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Direction of the Country



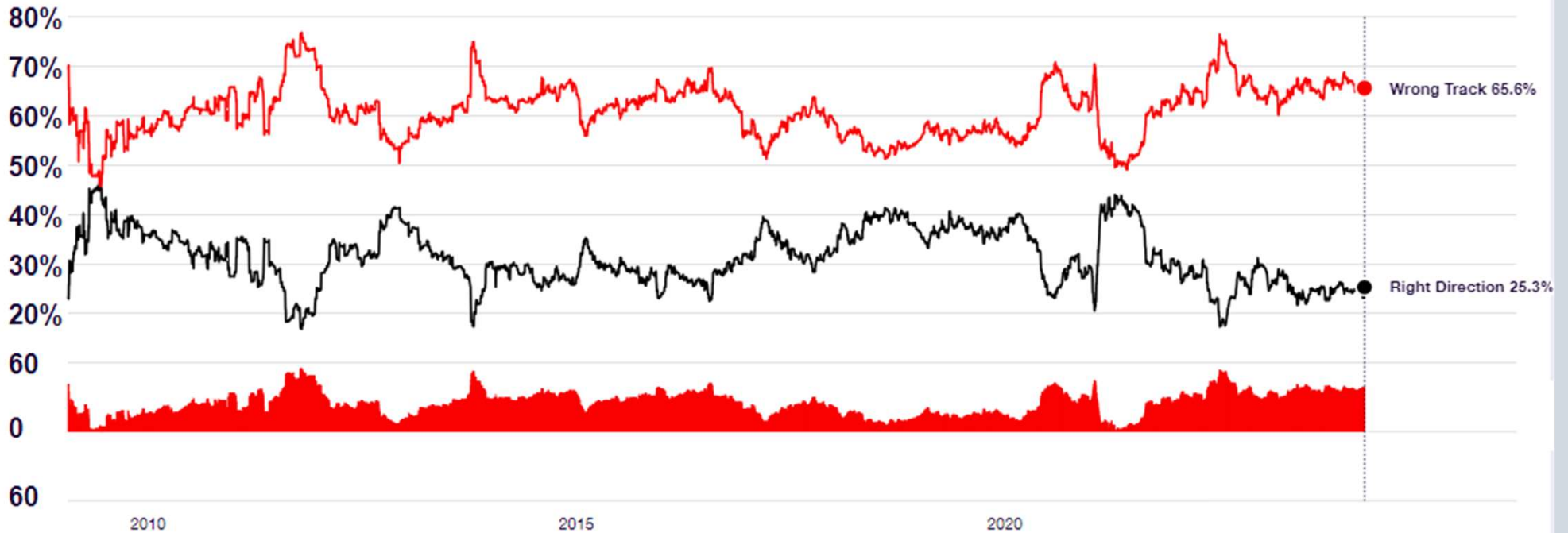
RealClearPolitics Poll Average

