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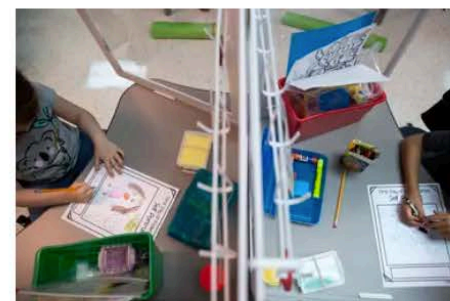
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## August unemployment rate in Texas drops to 6.8%, lowest level since coronavirus shutdowns

BY [MITCHELL FERMAN](#) UPDATED: 2 HOURS AGO

The U.S. Labor Department on Friday announced Texas' unemployment rate for August fell to 6.8%. That is still far above pre-pandemic levels, underscoring a summer of steady joblessness for many Texans.



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## State releases numbers showing low Texas public school infection rates, but the data is limited

BY [ALIYYA SWABY](#) AND [EMMA PLATOFF](#)

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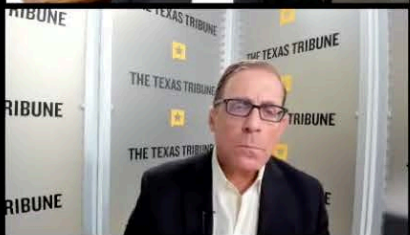
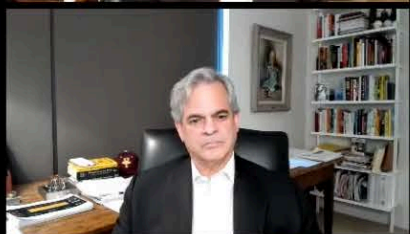
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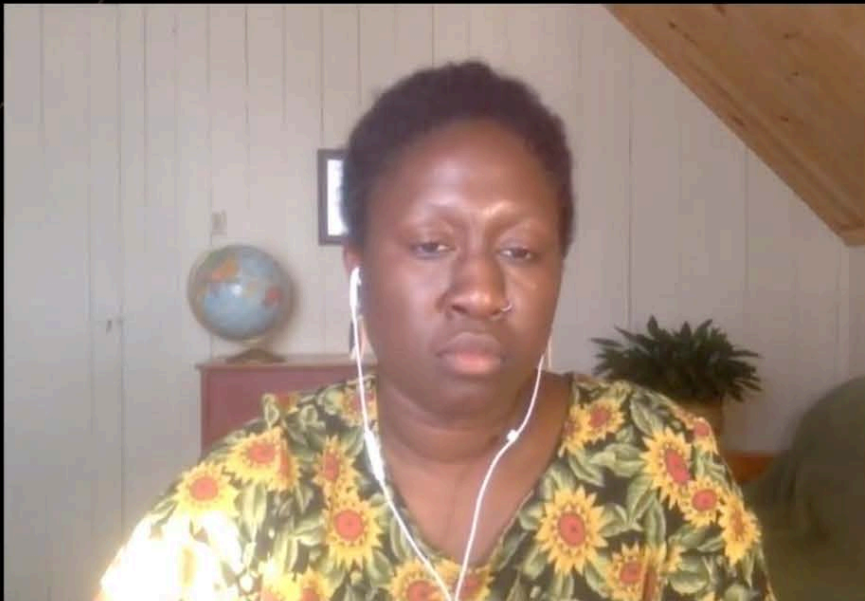
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## One-on-One with Darren Walker

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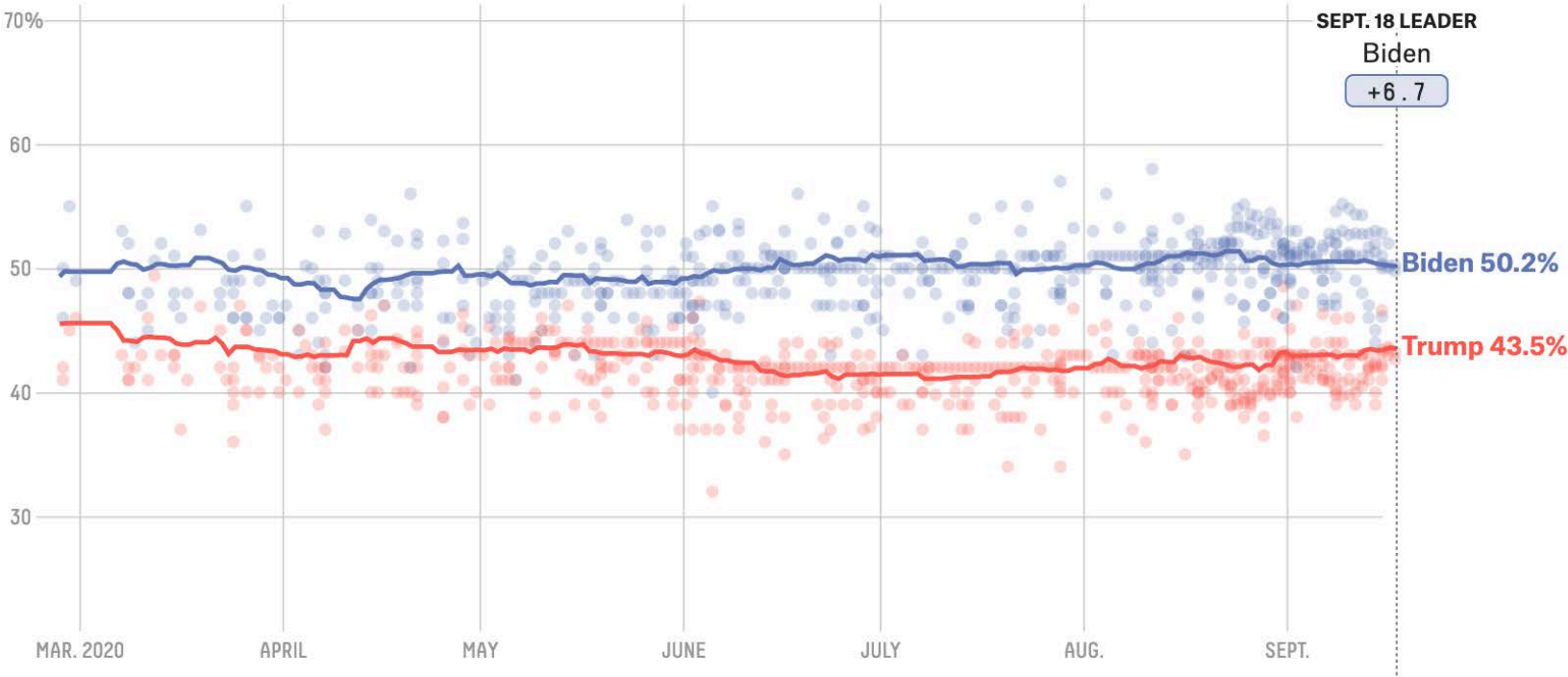


