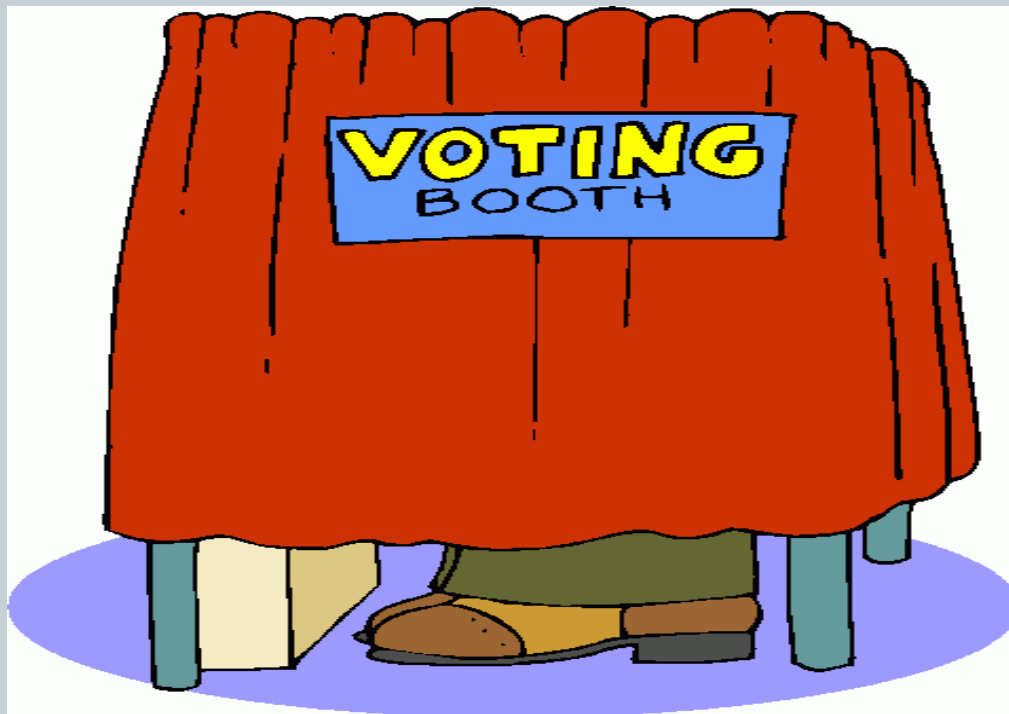


# The Election Process & The Electoral College



# Elections



- Usually, government **officials** like Senators and representatives are elected by the **popular vote**
- **Popular Vote:** The votes of each individual **voter** are **counted**
- The **president** is **not** elected this way – He's Elected by the **Electoral College**

# Step 1: Candidates



- At the beginning of a presidential **race**, each political **party** has many people who want to run as that party's **candidate**.

Democrats



Republicans



## Step 2: National Conventions



- Once all candidates for each party are organized, each party has a meeting, or **convention**, to see which of the candidates will **run** for that party
- It's narrowed down to a **TICKET** or a **pair** of people- (President and Vice President)

*Democrats*



*Republicans*



# Step 3: Campaign



- After selected, each **ticket** campaigns all over the United States trying to **gain** the peoples **votes!**



# Step 4: General Election



- Election day is the **first** Tuesday after the **first Monday** in **November**.
- While the general election is necessary, it is **NOT** what **elects** the president, **electoral votes** do!
- The President is **elected** if he wins a majority of the **electoral** votes.

