

2022 Midterm Elections

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2022 Midterm Summary (so far)

- Democrats retain majority party control of Senate, Republicans likely to have narrow majority in House
 - Georgia runoff on December 6
- Polarization remains high, partisans voted for their party's candidate
- Polling was a better predictor than fundamentals
 - 2022 was not a referendum on President Biden
- Democrats out-performed polls a bit
- High turnout (but not as high as 2018)
- Norms of concession observed



Democrats Retain Power in Senate

Senate >

50
Dem.

49
Rep.

Flipped 1 seat 50

House >

203
Dem.

211
Rep.

218



Dem. Win Flip Rep. Win Flip Advanced No election

The “Swing” from 2020

(Based on Senate
races)

No uniformity in
partisan trends
which suggests the
importance of local
contexts.

U.S. Senate Election Results

Republicans need to flip only one seat to gain control of the Senate, while Democrats need to keep 50 seats to maintain control.

48

Democrats

26 seats not up for election
Flipped 1 seat

48

Republicans

29 seats not up for election



Senate Midterm Elections

- Over the past century, the out party has gained Senate seats in 18 out of 26 midterms
- In 2022, each party defended five competitive seats
 - Democrats: Kelly (AZ), Bennet (CO), Hassan (NH), Warnock (GA), Cortez Masto (NV)
 - Republicans: Open (PA), Johnson (WI), Rubio (FL), Open (NC), Open (OH)
- Republicans endorsed by Trump in swing states
 - Vance in Ohio, Oz in Pennsylvania, Masters in Arizona, Walker in Georgia
- Democrats won Pennsylvania, runoff in Georgia on Dec. 6

MIDTERM ELECTIONS >

GOP hopes stymied by infighting, Trump, flawed candidates

Balance of power in limbo with key Senate races in Ariz. and Nev. still too close to call



From the outside, this year's elections looked like a virtual Republican lock. But behind the scenes, nothing came easy to Republicans this cycle.

By Michael Scherer, Josh Dawsey, Hannah Knowles, Isaac Amadorf and Tyler Pager

LIVE

• 10:28 a.m.

After battles with Hogan, Baltimore welcomes fresh start with Moore

• 10:10 a.m.

Biden claims progress on inflation, an issue Republicans tried to

House Midterm Elections

- Over the past century, the out party has gained seats in almost every midterm election
 - Referendum on the President
 - Presidential approval and the economy matter
- In 2022, Republicans need only 5 seats to take the majority
 - Democrats defended 59 competitive seats
 - Republicans defended 26 competitive seats
- Fewer swing districts
 - In 2020, only 16 congressional districts split their votes
- Redistricting effects gave an edge to GOP (but not as large as in 2012)

204
Democrats

212
Republicans

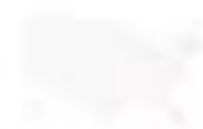
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Proportional map



District map



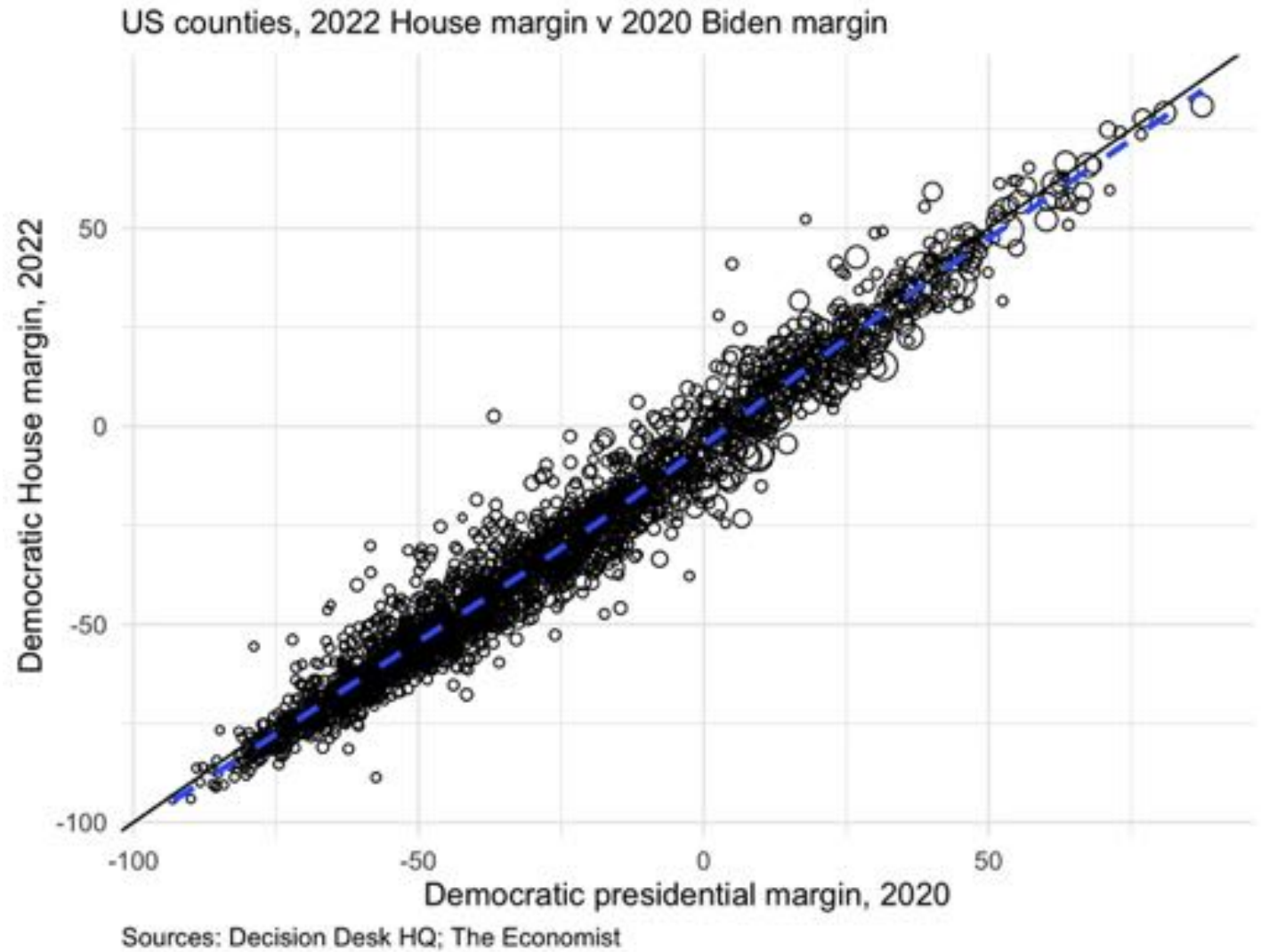
2003 comparison



Not Reporting



Nationalized
election?