1. Congressional seats flip
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# Who's ahead in the national polls?

An updating average of 2020 presidential general election polls, accounting for each poll's quality, sample size and recency



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## Friday, September 18

Race/Topic (Click to Sort)	Poll	Results	Spread
<a href="#">General Election: Trump vs. Biden</a>	NPR/PBS/Marist	Biden 52, Trump 43	Biden +9
<a href="#">General Election: Trump vs. Biden vs. Jorgensen vs. Hawkins</a>	NPR/PBS/Marist	Biden 49, Trump 42, Jorgensen 5, Hawkins 2	Biden +7
<a href="#">North Carolina: Trump vs. Biden</a>	NY Times/Siena*	Biden 45, Trump 44	Biden +1
<a href="#">Arizona: Trump vs. Biden</a>	<a href="#">NY Times/Siena*</a>	Biden 49, Trump 40	Biden +9
<a href="#">Maine: Trump vs. Biden</a>	NY Times/Siena	Biden 55, Trump 38	Biden +17
<a href="#">Maine CD2: Trump vs. Biden</a>	NY Times/Siena	Biden 47, Trump 45	Biden +2
<a href="#">Michigan: Trump vs. Biden</a>	EPIC-MRA	Biden 48, Trump 40	Biden +8

## Thursday, September 17

Race/Topic (Click to Sort)	Poll	Results	Spread
<a href="#">Arizona: Trump vs. Biden</a>	Monmouth*	Biden 48, Trump 46	Biden +2
<a href="#">North Carolina: Trump vs. Biden</a>	USA Today/Suffolk*	Biden 46, Trump 43	Biden +3
<a href="#">Utah: Trump vs. Biden</a>	Deseret News/Hinckley Inst.*	Trump 53, Biden 35	Trump +18
<a href="#">California: Trump vs. Biden</a>	PPIC*	Biden 60, Trump 31	Biden +29