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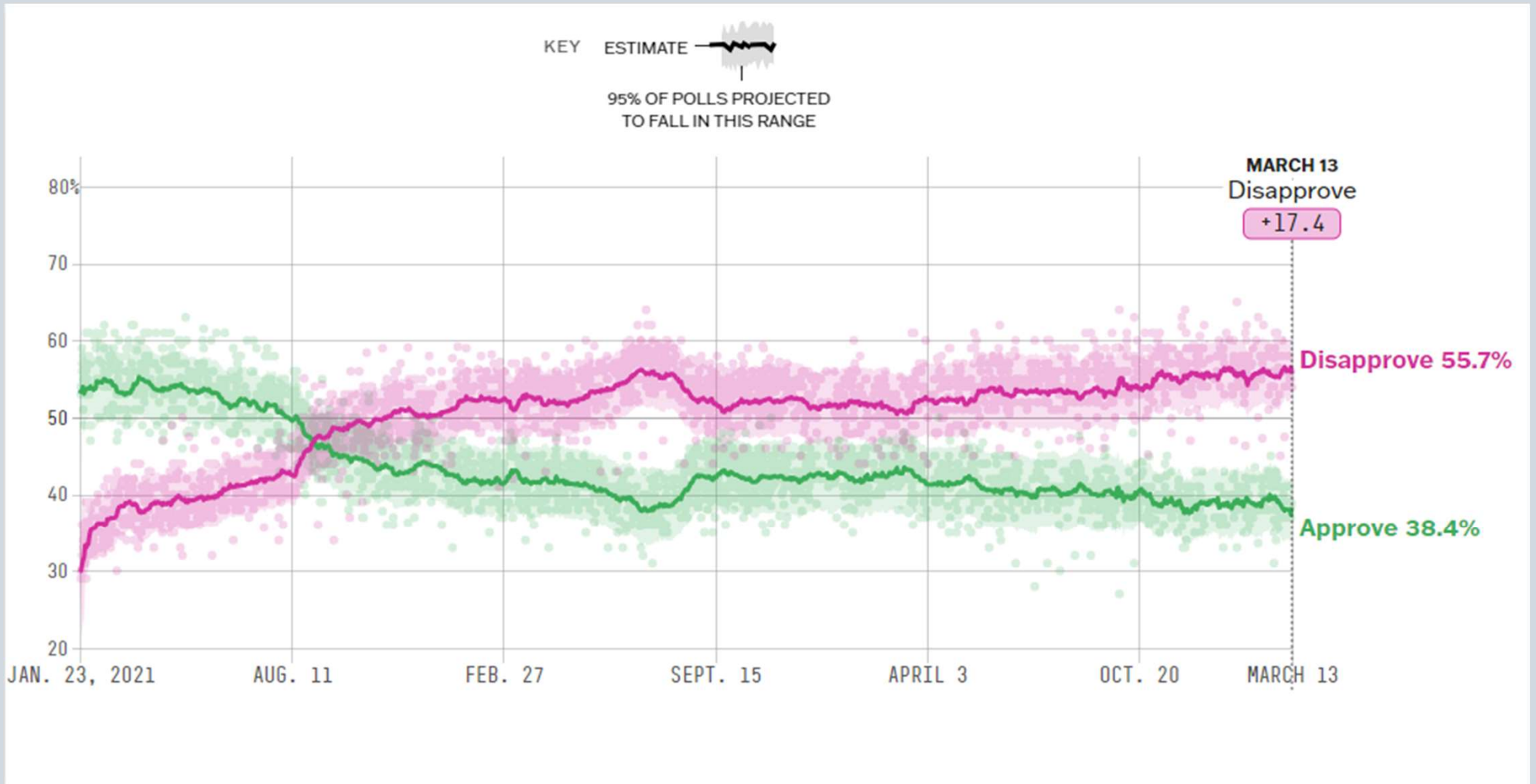
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