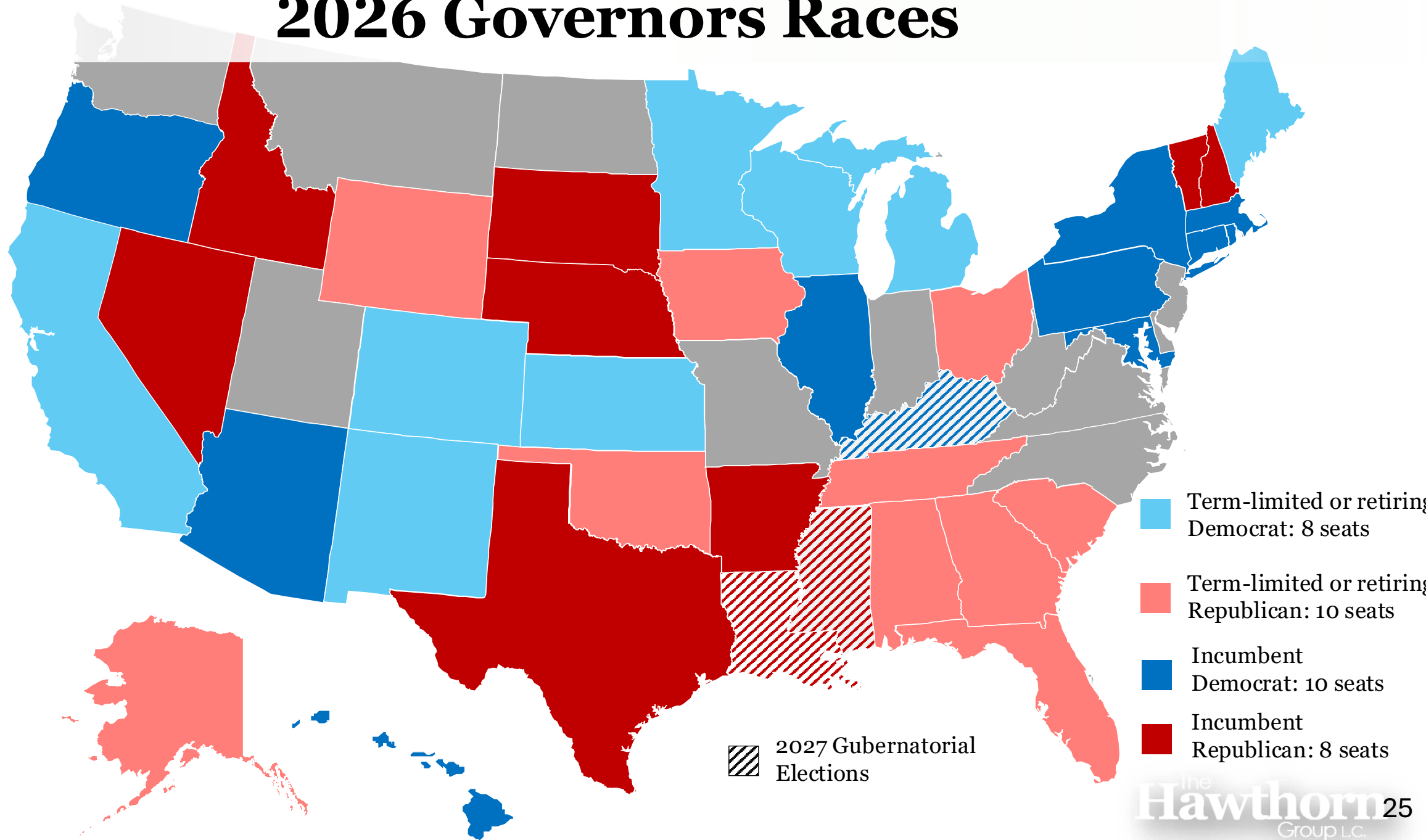
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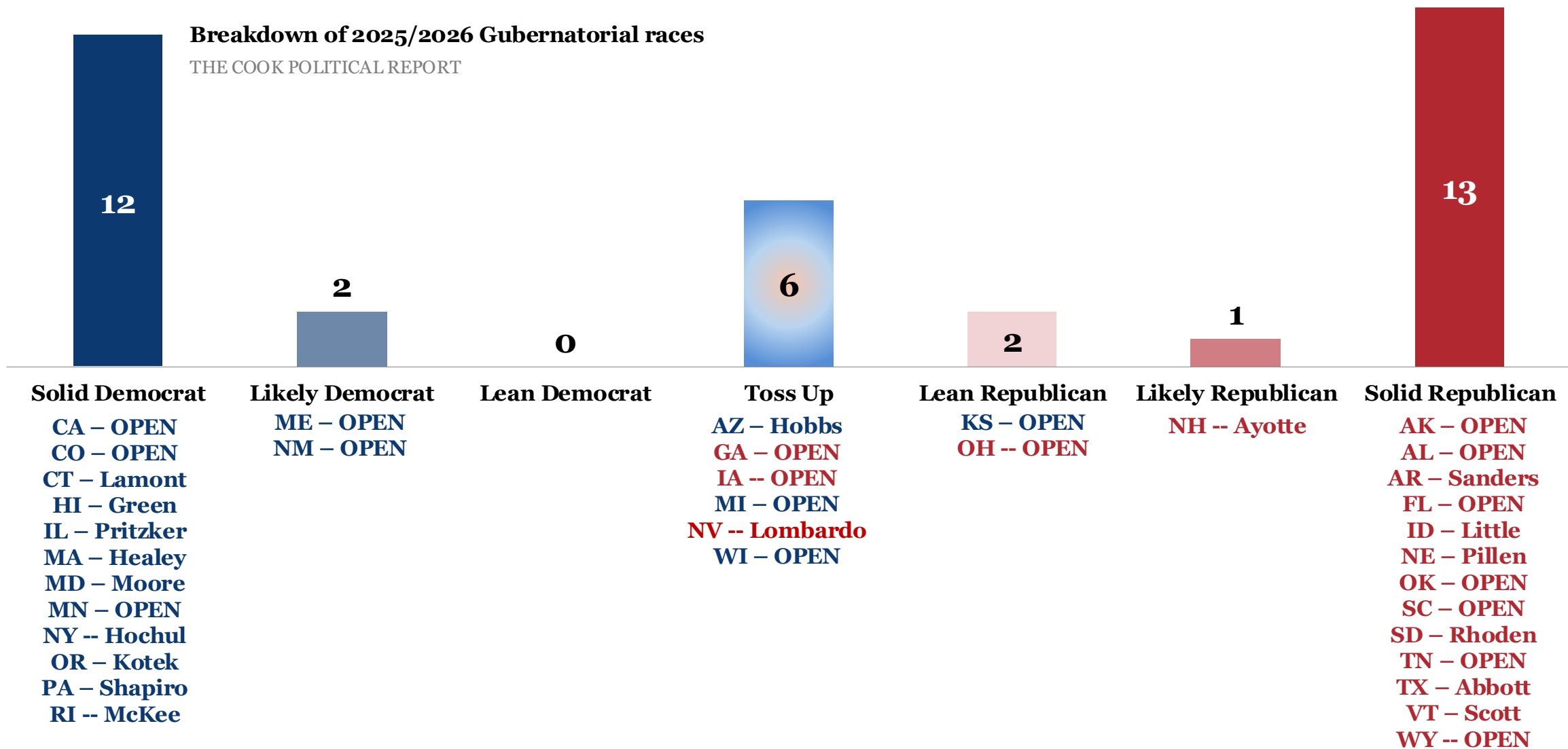
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**Democrats SHOULD Gain Control,
at least 15 – 25 seats,
(historic mid-term WH loss is 26 seats)
the RealClearPolitics average is +5.4,
and Dems have been out-performing historic
margins in every special election since 2024.**