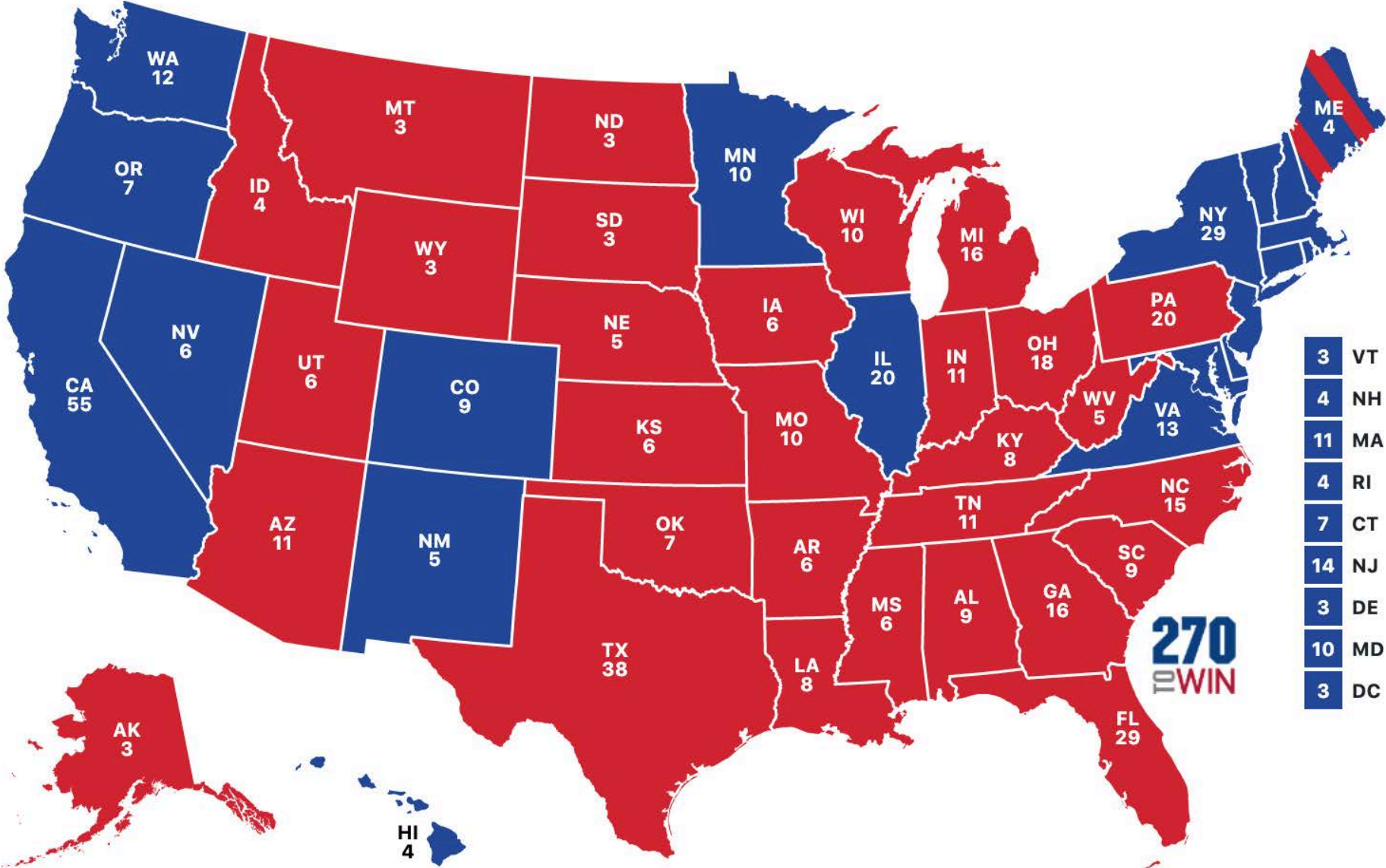
## Wednesday, September 16

Race/Topic (Click to Sort)	Poll	Results	Spread
<a href="#">Wisconsin: Trump vs. Biden</a>	ABC News/Wash Post	Biden 52, Trump 46	Biden +6
<a href="#">Kentucky: Trump vs. Biden</a>	Quinnipiac	Trump 58, Biden 38	Trump +20
<a href="#">Maine: Trump vs. Biden</a>	Quinnipiac	Biden 59, Trump 38	Biden +21
<a href="#">Maine CD2: Trump vs. Biden</a>	Quinnipiac	Biden 53, Trump 44	Biden +9
<a href="#">Maine CD1: Trump vs. Biden</a>	Quinnipiac	Biden 64, Trump 32	Biden +32
<a href="#">South Carolina: Trump vs. Biden</a>	Quinnipiac	Trump 51, Biden 45	Trump +6
<a href="#">Minnesota: Trump vs. Biden</a>	ABC News/Wash Post	Biden 57, Trump 41	Biden +16
<a href="#">General Election: Trump vs. Biden</a>	Rasmussen Reports	Biden 46, Trump 47	Trump +1
<a href="#">General Election: Trump vs. Biden</a>	The Hill/HarrisX	Biden 45, Trump 39	Biden +6