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MN House MN Judicial Local

U.S. Representative District 2



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DFL Rep. Angie Craig won a third term in a rematch with Republican Tyler Kistner [for the swing-district seat](#), considered Minnesota's most competitive congressional race. Also on the ballot was Paula Overby from the Legal Marijuana Now party, who died in October after ballots were prepared.

CANDIDATE	VOTES	PCT.
✓ Angie Craig (i) DFL	165,581	51.0%
Tyler Kistner R	148,578	45.7%
Paula M. Overby LMN	10,730	3.3%

100% of precincts reporting

From The Associated Press

Districts Front-runners

Vote %

Colorado · District 3

98% reporting ^



Adam Frisch
Democratic Party

50%
155,579 votes

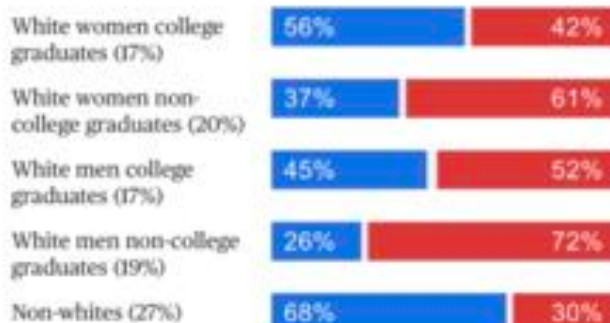


Lauren Boebert
Republican Party

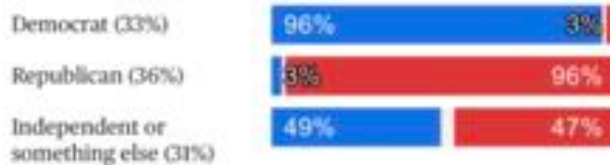
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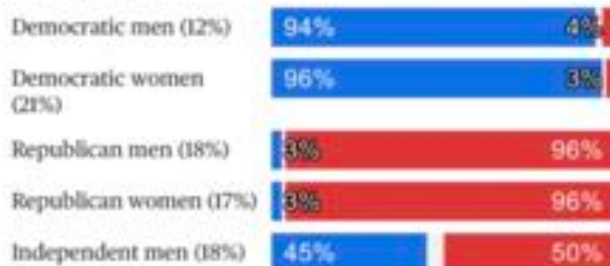
Education by gender among white voters



No matter how you voted today, do you usually think of yourself as a:



Party by gender



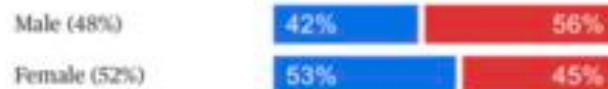
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Exit Polls 2022

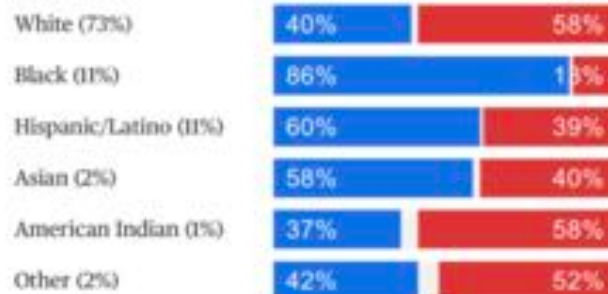
Exit polls are surveys of voters taken as they exit their polling place. The exit poll also includes interviews with early in-person voters and a telephone poll is conducted for absentee voters. The results are used to explain how people voted and why.

Dem Rep

Gender



Are you:

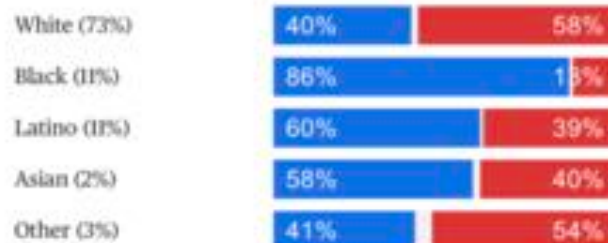


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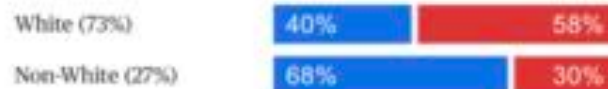




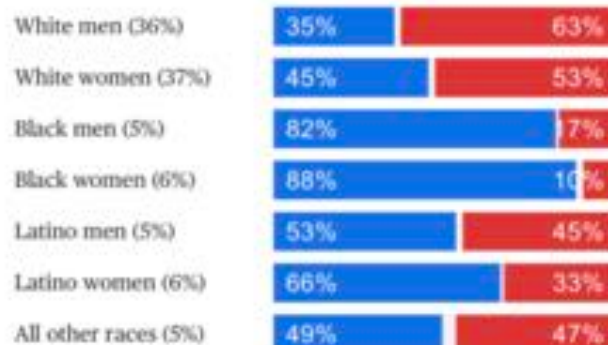
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Sex by race



Age

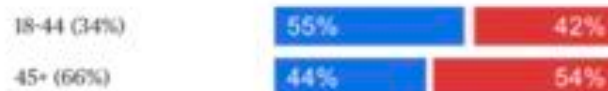




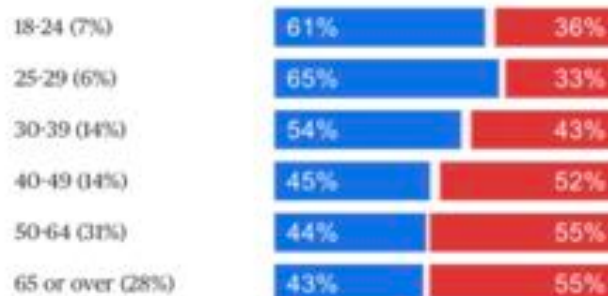
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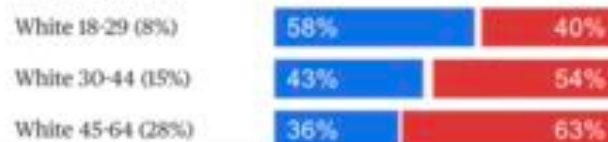
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Age



Age by race





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Early thoughts re Roevemeber. Kansas is replicated. Support for abortion rights outperforms Democratic candidates. My take is that given strong mass partisanship, even some pro-choice voters still cast R ballots, while supporting abortion rights elsewhere on the ballot.

