

Intent of the Nation  
 Statistics for 2012 Presidential Election  
 Source: NY Times

#	State	Elect. Vts	Obama %	Romney %	Total	Counties	Obama	Romney
1	California	55	59.3	38.3	97.6	60	32	28
2	Texas	38	41.4	57.2	98.6	254	25	229
3	New York	29	62.6	36.0	98.6	62	34	28
4	Florida	29	50.0	49.1	99.1	67	13	54
5	Illinois	20	57.3	41.1	98.4	102	23	79
6	Pennsylvania	20	52.0	46.8	98.8	67	11	56
7	Ohio	18	50.1	48.2	98.3	88	15	73
8	Michigan	16	54.3	44.8	99.1	83	20	63
9	Georgia	16	45.4	53.4	98.8	159	33	126
10	North Carolina	15	48.0	50.5	98.5	100	31	69
11	New Jersey	14	58.0	40.9	98.9	21	14	7
12	Virginia	13	50.8	47.8	98.6	95	26	69
13	Washington	12	55.8	41.7	97.5	36	14	22
14	Mass.	11	60.8	37.6	98.4	14	14	0
15	Arizona	11	41.0	54.2	95.2	15	4	11
16	Indiana	11	43.8	54.3	98.1	92	9	83
17	Tennessee	11	39.0	59.5	98.5	95	4	91
18	Maryland	10	61.7	36.6	98.3	24	6	18
19	Minnesota	10	52.8	45.1	97.9	87	28	59
20	Wisconsin	10	52.8	46.1	98.9	72	34	38
21	Missouri	10	44.3	53.9	98.2	114	4	110
22	Colorado	9	51.2	46.5	97.7	64	27	37
23	Alabama	9	38.4	60.7	99.1	67	15	52
24	South Carolina	9	44.0	54.6	98.6	46	21	25
25	Kentucky	8	37.8	60.5	98.3	120	4	116
26	Louisiana	8	40.6	57.8	98.4	64	10	54
27	Conn	7	58.4	40.4	98.8	29	1	28
28	Oregon	7	54.5	42.7	97.2	36	10	26
29	Oklahoma	7	33.2	66.8	100.0	77	0	77
30	Nevada	6	52.3	45.7	98.0	16	2	14
31	Iowa	6	52.1	46.5	98.6	99	37	62
32	Arkansas	6	36.9	60.5	97.4	75	9	66
33	Kansas	6	37.8	60.0	97.8	105	2	103
34	Mississippi	6	43.5	55.5	99.0	82	30	52
35	Utah	6	24.9	72.8	97.7	29	0	29
36	New Mexico	5	52.9	43.0	95.9	33	17	16
37	Nebraska	5	37.8	60.5	98.3	93	1	92
38	West Virginia	5	35.5	62.3	97.8	55	0	55
39	Hawaii	4	70.6	27.8	98.4	4	4	0
40	Maine	4	56.0	40.9	96.9	16	15	1
41	Rhode Island	4	62.7	35.5	98.2	5	5	0
42	New Hampshire	4	52.2	46.4	98.6	10	7	3
43	Idaho	4	32.6	64.5	97.1	44	2	42
44	Delaware	3	58.6	40.0	98.6	3	2	1
45	Vermont	3	67.0	31.2	98.2	14	14	0
46	Alaska	3	41.3	55.3	96.6	20	9	11
47	Montana	3	41.8	55.3	97.1	56	8	48
48	North Dakota	3	38.9	58.7	97.6	53	6	47
49	South Dakota	3	39.9	57.9	97.8	66	9	57
50	Wyoming	3	28.0	69.3	97.3	23	1	22
51	D.C.	3	91.4	7.1	98.5	1	1	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>538</b>	<b>48.9%</b>	<b>49.2%</b>	<b>98.1%</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>2,449</b>
<b>% Averages</b>							<b>21.3%</b>	<b>78.7%</b>

Sorted by Electoral votes,

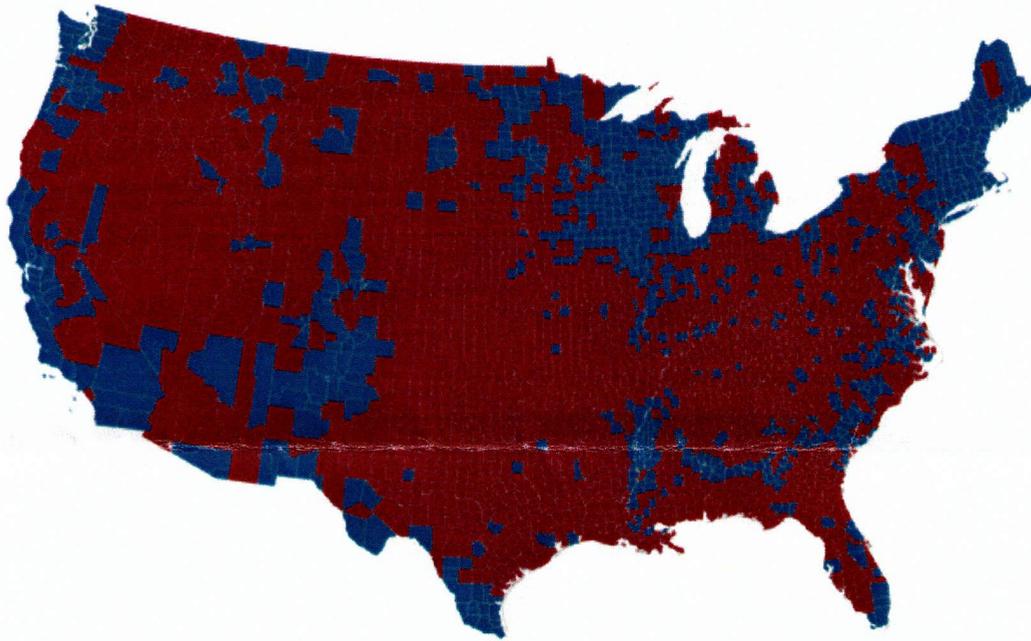
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2008 Election Results by County