Clinton ▾ 232

306 Trump ▾

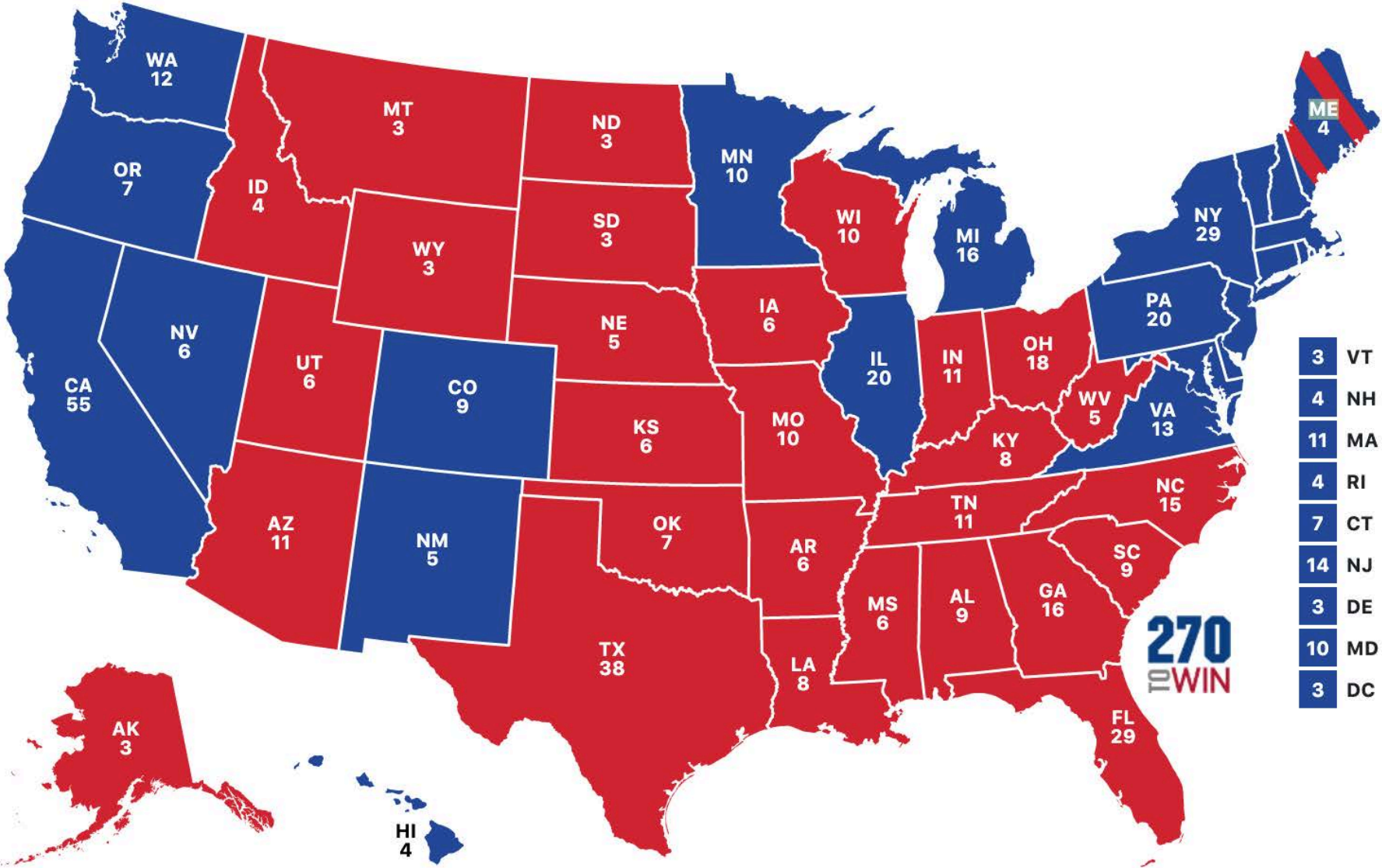


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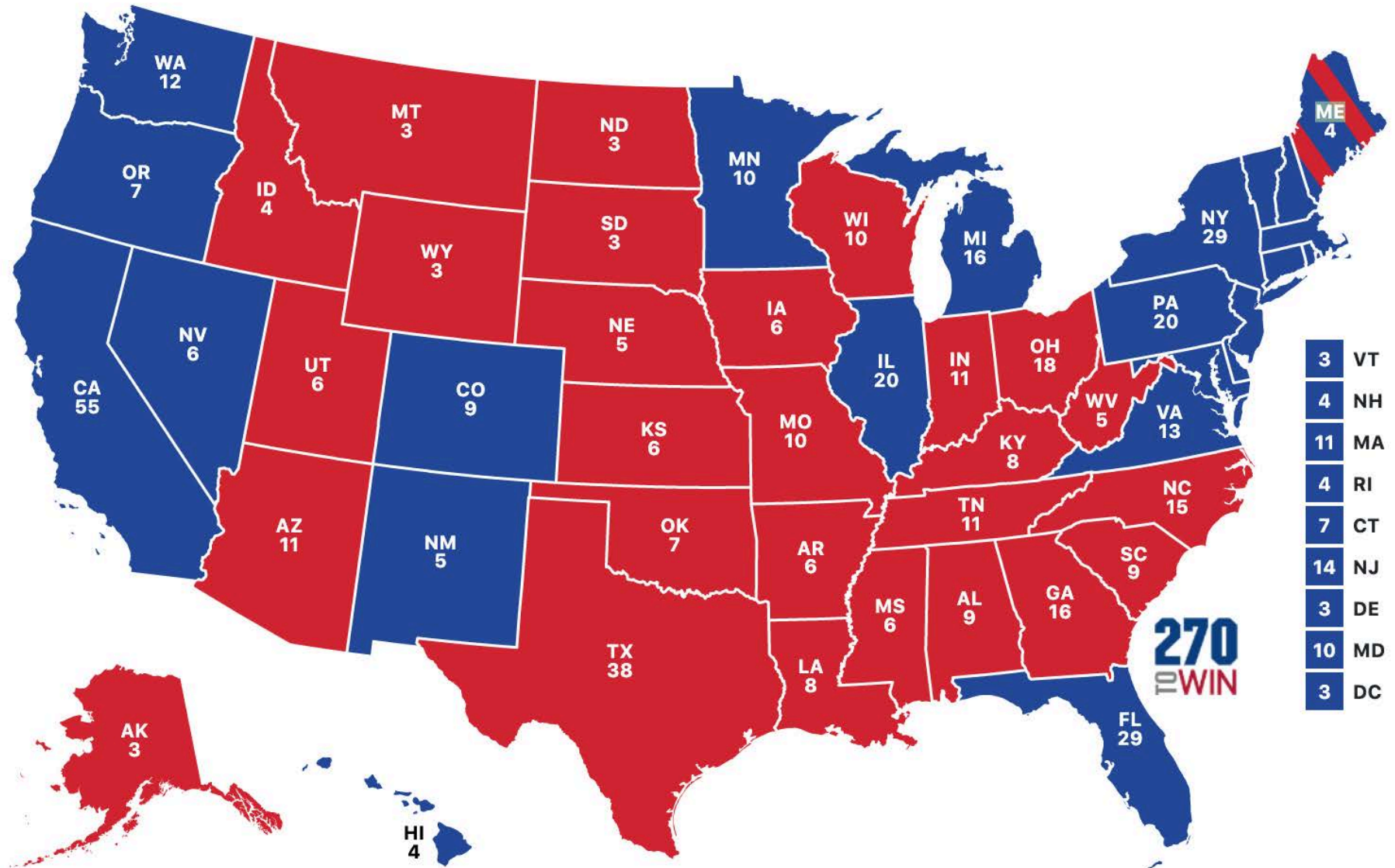
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270 Republican ▾



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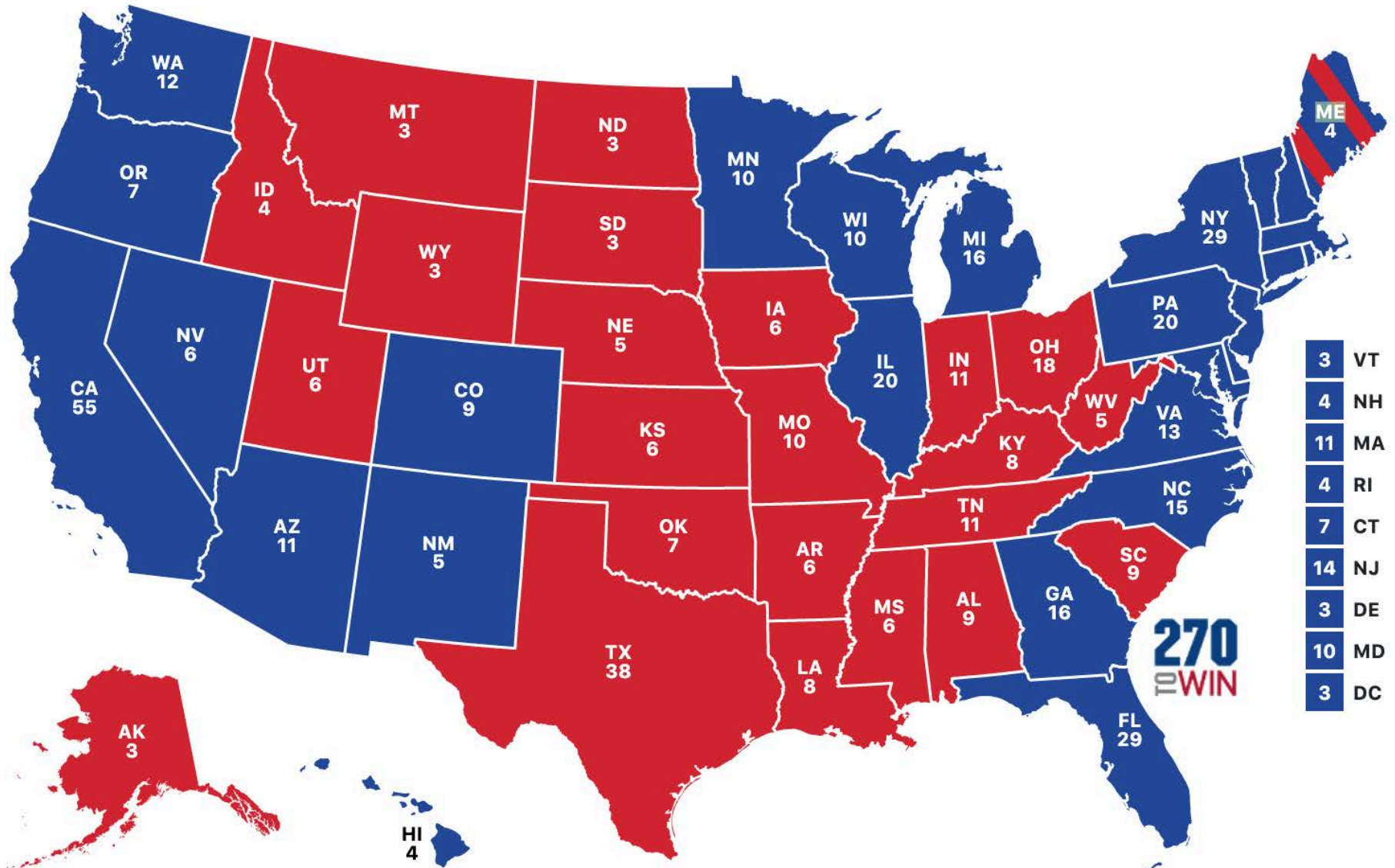
241 Republican ▾