2022 Midterms				
	pro-choice	Democrat statewide	office	abortion out-performs Dems
CA	65.1	59.1	Senate	6
KY	51.4	38.7	Senate	12.7
MI	55.9	53.6	governor	2.3
MT	52.4		<i>none</i>	
VT	76	68.6	Senate	7.4
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StarTribune

DFL wins full control STATE CAPITOL MAJOR PRIZE IN ELECTION SWEEP

Congress is going down to the wire

By KYLE SCHWETZ and CHRIS LINDSEY
Washington Post

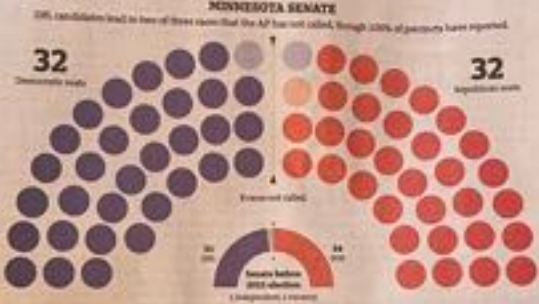
Democrats celebrated unexpected victories, searching several more weeks to competitive House races as Wednesday as control of the House and Senate remained uncertain. It could take weeks to find out which party ends up with more seats in the Senate.

The critical Senate race in Arizona and Nevada remained too early to call Wednesday, and a third in Georgia scheduled for a Dec. 4 runoff after neither Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock nor Republican Herschel Walker won more than 50% of the vote. To take control of the Senate, Republicans need to flip two of those three seats now held by Democrats.

Republicans are likely to take control of the House, as many suggest, but by a much smaller margin than they expected, falling short of the red seats they envisioned. Of the 11 seats considered most competitive, Democrats have won more than 20 of them, but Republicans only need to win five seats to win the majority House leadership. Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-CA, has already started to make calls asking for support to his caucus on the new speaker.

But Democrats outperformed expectations in races across the country, edged by anger over the Supreme Court decision on abortion.

See [CONGRESS](#) on A2



Roe ruling, remapping turned tide

By JESSICA HENNINGSEN and JACOB DELOACH
Forbes

Leading introduction night, Minnesota Democrats braced for a predicted "red wave" that would give Republicans control of the Legislature and perhaps even Gov. Tim Walz a second term.

That wave never materialized.

Instead, Democrats are now redefining maps, strategy over the future of America and votes lined up over the U.S. Supreme Court's overturning of Roe. While helped the party defy expectations and take complete control of state government for the first time since 2014. Though some chairmans had yet to be officially called, Republicans in the House and Senate on Wednesday controlled both chambers in Democrats.

"If you show up, you can flip a Senate in a midterm election. You know what you can do," said Senate Minority Leader Melissa Lippert Brownell, calling the DFL one-term victory in the chamber the "Minnesota Senate miracle."

Democrats, who regained control of the House and governor's office, are headed to the Capitol in January with substantial losses and a multi-billion-dollar budget surplus on the books that to help them meet priorities most thought weren't possible.

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Democrats flip script in abortion rights debate

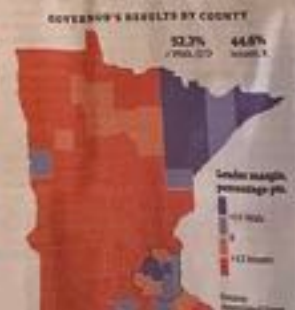
By GINA LIKIER and TIM BILLYWAG • New York Times

For months, the midwest elections appeared to be a clash over rising prices, public safety worries and fears of a looming recession.

But another defining issue proved almost as powerful for voters: abortion rights.

In the first major election since the Supreme Court overruled the case that ensured a federal right to an abortion, highly contested Michigan — decided to protect abortion rights in their state constitution. In a Iowa, Kentucky, and a conservative abortion and a conservative abortion, the Republican leader in the Senate, voters rejected an amendment giving their constitution more right to an abortion.

For decades, abortion judges worked a certain way, ruling the Republican side and



By 20,000 votes, Ellison wins second term as AG

By SCOTT VICK BEHREZ • [minnesota.bizjournals.com](#)

The Minnesota Attorney General's Office will remain in Democratic control, as it has for decades, with Keith Ellison headed into a second term owing to a narrow victory in the election to protect people's pocketbooks, help keep them safe and maintain abortion access.

The DFL, however, also lost a victory over GOP political newcomer Tim Schultz, who had the backing of police and spent months educating public safety concerns.

Ellison, who has a margin of over 20,000 votes, but larger than the threshold for a publicly funded recount.

"We've been through some tough times. But when the laws get hard, the tough get strong," Ellison told supporters in the early hours Wednesday, pointing to COVID-19, the overturning of Roe v. Wade and the death of George Floyd during his first term. Ellison oversees the prosecution of former Minneapolis police officers Derek



ELECTION '22

SEE FULL RESULTS

Governor

✓ Waltz D 52%

Jensen R 45%

100% REPORTING

Attorney general

✓ Ellison D 50.4%

Schultz R 49.6%

100% REPORTING

U.S. House MN-2

✓ Craig D 51%

Kistner R 46%

100% REPORTING

U.S. Senate

48

48

D

51 TO CONTROL

R

U.S. House

185

208

D

218 TO CONTROL

R

Minnesota DFLers credit Roe, anxiety over democracy for control



DFLers are heading to the Capitol in January with newfound power and a multibillion-dollar budget surplus.



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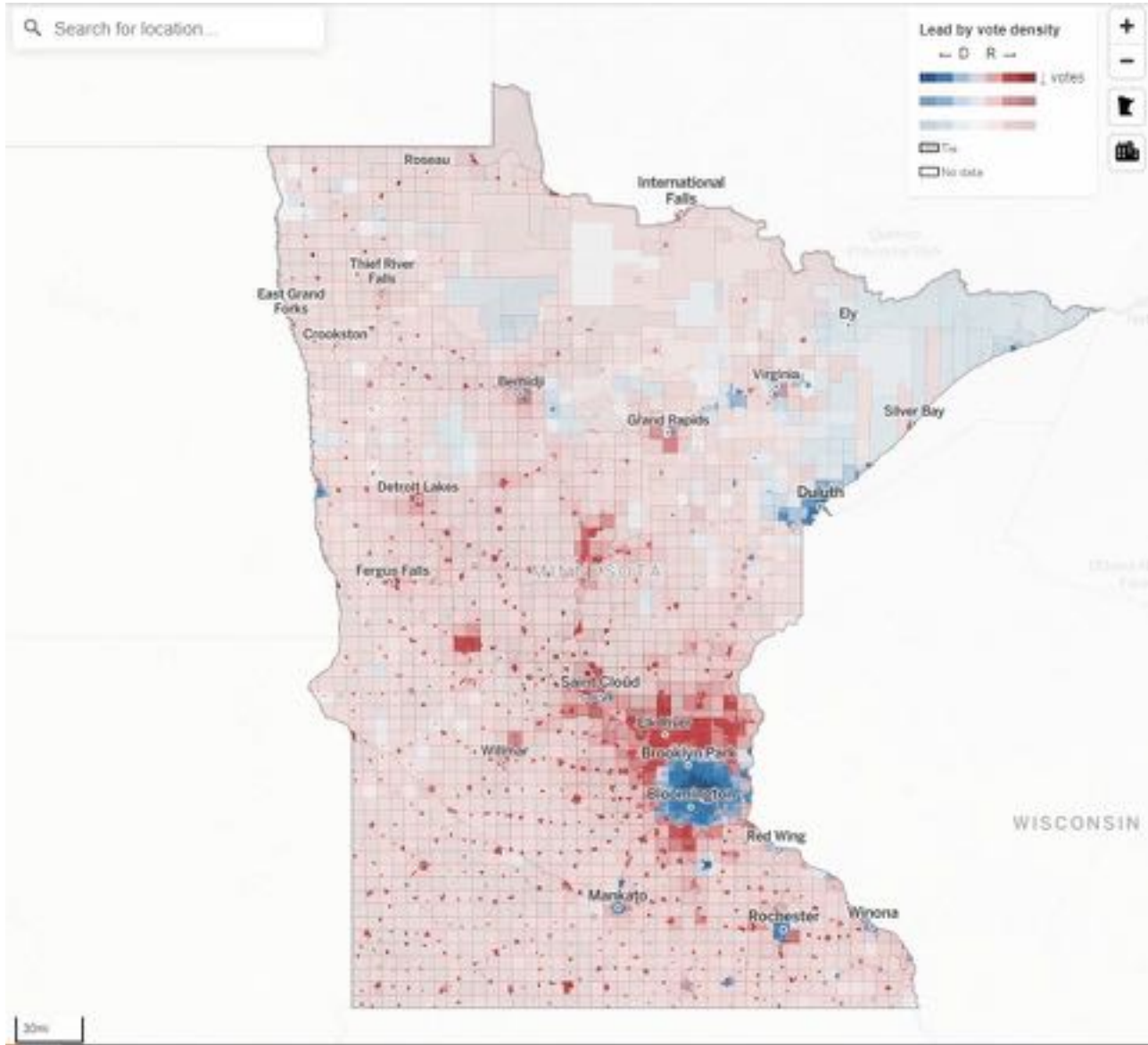
Governor and Lt. Governor