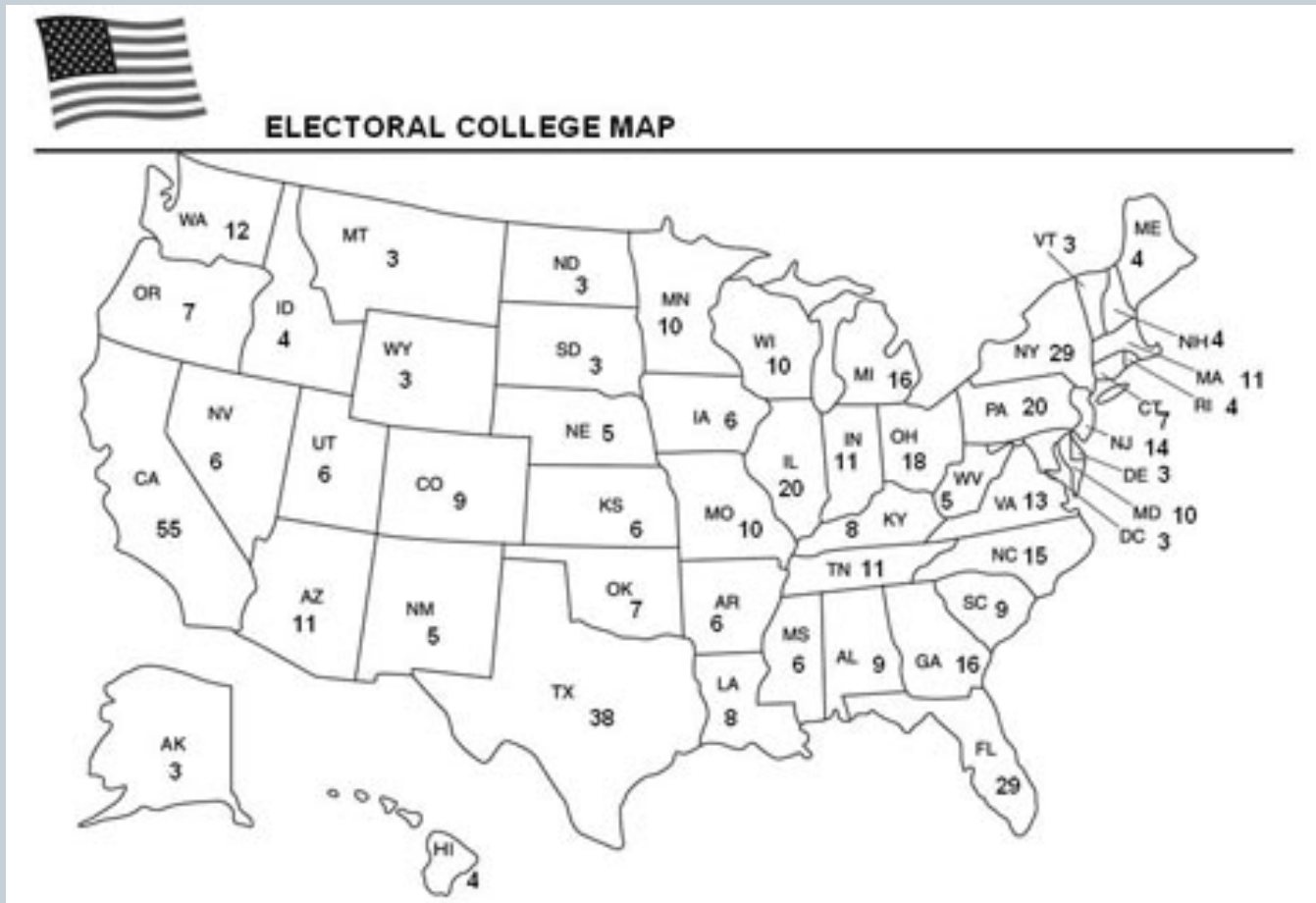
# Electoral College



- Each **state** gets a number of electoral votes based on their **representation** in congress
- Formula: # of **Senators** + # of **Representatives** = total **electoral** votes
- Illinois: **2** Senators + **18** Representatives = **20** Electoral **Votes**
- Whoever receives the **majority** of popular votes in each state receives **ALL** of that states **electoral** votes.
- A candidate must receive **270** of the **538** votes to **win** the election.