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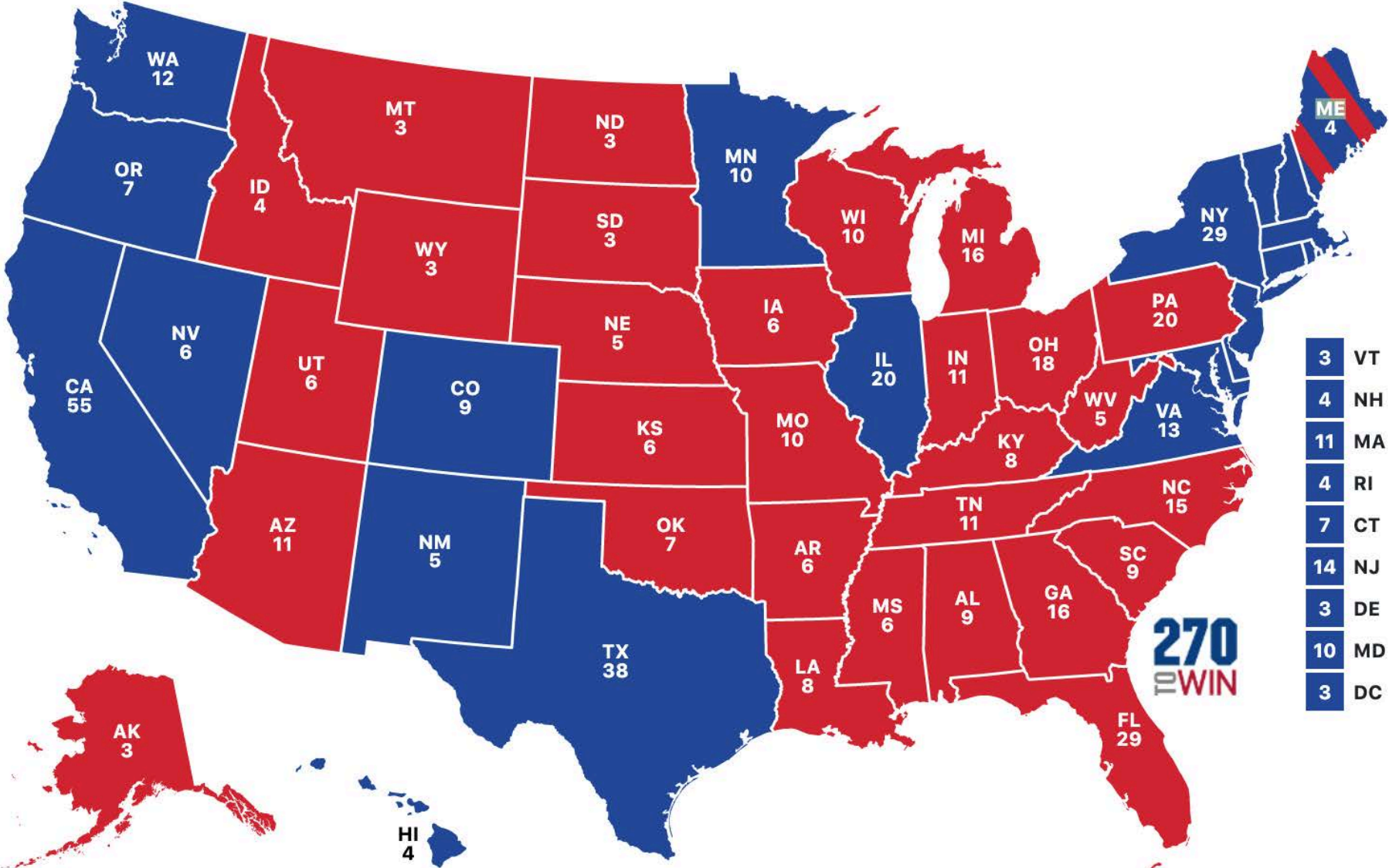
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# Donald Trump wins Texas, leads Hillary Clinton by 9 points

As he went on to win the presidency Tuesday night, Republican Donald Trump beat Democratic rival Hillary Clinton in Texas. Trump was on track to notch the smallest margin of victory for a GOP nominee in the Lone Star State in two decades.