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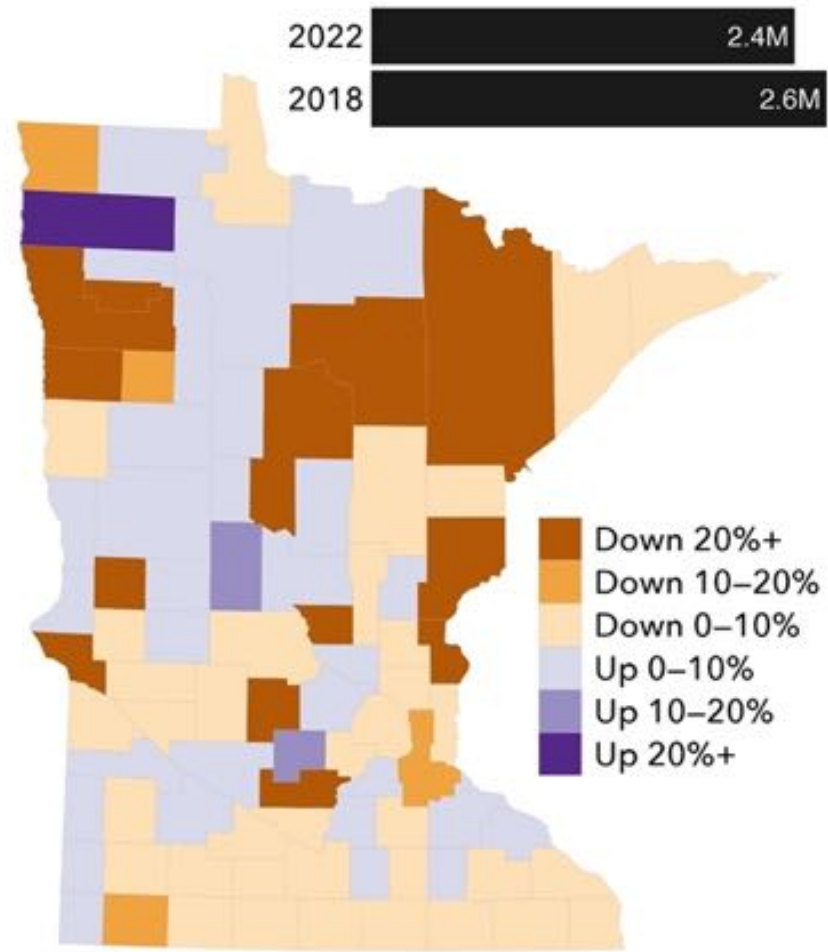
DFL Gov. [Tim Walz](#) won a second term in office over GOP challenger [Scott Jensen](#). Two pro-marijuana legalization party candidates — Legal Marijuana Now's James McCaskel and Steve Patterson of Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis — each got about 1% of the votes.

CANDIDATE	VOTES	PCT.
✓ Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan (I) DFL	1,312,303	52.3%
Scott Jensen and Matt Birk R	1,119,926	44.6%
James McCaskel and David Sandbeck LMN	29,436	1.2%
Steve Patterson and Matt Huff GLC	22,605	0.9%
Hugh McTavish and Mike Winter INA	18,160	0.7%
Gabrielle M. Prosser and Kevin A. Dwire SWP	7,240	0.3%