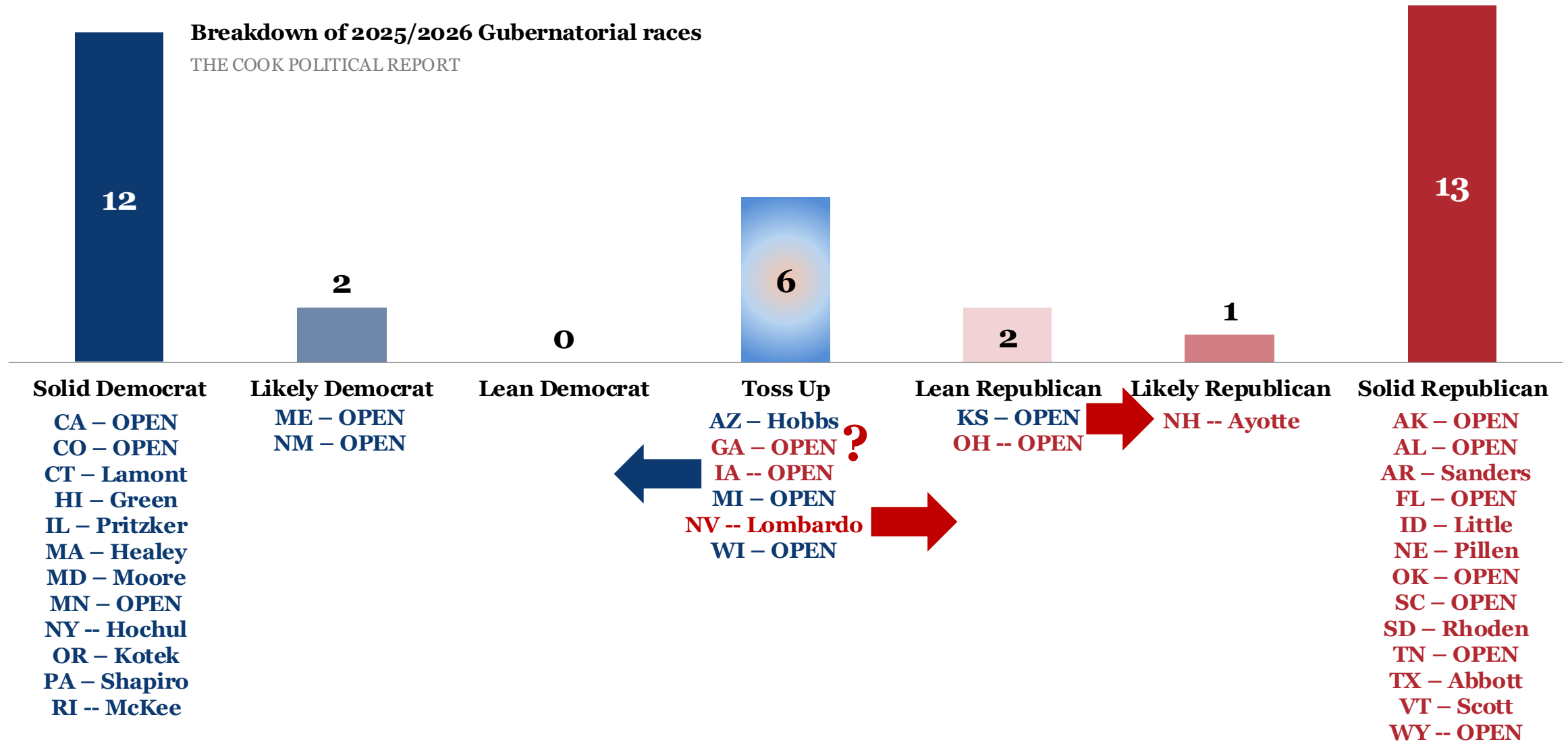
2026 Governors Races



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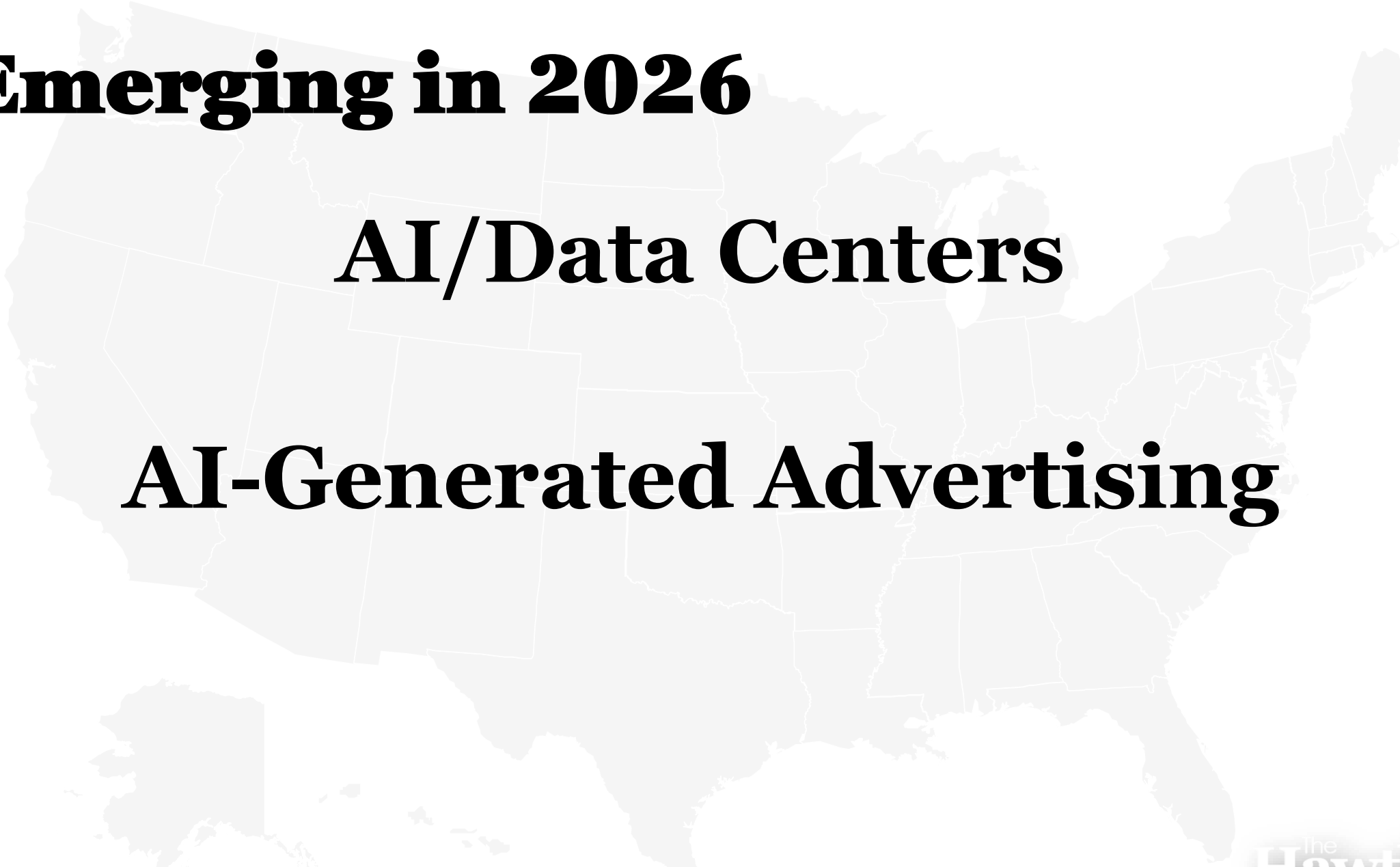


2026 Ballot Initiatives

As of April 21, 2026, **93 statewide ballot measures** were certified for the ballot in 35 states for elections in 2026.