BY **PATRICK SVITEK** NOV. 8, 2016 8 PM






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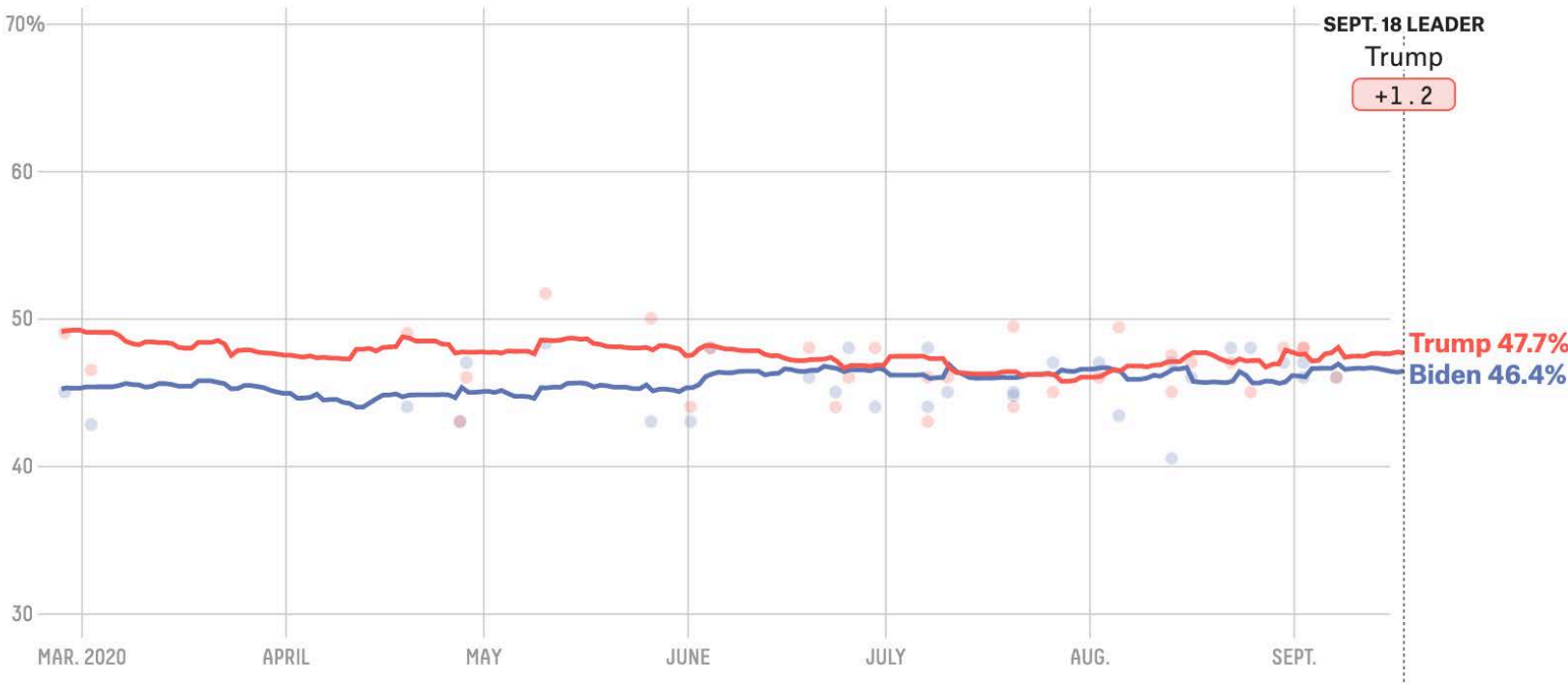
## U.S. Senate - Statewide

CANDIDATE	PARTY	VOTES	PCT.
PROJECTED WINNER			
 ✓ Ted Cruz <b>Incumbent</b>	Republican	4,233,184	50.9%
 Beto O'Rourke	Democrat	4,016,058	48.3
 Neal Dikeman	Libertarian	65,082	0.8

7,887 of 7,939 precincts reporting (99.3%)

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## TEXAS 2020 ELECTIONS

# Texas was always key to Democrats' 2020 congressional ambitions. Less than three months from Election Day, their confidence is growing.

With nine races on the national radar, the congressional battlefield in Texas is expansive.

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# For the first time in years, Texas Democrats running for the U.S. House have more campaign cash than Republicans

Midway through 2016, Texas Republicans had \$20.9 million more for their U.S. House campaigns than Democrats. This year, Democrats have a \$7.5 million advantage.

BY **ABBY LIVINGSTON**, **CARLA ASTUDILLO** AND **VALERIA OLIVARES** JULY 27, 2020 4 AM



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New: [#TX23](#) Dem nominee  
[@GinaOrtizJones](#) raised  
\$810K in Q2, has \$3M cash  
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New: [@wendydavis](#) raised  
over \$1.4M in Q2, per her  
campaign. She has more  
than \$2.8M cash on hand.

This is her best quarter  
after raising \$1.2M in Q1.  
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New: [#TX22](#) Dem nominee  
[@SriPKulkarni](#) raises \$950K  
in Q2

Easily his biggest quarter  
yet, and campaign says it  
beats Tom DeLay's previous  
record in the district  
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# Democrats could gain control of the Texas House for the first time since 2001. Here are the seats in play in 2020.

Republicans and Democrats are ready for the 2020 battle over the Texas House, with roughly 30 of the 150 seats seen as competitive for both parties.

BY **CASSANDRA POLLOCK** AND **PATRICK SVITEK** DEC. 13, 2019 11 AM

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District			U.S. SEN				
			Cruz-R		O'Rourke-D		Margin
District	Primary County	Incumbent	4,259,630	50.90%	4,044,073	48.32%	-2.58%
134	Harris	Davis	35,467	38.95%	54,896	60.29%	21.34%
108	Dallas	Meyer	34,073	42.00%	46,363	57.15%	15.15%
112	Dallas	Button	24,100	44.78%	29,284	54.41%	9.63%
138	Harris	Bohac	22,711	46.42%	25,805	52.75%	6.32%
66	Collin	Shaheen	32,760	46.80%	36,763	52.52%	5.72%
67	Collin	Leach	35,053	46.81%	39,170	52.30%	5.50%
26	Fort Bend	Miller	32,789	48.91%	33,843	50.48%	1.57%
64	Denton	Stucky	34,521	49.32%	34,873	49.82%	0.50%
121	Bexar	Allison	36,520	49.36%	36,782	49.72%	0.35%
96	Tarrant	Zedler	32,356	49.68%	32,265	49.54%	-0.14%
54	Bell	Buckley	24,425	50.13%	23,860	48.97%	-1.16%
97	Tarrant	Goldman	34,095	50.61%	32,714	48.56%	-2.05%
14	Brazos	Raney	25,074	50.62%	23,957	48.37%	-2.26%
92	Tarrant	Stickland	30,738	50.80%	29,211	48.28%	-2.52%
93	Tarrant	Krause	29,731	50.94%	28,148	48.22%	-2.71%
28	Fort Bend	Zerwas	42,636	51.23%	40,019	48.08%	-3.14%
94	Tarrant	Tinderholt	32,200	51.15%	30,156	47.90%	-3.25%
126	Harris	Harless	28,729	51.47%	26,697	47.83%	-3.64%
32	Nueces	Hunter	27,374	52.14%	24,691	47.03%	-5.11%
29	Brazoria	Thompson	36,787	52.32%	33,018	46.96%	-5.36%
129	Harris	Paul	35,284	53.97%	29,543	45.19%	-8.78%
133	Harris	Murphy	39,277	54.25%	32,546	44.95%	-9.30%