100% of precincts reporting



Turnout difference, 2018 vs. 2022

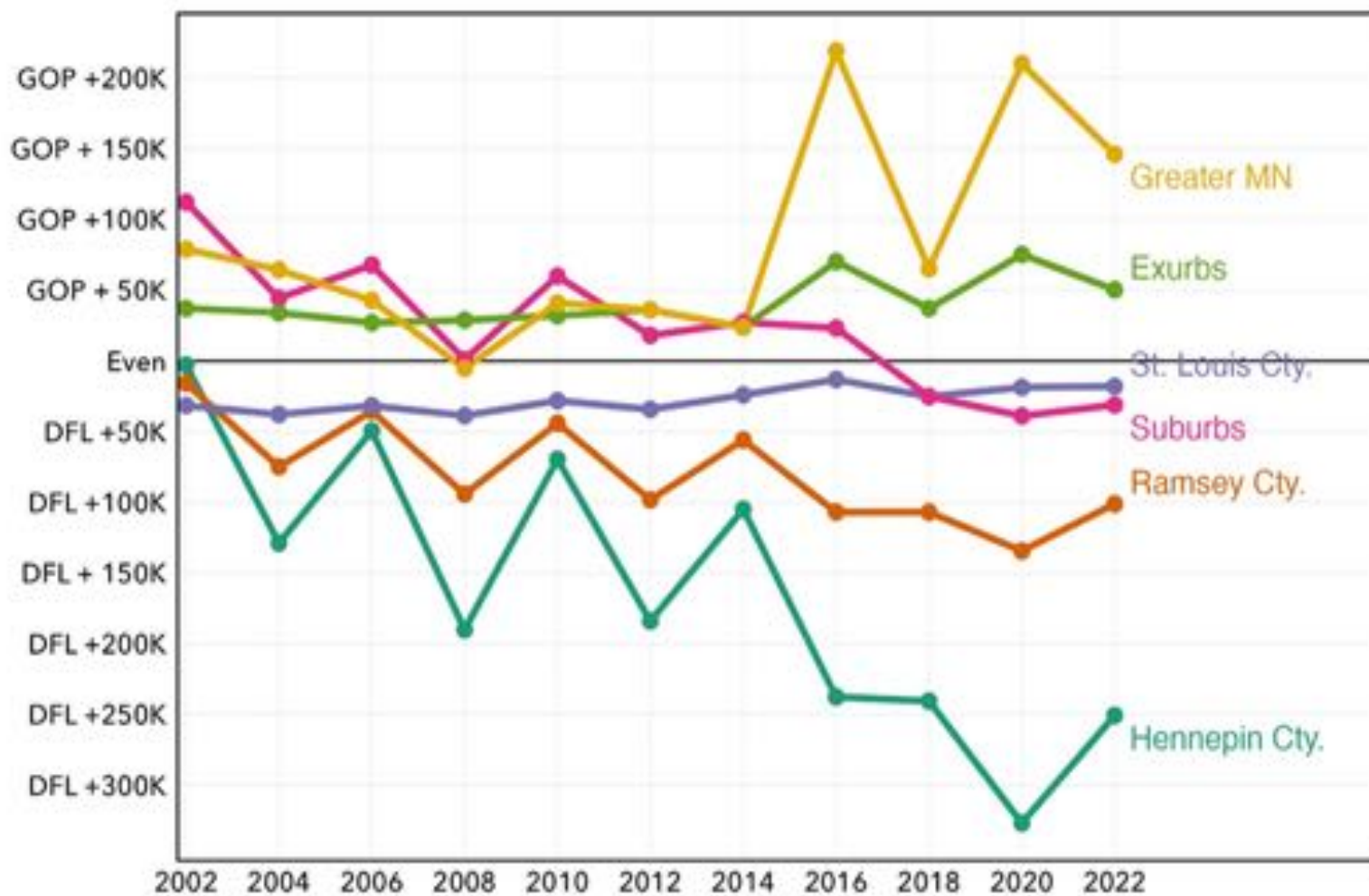


Source: Minnesota Secretary of State
Morning Take graphic by David H. Montgomery

 morning take

Electoral margins, 2002-2018

In presidential or gubernatorial race each year



Suburban counties are Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Scott and Washington. Exurban counties are Chisago, Isanti, Le Sueur, Mille Lacs, Sibley, Sherburne and Wright.

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100% of precincts reporting

Secretary of State

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DFL Secretary of State [Steve Simon](#), a former state legislator, won a third term to manage Minnesota's elections administration. His Republican challenger, [Kim Crockett](#), called for tightening the state's voting laws.

CANDIDATE	VOTES	PCT.
✓ Steve Simon (i) DFL	1,345,684	54.6%
Kim Crockett R	1,119,960	45.4%

100% of precincts reporting

State Auditor



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Local

Attorney General

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DFL Attorney General [Keith Ellison](#), a former congressman and state legislator, is seeking a second term to run the state's top legal office, challenged by Republican [Jim Schultz](#), a corporate attorney and political newcomer hoping to become Minnesota's first Republican attorney general in decades.

CANDIDATE	VOTES	PCT.
✓ Keith Ellison (i) DFL	1,254,372	50.4%
Jim Schultz R	1,233,573	49.6%

100% of precincts reporting



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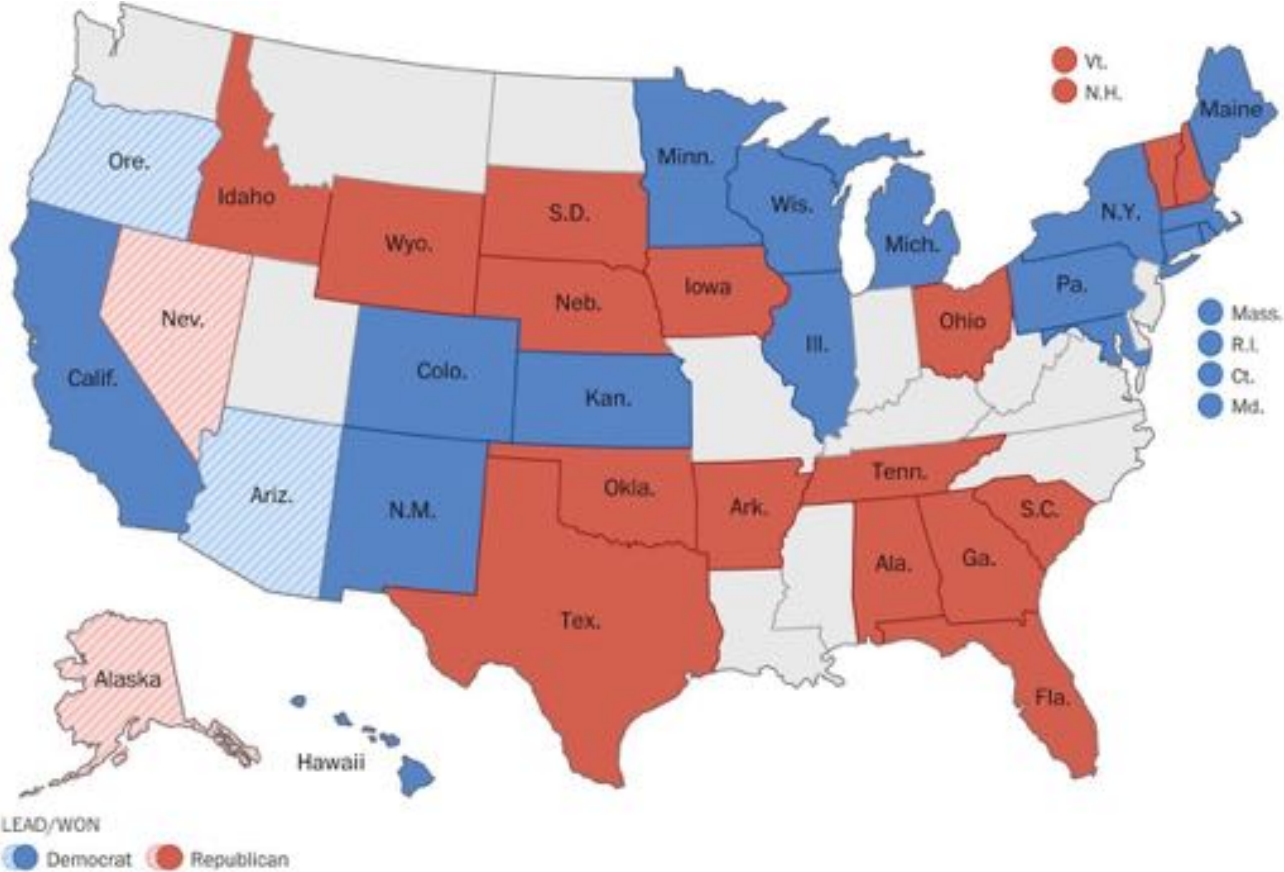
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DFL State Auditor Julie Blaha is seeking a second term for [the office that audits local governments](#). Also running are Republican Ryan Wilson, Tim Davis of the Legal Marijuana Now party and Will Finn of Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis.

