

PRESIDENTIAL RESULTS BASED ON LATEST POLLING DATA

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For this last election projection, I will look at each state individually. One thing to remember, because the number of electoral votes have changed since 2000, if Bush wins all the states he won four years ago he will have 278 electoral votes, 7 more than last time.

Safe Bush States: 21 States – 181 Electoral Votes

Alabama (9 electoral votes), Alaska (3), Georgia (15), Idaho (4), Indiana (11), Kansas (6), Kentucky (8), Louisiana (9), Mississippi (6), Montana (3), Nebraska (5), North Carolina (15), North Dakota (3), Oklahoma (7), South Carolina (8), South Dakota (3), Tennessee (11), Texas (34), Utah (5), Virginia (13), Wyoming (3).

Safe Kerry States: 11 States & DC – 164 Electoral Votes

California (55 electoral votes), Connecticut (7), Delaware (3), Washington, DC (3), Illinois (21), Maine (4), Maryland (10), Massachusetts (12), New York (31), Rhode Island (4), Vermont (3), Washington (11).

Battleground States: 18 States

Arizona – 10 Electoral Votes

For a while, Democrats thought they had a chance here, especially with a Democratic Governor and an increasing Hispanic population. Alas, this is still too Republican a state for a Kerry upset. The winner here will be:

BUSH

Arkansas – 6 Electoral Votes

No one thought Kerry had much of a chance here until 2 recent polls had this as a dead heat. Bill Clinton is making a final week appearance here. While Kerry might steal this one, we still think it will most likely go to:

BUSH

Colorado – 9 Electoral Votes

This may be very close, and the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, Ken Salazar, will help Kerry. Our sources say Kerry still has a chance, but Colorado will probably go to:

BUSH

Florida – 27 Electoral Votes

This is probably the biggest prize on Election Day. If Bush doesn't win here, he doesn't win. Anecdotal evidence of voter anger left over from 2000 portends well for Kerry. All things being equal, Kerry probably wins Florida. But all things are not equal. Jeb is still Governor and Republicans still control things. Will they let Kerry win? I doubt it. So the winner will be:

BUSH

Hawaii – 4 Electoral Votes

Everyone has assumed this was a safe Kerry state, until 2 recent polls came out saying it was even. I believe Cheney is actually making a quick stop here this weekend. It still seems hard to believe that Hawaii will not be a win for:

KERRY

Iowa – 7 Electoral Votes

Most polls have this one even or Bush slightly ahead. This is probably Bush's best chance to win a Gore state. I think the winner may be:

BUSH

Michigan – 17 Electoral Votes

Although still very close, most polls give Kerry a lead. The economy and disaffection with Bush from the Arab-American community are big reasons the winner will be:

KERRY

Minnesota – 10 Electoral Votes

Reports claim that this may be the one state where Nader has an effect. All polls have this one neck and neck, and the state is becoming more conservative. However, I think the winner here will be:

KERRY

Missouri – 11 Electoral Votes

This one is a lot like Arizona and Colorado in that the Democrats thought they had a real chance here. It appears unlikely the winner will not be:

BUSH

Nevada – 5 Electoral Votes

Democrats might be able to squeak one out here, but with some problems with new registrations, it appears somewhat less likely the winner won't be:

BUSH

New Hampshire – 4 Electoral Votes

The only northeastern state that Gore did not win, most polling indicates that New Hampshire will no longer be an outcast and vote for:

KERRY

New Jersey – 15 Electoral Votes

Like Hawaii, it was always assumed that this was a safe Kerry state. Some polls, however, say this one is very close. Some don't. The winner here should be:

KERRY

New Mexico – 5 Electoral Votes

A real toss-up, Gore won here by less than 400 votes. Nothing should have changed, but most polls give a slight lead to the probable winner:

BUSH

Ohio – 20 Electoral Votes

The second biggest prize, after Florida, because traditionally, Republicans do not win without Ohio. However, there is a scenario where Bush can lose here but still win the election. I think it will be tough, and the winner will be:

KERRY

Oregon – 7 Electoral Votes

The Republicans thought this was in play for a long time, but most polls give a clear edge to the winner here:

KERRY

Pennsylvania – 21 Electoral Votes

The third of the big three (along with Florida and Ohio), nearly every poll in the last few weeks has Kerry ahead. I won't disagree that the winner will be:

KERRY

West Virginia – 5 Electoral Votes

Once a sure Democratic win, Gore lost West Virginia. It may be close but the winner will probably be:

BUSH

Wisconsin – 10 Electoral Votes

The election may very well hinge on who wins Wisconsin. Many polls have Bush slightly ahead. But this is one place where the young vote in Madison (where 80,000 turned out yesterday for a Kerry/Springsteen appearance), and other urban centers will be important. I believe the winner will be:

KERRY

SUMMARY

With the projections for the 18 Battleground States, the final totals may look like:

Bush Safe States	181 Electoral Votes
Bush Battleground States	<u>85 Electoral Votes</u>
<u>Bush Total</u>	<u>266 Electoral Votes</u>
Kerry Safe States	164 Electoral Votes
Kerry Battleground States	<u>108 Electoral Votes</u>
<u>Kerry Total</u>	<u>272 Electoral Votes</u>

In these projections, KERRY WINS!!

Of course, there are many states that could be a surprise. Undoubtedly, there will be some. We will just have to wait – and hope the waiting is not too long.