

US Elections 2020 - Trump Vs Biden

Current Election Scenario

- Voters in America will decide on 3rd November whether Donald Trump remains in the White House for another four years.
- The **Republican President** is being challenged by **Democratic Party** nominee Joe Biden, who is best known as Barack Obama's vice-president but has been in US politics since the 1970s.
- This is the first presidential election in which both major candidates are over 70.
- If elected, Biden would become the oldest person to serve as president at 78 years old, and 82 years old if he serves a full first term, and the first candidate to defeat an incumbent president in 28 years since Republican George H. W. Bush's defeat by Democrat Bill Clinton in 1992.
- If re-elected, Trump would become the oldest president ever, 78 if he serves a full second term.

Voting Process

In 2016, for example, **Hillary Clinton** led in the polls and won nearly three million **more** votes than Donald Trump, but she still lost - that's because the US uses **an electoral college system**, so winning the most votes doesn't always win you the election.

The number of electors from each state is roughly in line with the size of its population. Each state gets as many electors as it has lawmakers in the US Congress (representatives in the House and **senators**). **There are 538 electors** in total. Each elector represents one electoral vote, and a candidate needs to gain a majority of the votes - **270 or more - to win the presidency**. If the candidates fail to get a majority through electoral college then the House of Representatives elects the president of the country among top three candidates who get most votes.

People in every state vote for one President and Vice President. **When people cast their vote, they are actually voting for an elector.**

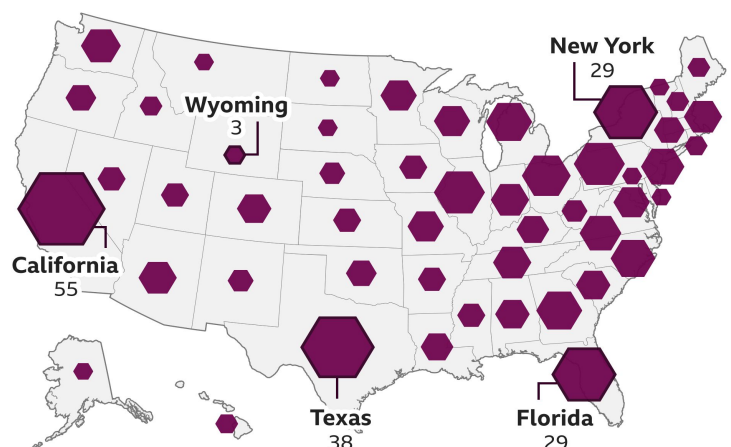
Possible outcome from US Elections

- Early voting hits 50% of total U.S. ballots cast in 2016. More than 69 million Americans have voted in the 2020 presidential election.
- Key states Texas and Florida have seen record high voter turnout so far.
- At the moment, polls in the battleground states look good for **Joe Biden** but things can change very quickly, especially when **Donald Trump's** involved.
- The polls suggest Mr Biden has big leads in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin - three industrial states his Republican rival won by margins of less than 1% to clinch victory in 2016.
- We certainly have an exciting week coming up with many Indians burning the midnight oil on Tuesday and Wednesday to watch the elections of the world's oldest democracy.

US 2020 election: The electoral votes allocated to each state

270 out of 538 are needed to win the presidency

● Size shows electoral votes per state



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