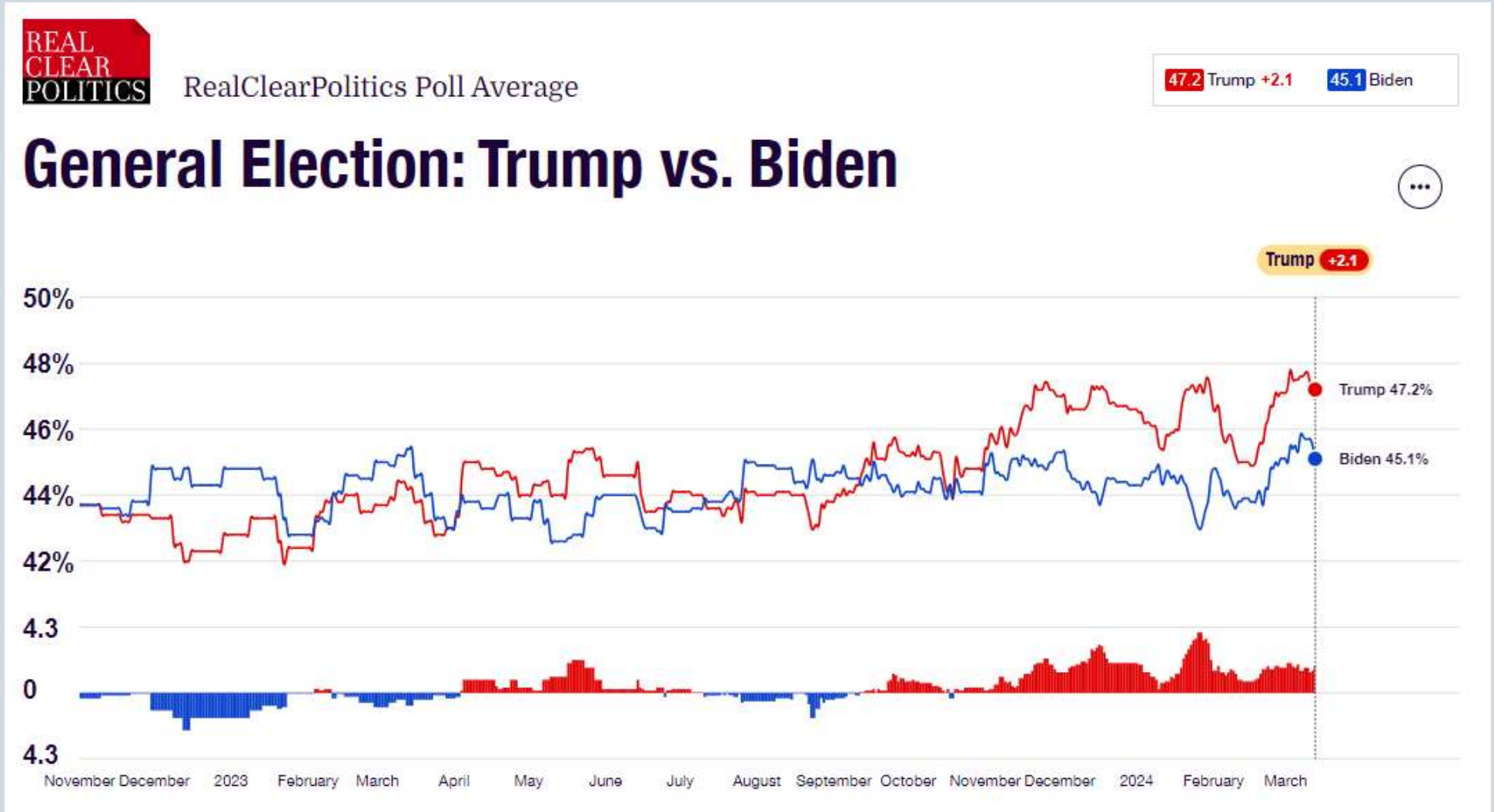
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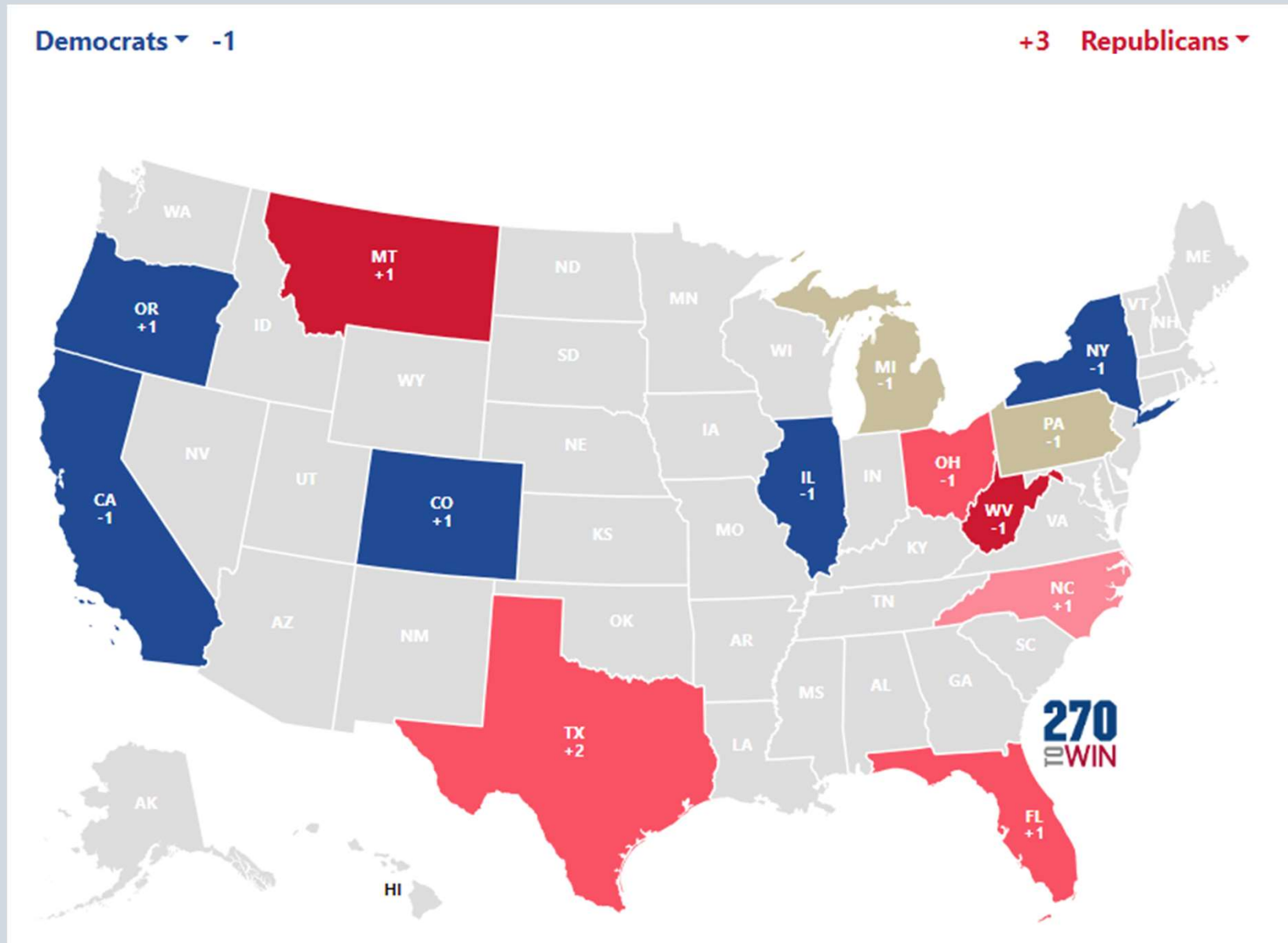
President Biden's Approval Rating