Major Issues

- Abortion and Gender Issues
 - Confirmed: MO, NV
 - Discussed: ID, MT, NE, OR, VA
- Ballot Initiative Rules
 - MO, ND, KS, MI
- Idaho State Gun



Emerging in 2026

AI/Data Centers

AI-Generated Advertising



AI/Data Centers

***From Maine to California
emerging public, political,
and policy opposition***

AI-Generated Advertising

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Generative AI in Political Advertising

The New York Times

The Age of Eerie A.I. Political Ads Is Here

**AI-generated ads are trickling into political
campaigns, sparking big worries**

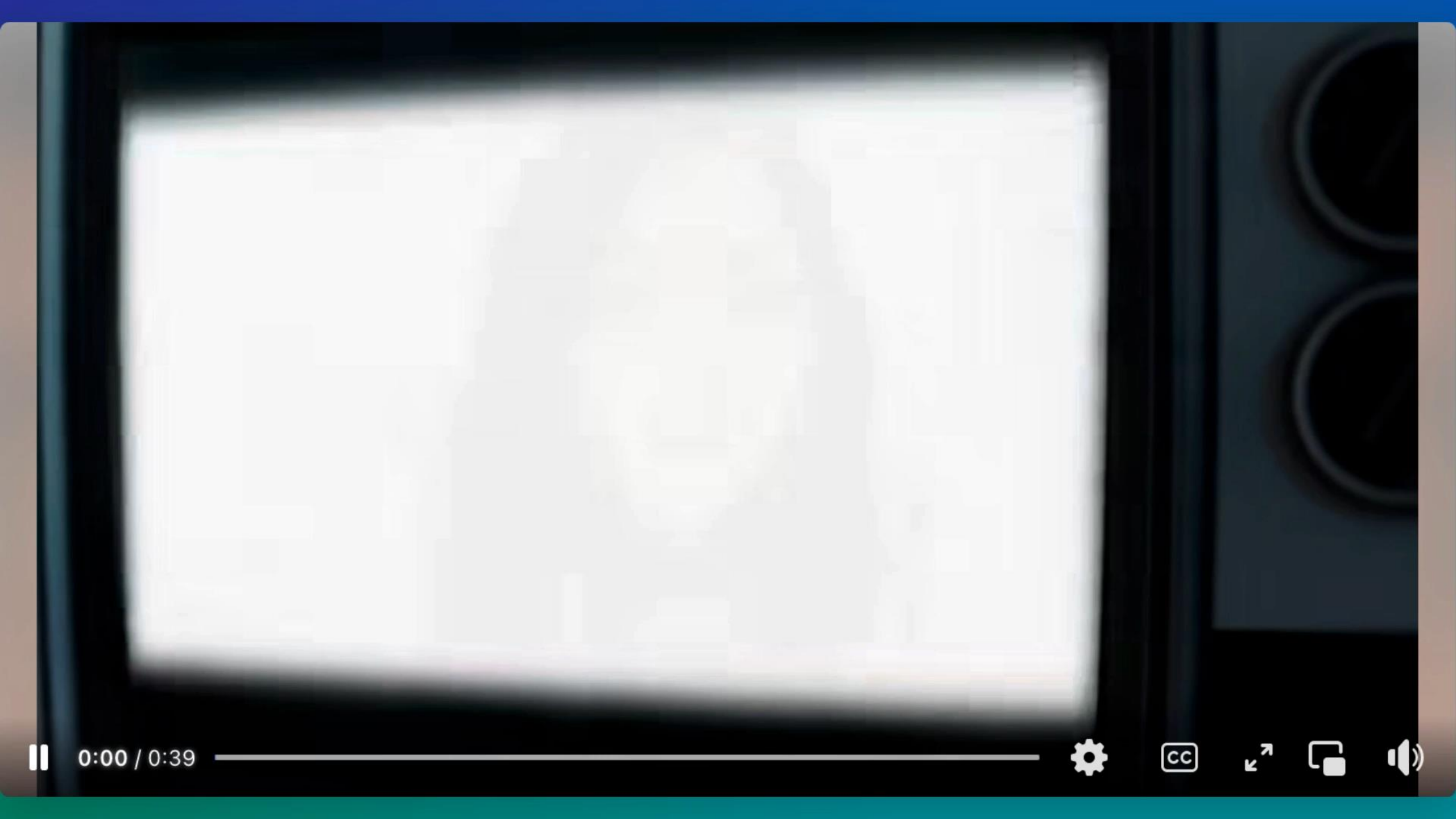
AI use in political ads is largely regulated at the state level, but there are still concerns about how they can mislead voters.