CANDIDATE	VOTES	PCT
Julie Blaha (i) DFL	1,168,177	47.5%
Ryan Wilson R	1,159,742	47.2%
Tim Davis LMN	87,388	3.6%
Will Finn GLC	44,270	1.8%

100% of precincts reporting. One winner is too close to call.

Governors



Turnout

- 2022 turnout was higher than 2018 in many places.
- Youth turnout (18-29) second highest in history, but still only 27%.

2022 votes cast as a share of the voting eligible population



Exceeds 2018 turnout

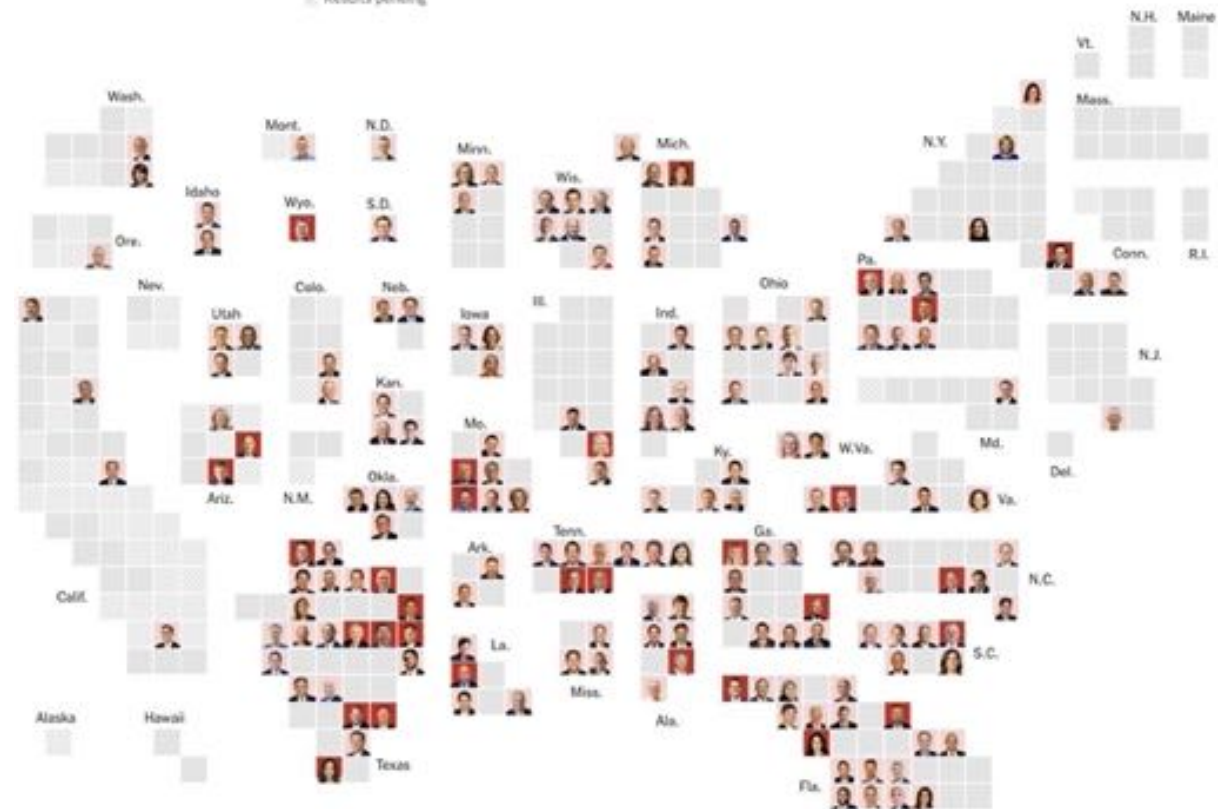
Note: Expected vote totals are used where fewer than 97 percent of votes have been counted.

Election deniers - House

More Than 180 Skeptics Elected in House

With results still pending, more than a third of the newly elected House has questioned or denied the 2020 election. More than two dozen explicitly said the last election was stolen or rigged (about half of the candidates The Times originally categorized as the most extreme election deniers), but most sowed doubt in other ways.

- House Republican winner had said the 2020 election was stolen
- House Republican winner had questioned the 2020 election in other ways
- Winner is a Democrat, or a Republican for which The Times found no evidence
- Results pending



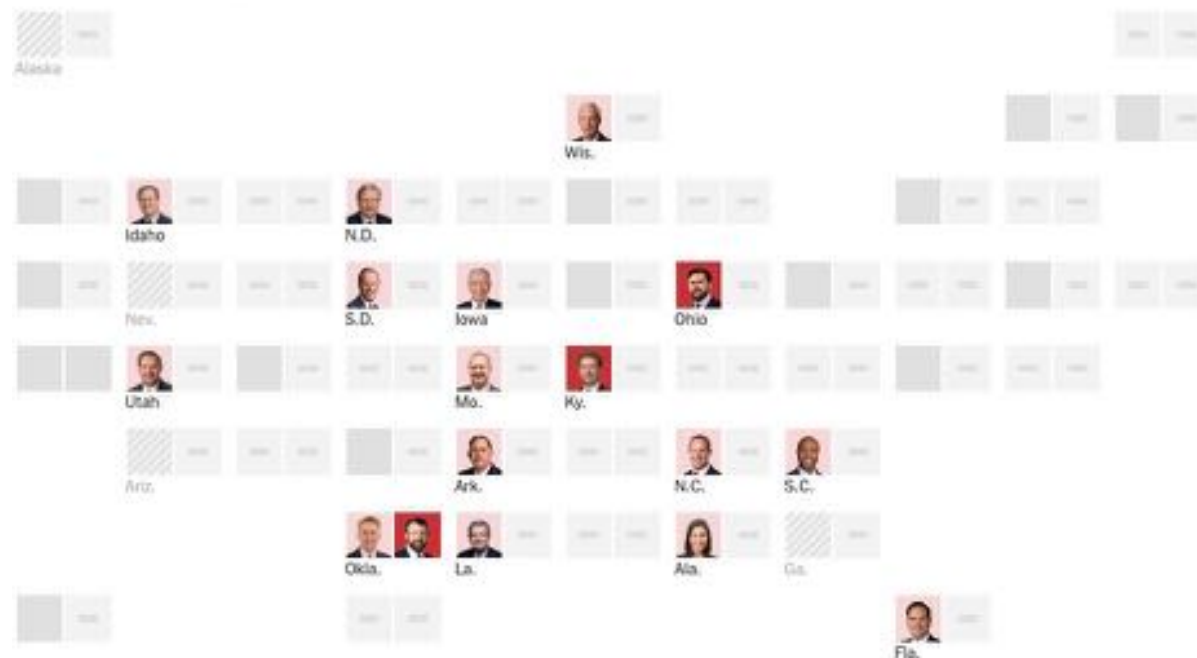
Election deniers - Senate

More Than a Dozen Skeptics Elected in the Senate

The 17 Republican skeptics elected to the U.S. Senate so far include several who have outright denied the 2020 election, including J.D. Vance, who will replace retiring Senator Rob Portman of Ohio.