Added Sept. 8, 2020

		DATES	POLLSTER	SAMPLE	RESULT			NET RESULT	
U.S. Senate	Texas	SEP 1-2, 2020	<div>B</div> Public Policy Polling*	743 V	Hegar	40%	44%	Cornyn	Cornyn +4

KEY A = ADULTS RV = REGISTERED VOTERS V = VOTERS LV = LIKELY VOTERS

Sept. 6, 2020

U.S. Senate	Texas	AUG 28-SEP 2, 2020	<b>B/C</b> University of Texas at Tyler	901 LV	Hegar	28%	More ⊕	Cornyn	+11
	Texas	AUG 28-SEP 2, 2020	<b>B/C</b> University of Texas at Tyler	1,176 RV	Hegar	24%	More ⊕	Cornyn	+10

Sept. 4, 2020

U.S. Senate	Texas	AUG 20-25, 2020	<b>B-</b> Data for Progress	2,295 LV	Hegar	40%	46%	Cornyn	+6
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Aug. 17, 2020

U.S. Senate	Texas	AUG 4-13, 2020	<b>B</b> YouGov	846 RV	Hegar	37%	More ⊕	Cornyn	+7
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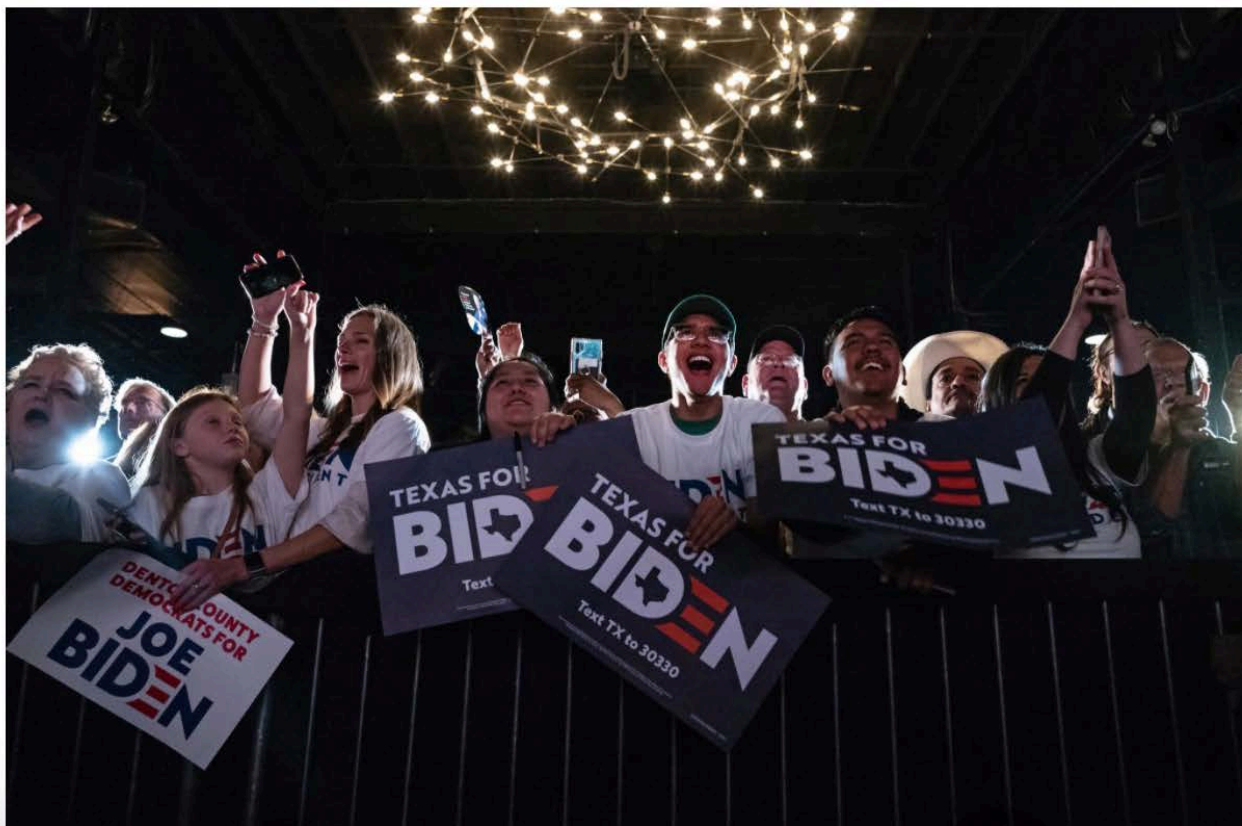
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U.S. Senate	Texas	JUL 24-AUG 2, 2020	<b>B/C</b> Morning Consult	2,576 LV	Hegar	38%	44%	Cornyn	+6
	Texas	JUL 25-29, 2020	Global Strategy Group/Latino Decisions*	700 LV	Hegar	42%	43%	Cornyn	+1



# *Georgia. Ohio. Texas. Democrats Tell Biden to Go Big (He's Being Cautious).*

This election, some Democrats argue, offers the party the provocative possibility of a new path to the presidency, even as others warn against overconfidence.



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## Biden campaign adds more staff in Texas