Source, Washington Post

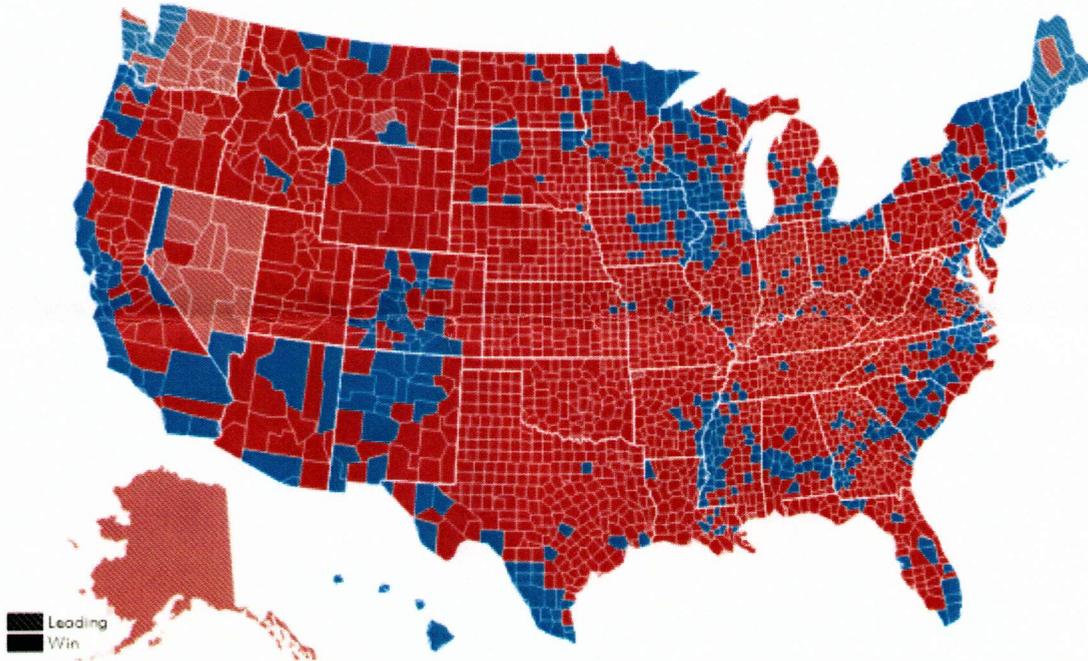


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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
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Dear Governor Haley:

A huge disparity exists in our presidential election process. President Obama won 62% of the electoral votes but only 21% the county votes in 2012. To my knowledge, the county votes have never been tallied before, but they should be. For, as depicted in the attached county maps, we now have islands of blue in a sea of red, urban centers in rural America, and the urban centers dominate presidential elections.

Rural America, with its low population densities, is our breadbasket for commodity production and basic manufacturing and creates much of our basic economic wealth. Urban America, with much higher population densities, has become the locus of ever-growing Federal and State governments, welfare distribution centers, and our dysfunctional educational system. In my view, the Electoral College system no longer serves this country well, and does not reflect the intent of the Nation, the fair and representative polling of all the people.

The electoral vote allocation is based on population. Because of the "Winner Take All" rule (in all but two States) presidential candidates have won the electoral vote but not the popular vote 15 times in the past. With the present electoral system, only the top 11 states (22%, please see the attached spreadsheet) are needed to win a presidential election. In 2012, Obama won with only 15 states (30%). The four highest electoral vote states can negate the votes of the 29 lowest electoral vote states, including South Carolina. This is not right.

Because a minority of key states is all that is necessary to win a presidential election, the electoral system is prone to manipulation by a political party promising endless handouts, supported by ever growing Federal and State governments (and their unions) and by a partisan press. In my view, the presidential elections of 2008 and 2012 have showcased how dysfunctional our presidential election process has become, and why I view it as one of the gravest threats to the viability of this Nation.

My alternative is to use the county vote in presidential elections. For each candidate, express the popular vote and the county vote as percentages, take half of each and add them together to determine the winner. Rural and urban America will be heard equally. Each vote is counted once but used twice. It will be infinitely harder to manipulate the votes of nearly 3,100 counties than a few large urban centers. It will not be as susceptible to gerrymandering as legislative districts are because of the hassle and expense of redefining county boundaries. Including the county vote in the election process will far better express the "Intent of the Nation".

We have a Republican majority in the House and a Republican majority in the Senate. The process of amending the Constitution, if necessary, excludes the president. This can be done, now, if we have the will, the integrity, and the intestinal fortitude to do it. Ask yourself, do we really want another Obama? A Hillary? To build on Obama's 2008 campaign theme, "this will be change we can truly believe in", truly the Intent of the Nation.

Sincerely,

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2 Attachments