"I think the election was stolen from Trump," Mr. Vance said during a Republican primary debate in March.

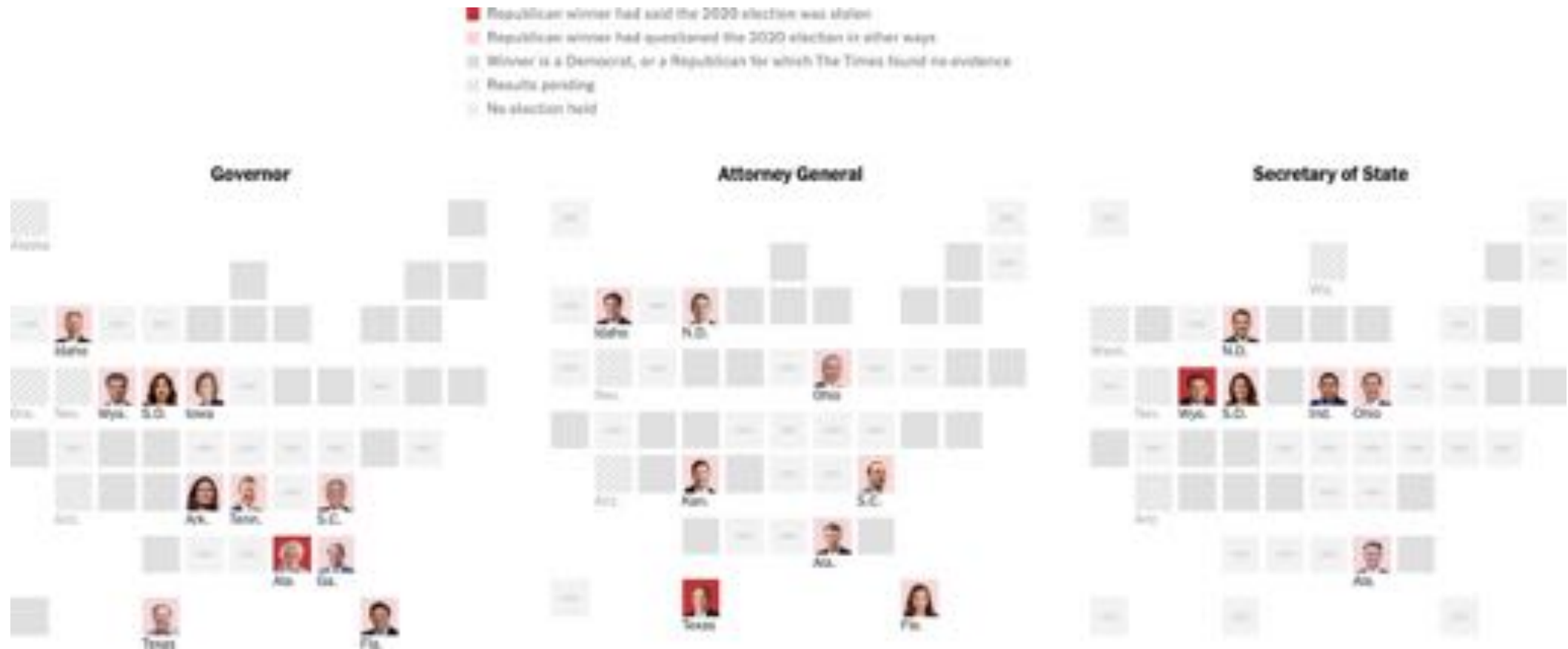
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Election deniers

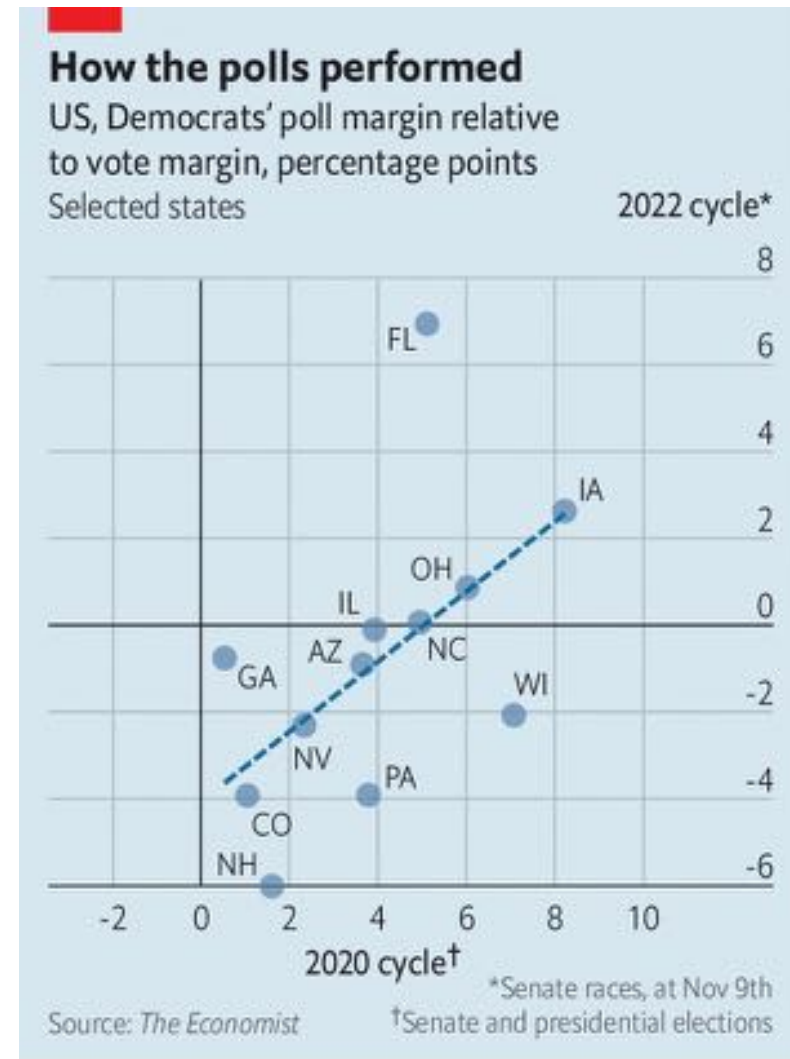
- Other

- Election deniers who were running for office in swing states and who will have control over the next election cycle mostly lost.