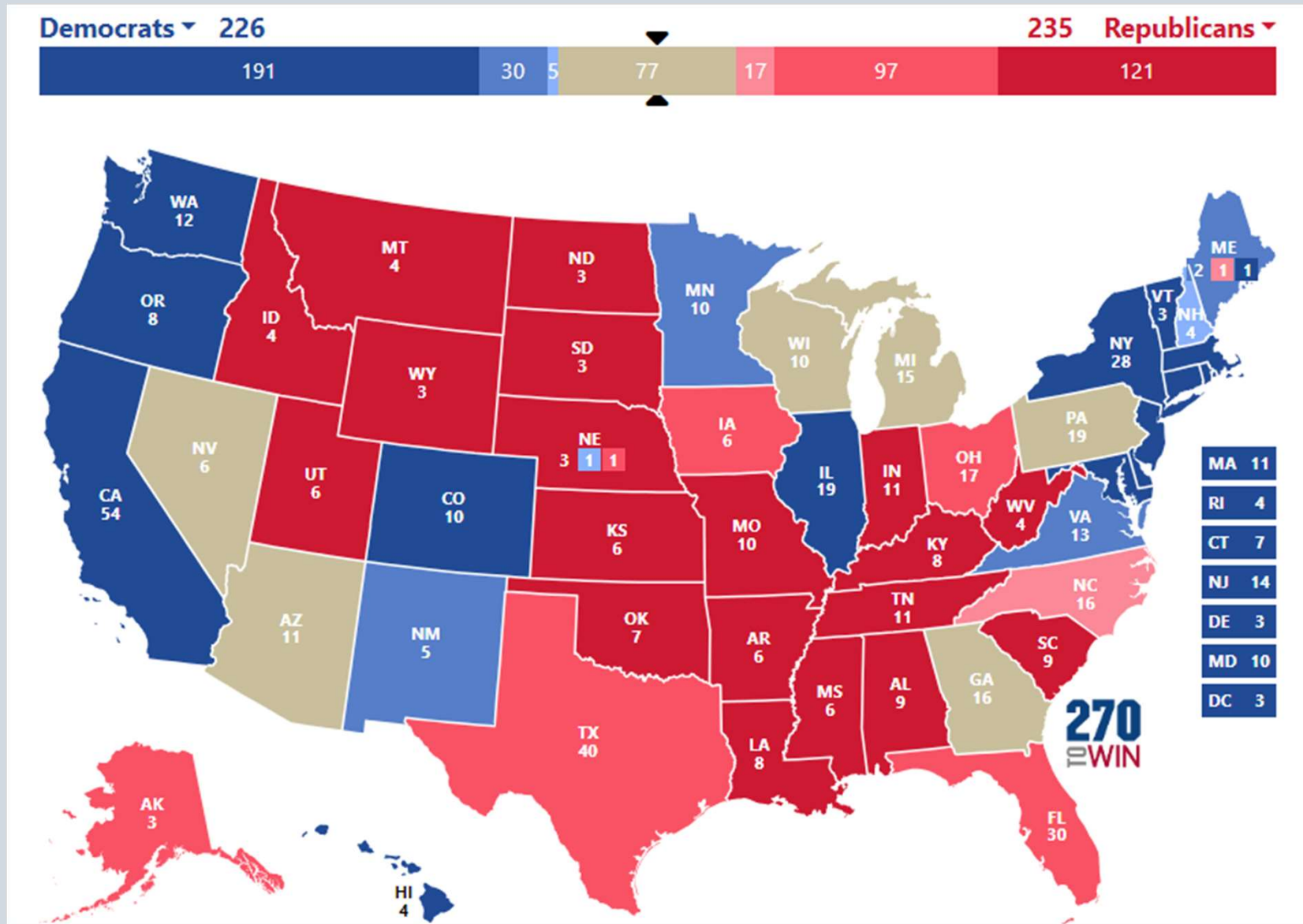
Presidential Election National Polling Average