NBC NEWS

 **Reuters**

AI deepfakes blur reality in 2026 US
midterm campaigns

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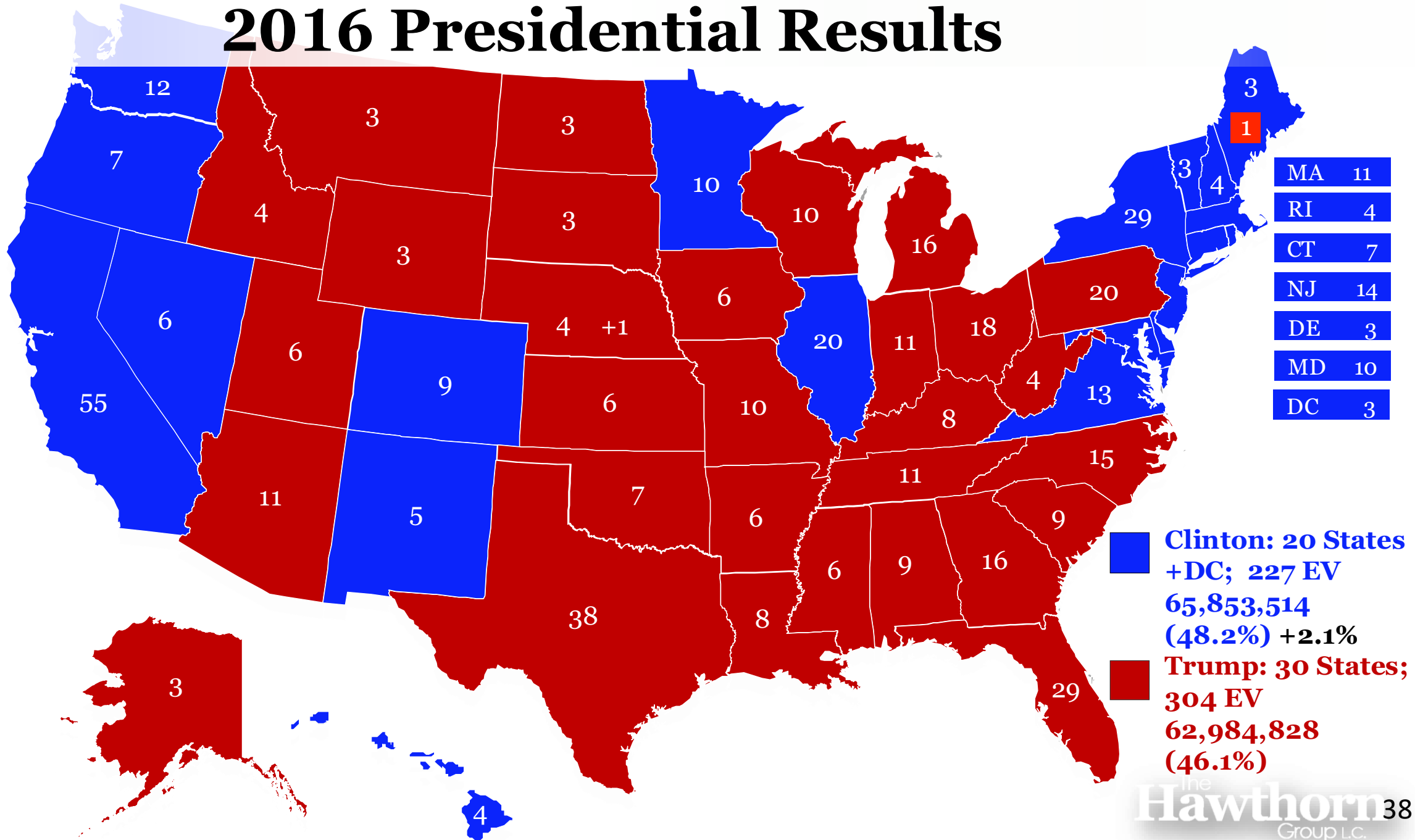