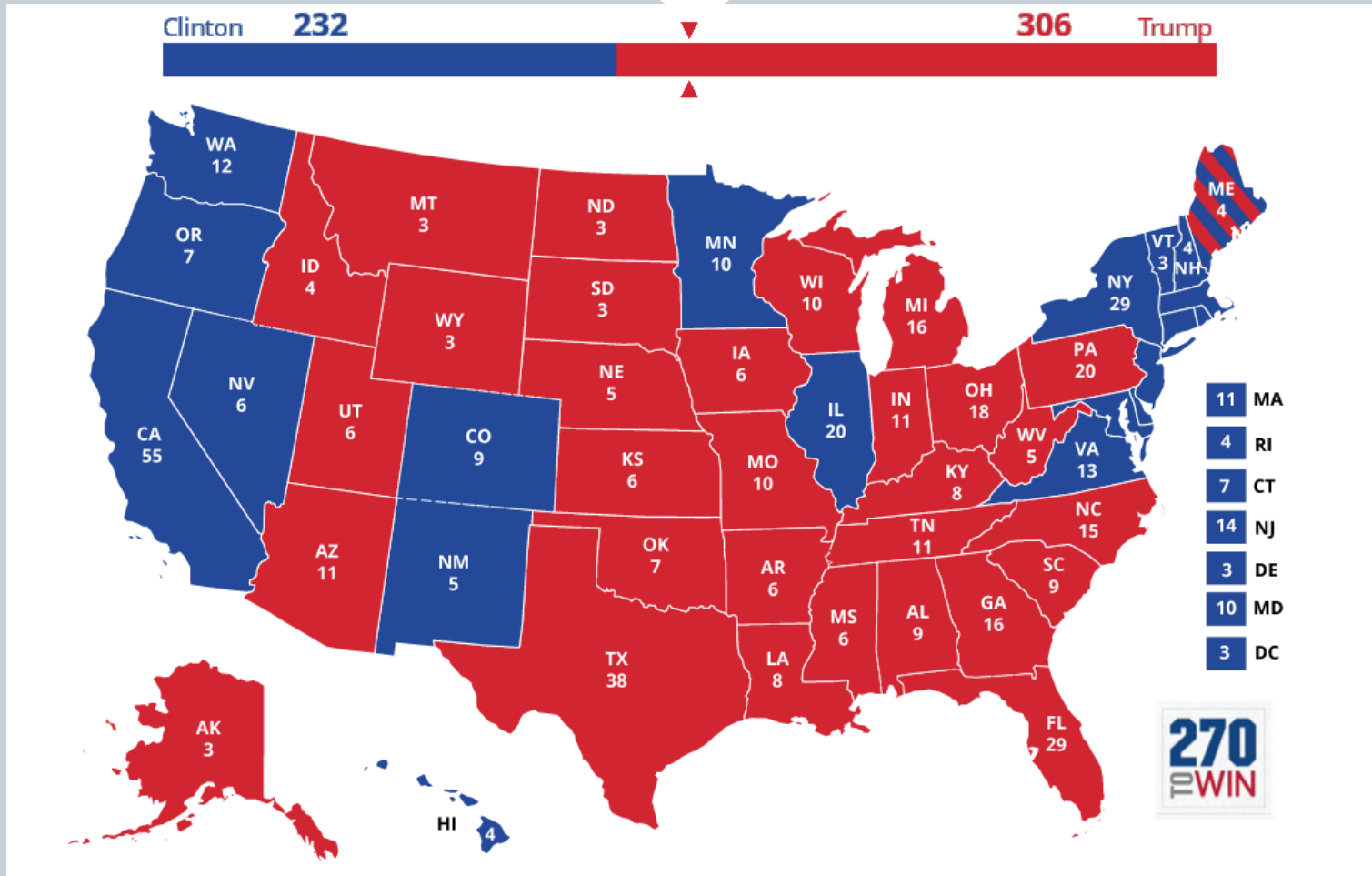
# Electoral Votes

California has the **most** electoral votes & U.S. Representatives





# 2016 Election Results



# 2016 Results

## Projected

## Actual