2020 Census Changed Several States' Electoral Votes



Vast Majority of States Uncompetitive at Presidential Level



Margins in 2020 Swing States Were Razor Thin

Swing State	2020 Result
Arizona	Biden + 0.4
Georgia	Biden + 0.3
Michigan	Biden + 2.8
Nevada	Biden + 2.4
Pennsylvania	Biden + 1.2
Wisconsin	Biden + 0.6
*North Carolina	Trump + 1.4

Current Congressional Breakdown

Senate			
	116th Congress (2019-2020)	117th Congress (2021-2022)	118th Congress (2023-2024)
Democrats	47*	50*	51*
Republicans	53	50	49

House			
	116th Congress (2019-2020)	117th Congress (2021-2022)	118th Congress (2023-2024)
Democrats	232	222	213
Republicans	198	211	219

*Includes independents who caucus with the Democrats

^There are currently 3 vacancies in the House (2 GOP held seats, 1 Dem held seat). Rep. Ken Buck (R-CO) will resign from Congress on March 22.

Senate Elections

- Democrats currently hold 51 seats in the Senate. If they retain the presidency, they can afford to lose one seat this cycle and still retain the majority. If they lose the presidency, they must maintain their current number of seats.
- Democrats are defending 20 seats (+3 Independent) compared to just 11 for Republicans. Democrats are also defending the most vulnerable seat of the cycle, as Senator Manchin's retirement likely flips his seat to the GOP.
- Beyond West Virginia, the two most vulnerable seats this cycle are Ohio and Montana, though public polling currently shows Senators Brown and Tester leading their presumptive Republican opponents.

2024 Race Ratings

Solid D	Likely D	Lean D	Toss Up	Lean R	Likely R	Solid R
CA-OPEN CT-Murphy DE-OPEN HI-Hirono MA-Warren ME-King(I) MN-Klobuchar NM-Heinrich NY-Gillibrand RI-Whitehouse VA-Kaine VT-Sanders(I) WA-Cantwell	MD-OPEN NJ-Menendez	MI-OPEN NV-Rosen PA-Casey Jr. WI-Baldwin	AZ-OPEN(I) MT-Tester OH-Brown		FL-Scott TX-Cruz	IN-OPEN MO-Hawley MS-Wicker ND-Cramer NE-Fischer NE-Ricketts TN-Blackburn UT-OPEN WV-OPEN WY-Barrasso

2024 Combined Congressional Calendar

- House in Session Only
- Senate in Session Only
- House & Senate in Session
- Federal Holiday

1 JANUARY

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Outstanding Issues for Remainder of Congress

- FY2024/2025 Budget and Appropriations
- Supplemental Spending - National Security, U.S. Allies, Border Control
 - FAA Reauthorization
 - Farm Bill Reauthorization
 - Potential Tax Package



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