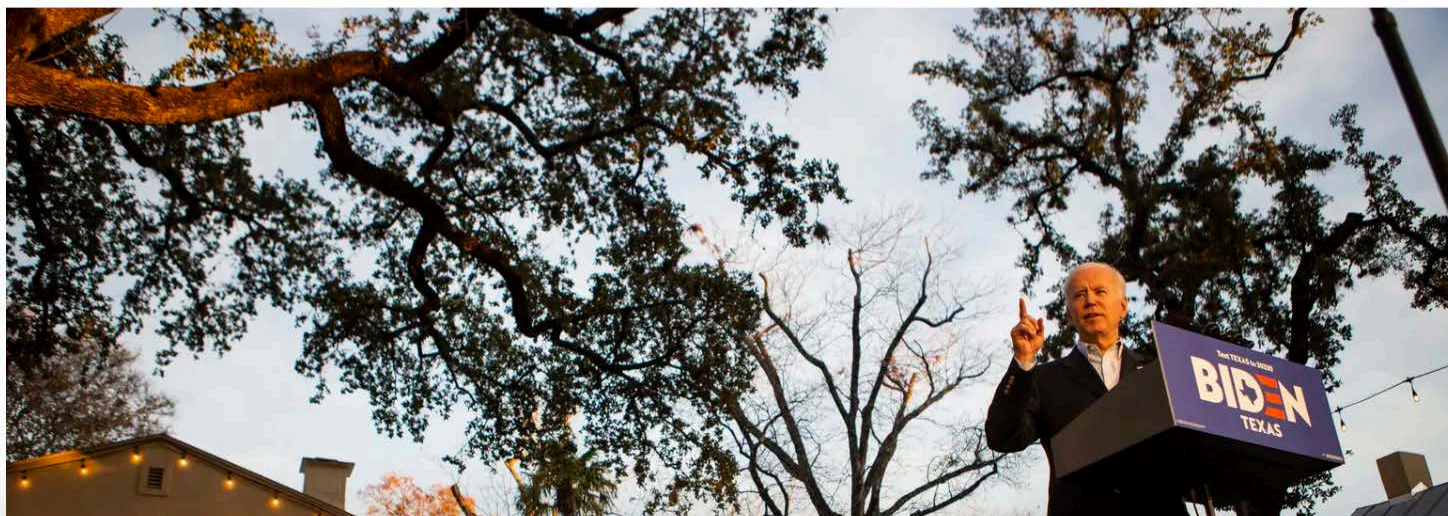
The campaign has added 13 more members to its team in Texas, where polls continue to point to a close race against President Donald Trump.

BY **PATRICK SVITEK** SEPT. 14, 2020 UPDATED: 10 HOURS AGO



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# Texas voter registration surges to 16.4 million, despite the pandemic



**Jeremy Wallace**

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# Texas' Hispanic population grew by 2 million in the past decade, on pace to be largest share of state by 2021

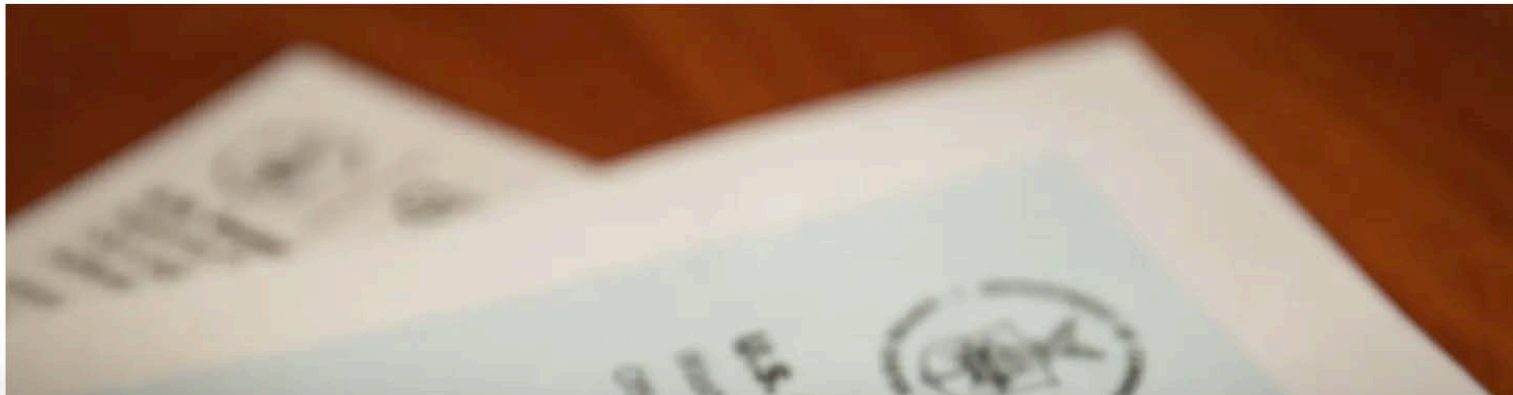
New U.S. census estimates show the gap between Hispanic and white populations in the state continues to narrow, and Hispanics are projected to become the largest population group a year earlier than previously expected.

BY [ALEXA URA](#) AND [ANNA NOVAK](#) JUNE 25, 2020 12 AM



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# Analysis: The Texas Legislature can meet for up to 140 days. The pandemic raises a question: Should it?

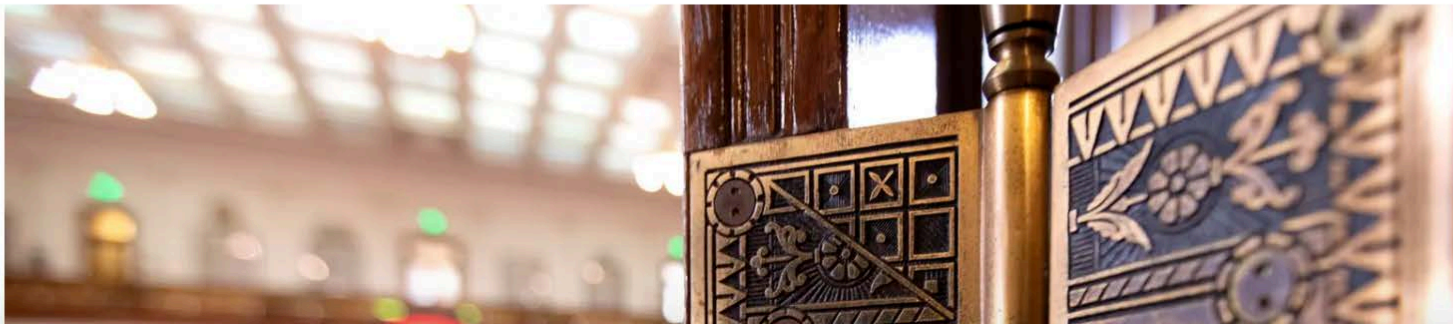
The Legislature starts its next regular session in January and can meet for up to 140 days. That gives lawmakers time to consider more than 6,000 bills. During a pandemic, they might want to do a lot less.

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# Texas faces a looming \$4.6 billion deficit, comptroller projects

The coronavirus pandemic and low oil prices are driving down projected general revenue in the state's current budget by more than \$11 billion.

BY **CASSANDRA POLLOCK** JULY 20, 2020 UPDATED: 4 PM



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