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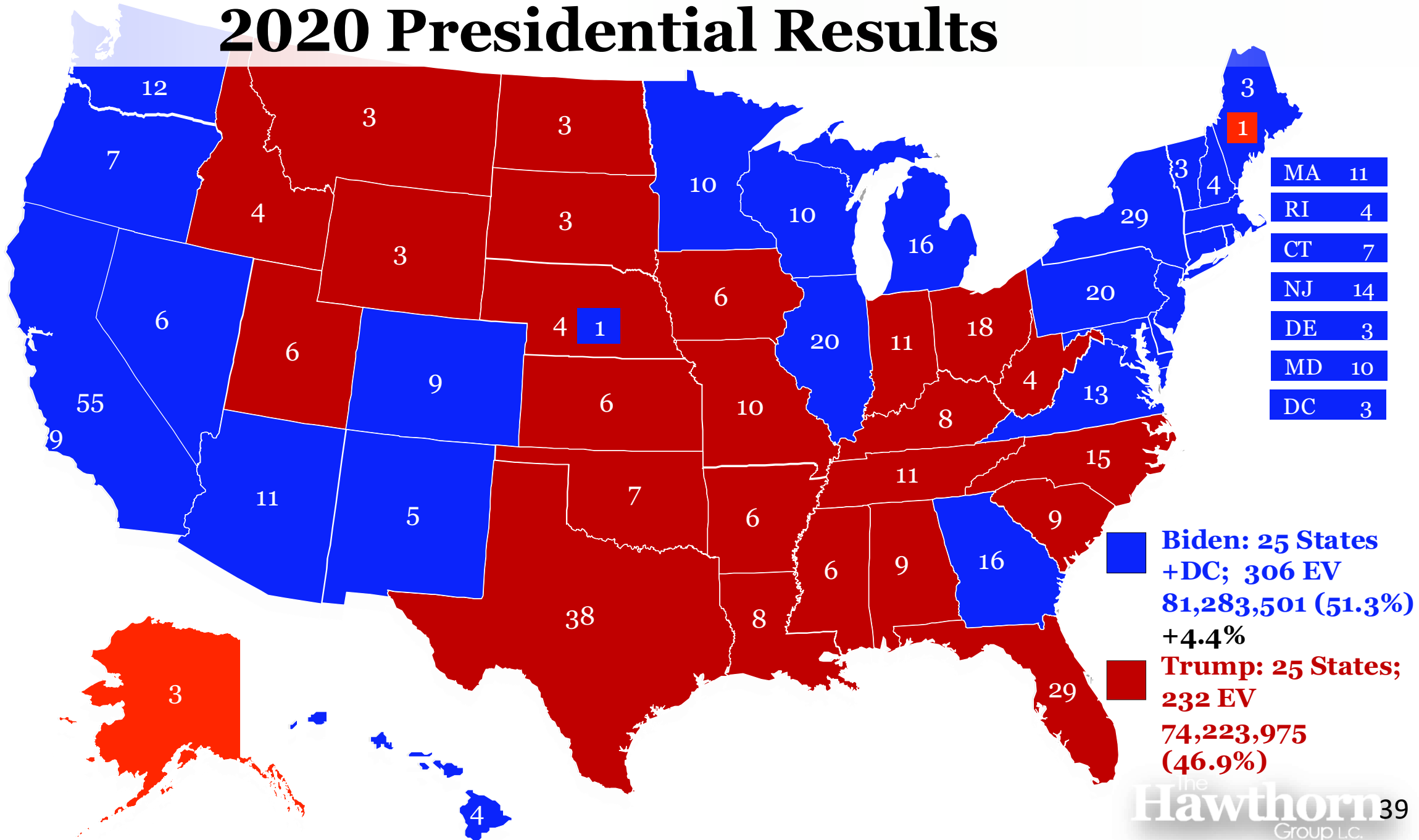
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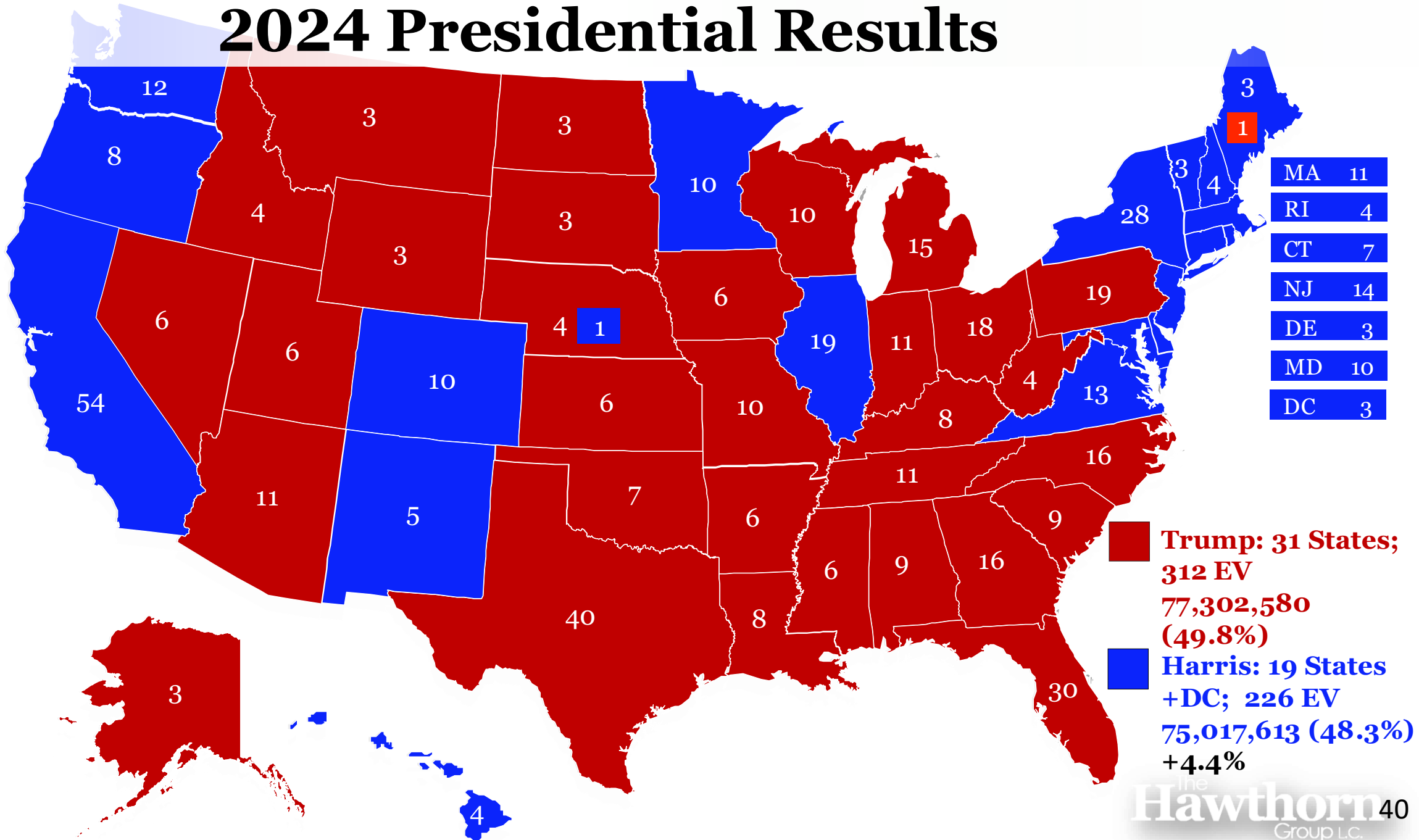
2016 Presidential Results



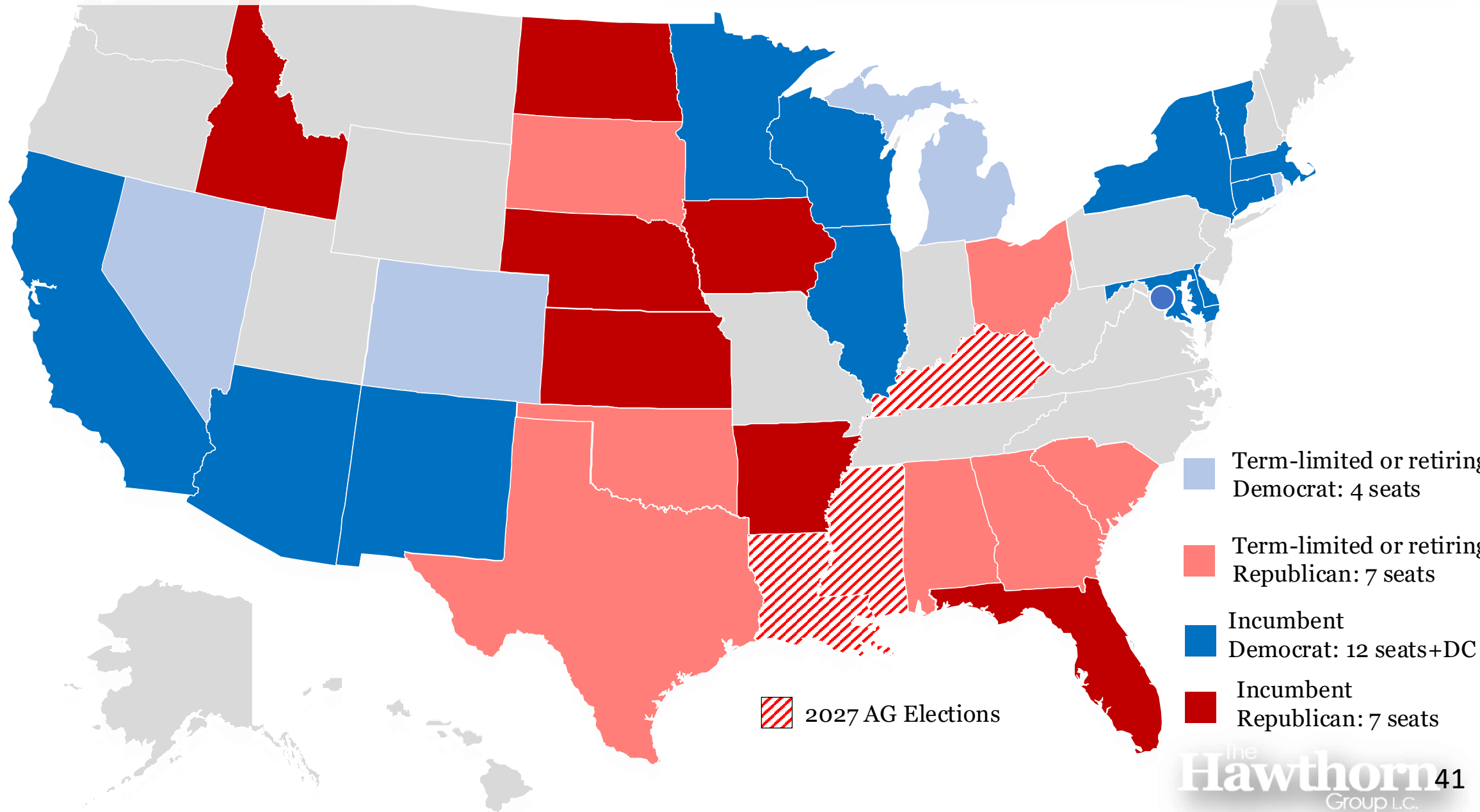
2020 Presidential Results



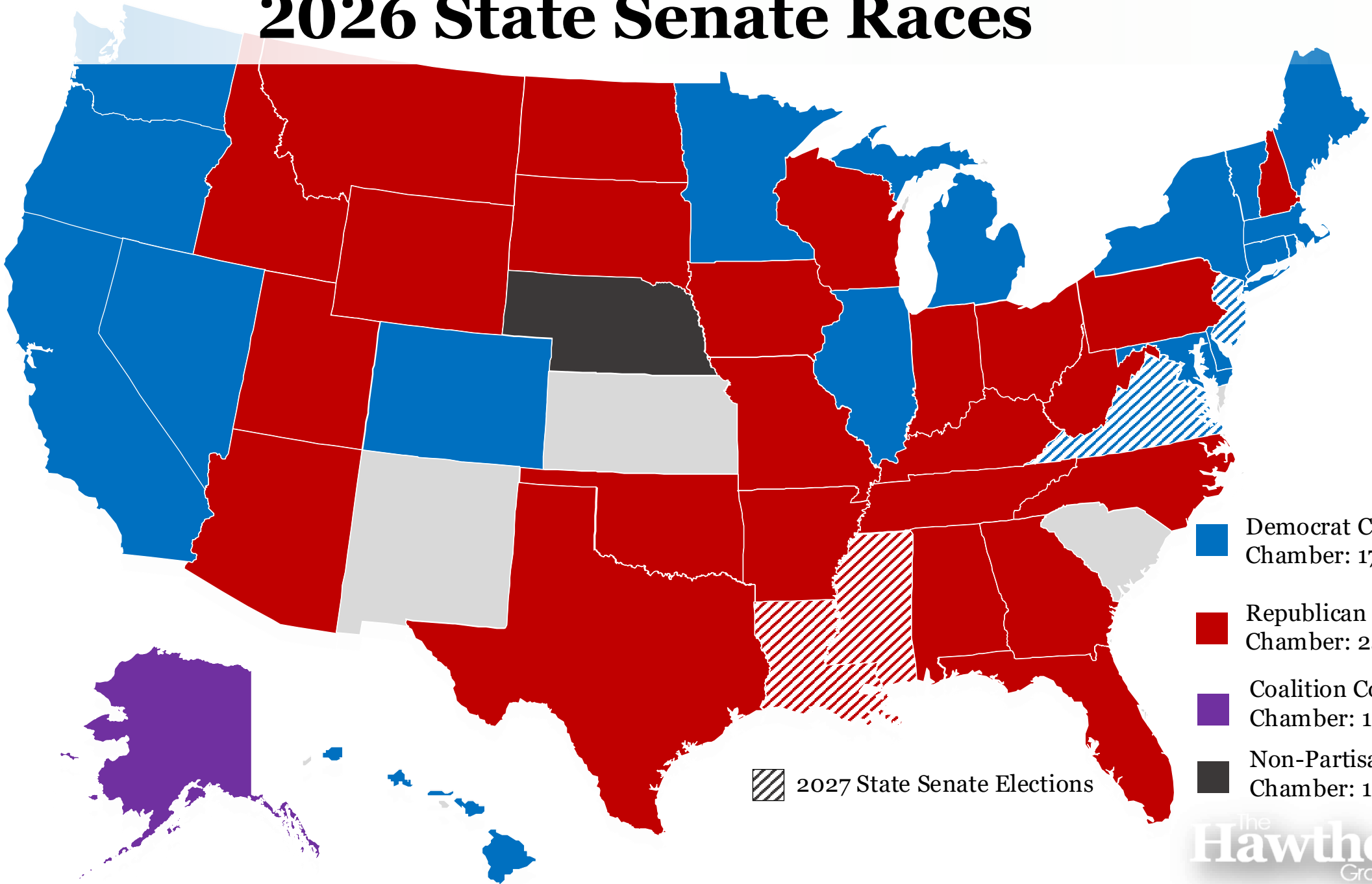
2024 Presidential Results



2026 Attorneys General Races



2026 State Senate Races



- Democrat Controlled
Chamber: 17 States
- Republican Controlled
Chamber: 24 States
- Coalition Controlled
Chamber: 1 State
- Non-Partisan
Chamber: 1 State

2027 State Senate Elections

2026 State House Races

This map displays the 2026 State House Races across the United States, categorized by party and chamber. The legend indicates the following categories:

- Democrat C** (Blue): Democrat, Chamber: 1
- Republican** (Red): Republican, Chamber: 2
- Coalition C** (Purple): Coalition, Chamber: 1
- Split-Contr** (Light Blue): Split-Contr, Chamber: 1
- 2027 State House Elections** (Hatched): 2027 State House Elections

The map shows that Democrats (Chamber 1) control the State House in California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, and several states in the West and Northeast. Republicans (Chamber 2) control the State House in the majority of states, including Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, and many others. Coalition (Chamber 1) control is shown in Alaska. Split-Contr (Chamber 1) is shown in Hawaii. The 2027 State House Elections are indicated by hatched patterns in Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia.

Split-Control
Chamber: 1 State

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