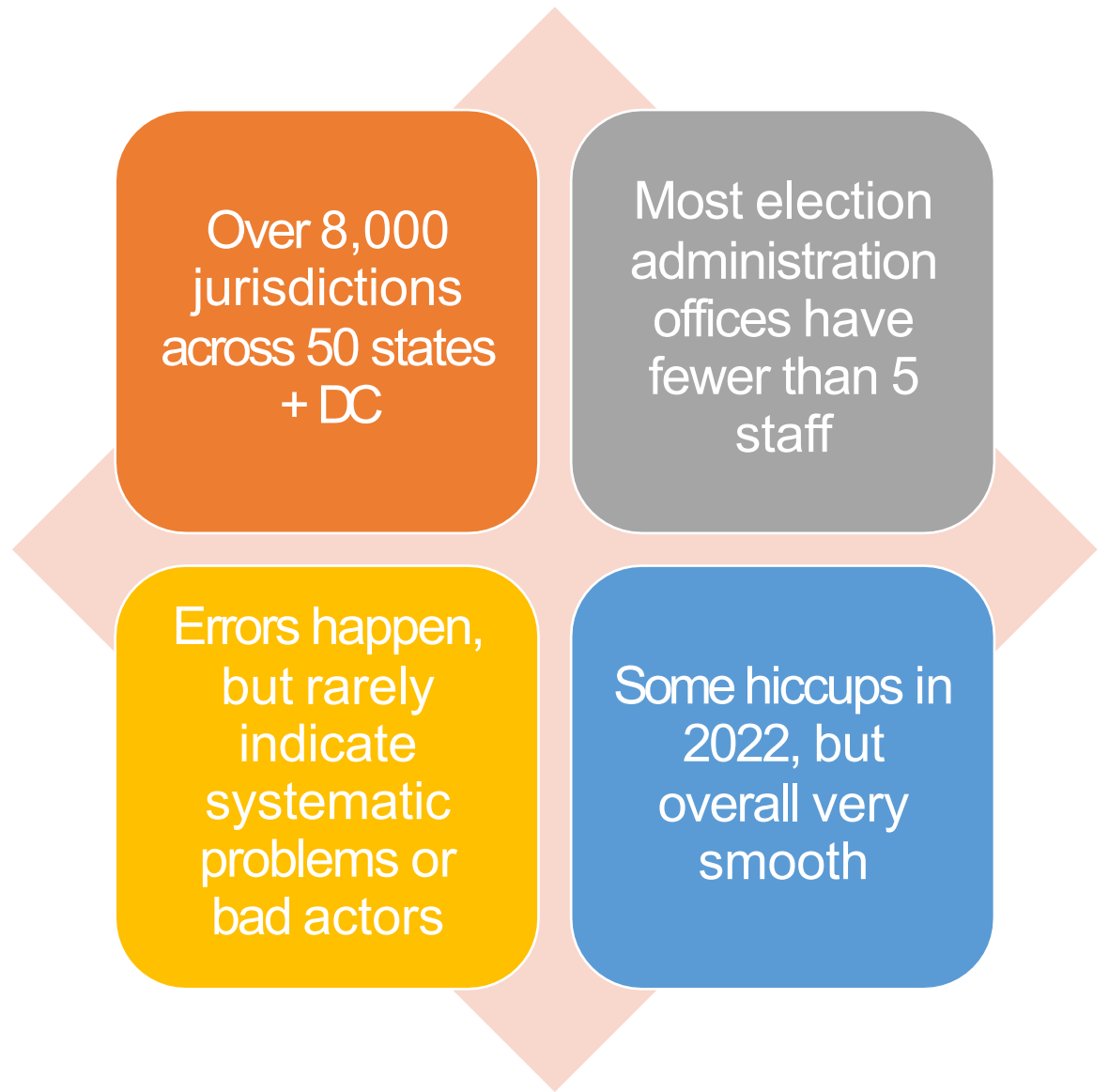
How did the polls do?

- Positive numbers indicate a Democratic polling bias (most present in 2020)
- Negative numbers indicate a Republican polling bias (most present in 2022)
- 2020 mean: 4.2
- 2022 mean: -0.9
- Polls did very well this year.



The Economist

Election Administration — decentralized



Credit: Charles Stewart and Paul Gronke

Hiccup #1

- Printing problem led to ballot scanning issues in Maricopa County, AZ
- Quickly and competently addressed by administrators

AZMIRROR

ELECTION 2022 LAW & GOVERNMENT IMMIGRATION REDISTRICTING BENSON'S CORNER

ELECTION 2022 ELECTIONS

Maricopa County found a solution to the ballot-tabulating problem. Unscanned votes will still be counted.

About one-third of vote centers in Maricopa County experienced problems with tabulating. The county offered voters other options to cast ballots.

BY: JEN FIFIELD/VOTEBEAT - NOVEMBER 8, 2022 3:21 PM



Credit: Charles Stewart and Paul Gronke

Hiccup #2

- Election workers did not reset clocks at some vote centers in Bell County, TX

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Eight Bell County Voting Machines Unavailable for Nearly Two Hours on Election Day

The Bell County public information officer asserted that the problem was with voter check-in and will not affect ballot balance or tabulation.

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Photo courtesy of U.S. Embassy

Credit: Charles Stewart and Paul Gronke

Hiccup #3

- Poll worker in South Bend, Indiana was wearing a “Make American Great Again” hat.
- Judge ruled it was not electioneering because it did not advocate for a candidate (also Trump not on ballot)

Credit: Charles Stewart and Paul Gronke

The image is a screenshot of a news article from ABC 57. The top navigation bar includes the ABC 57 logo and the slogan "see the difference" with the locations "SOUTH BEND · ELKHART · ST. JOSEPH". Below this is a menu with "HOME", "NEWS", "WEATHER", "SPORTS", "SWEEPSTAKES", and "ABOUT US". The main headline is "Poll worker seen wearing MAGA hat at poll station in South Bend" by Julianne Grohowski, with links to Facebook and Twitter. The article is dated Nov 8, 2022, 1:02 PM EST, and was updated at 6:57 PM EST. There are social media sharing buttons for Facebook, Twitter, and Email. The main content area features a video player with a "UNMUTE" button. The video shows a man in a red MAGA hat and a blue jacket standing in a poll station. A news ticker at the bottom of the video reads "'ELECTIONEERING' CONCERNS AT THE POLLS" and "NOW: Poll worker seen wearing MAGA hat at poll station in South Bend".

Hiccup #4

- DDoS (Distributed denial-of-service) attack in Mississippi took election websites offline.
- Possibly nefarious

Credit: Charles Stewart and Paul Gronke



MISSISSIPPI STATE CAPITOL IN JACKSON. IMAGE: REN LUND

Martin Matishak
November 8, 2022

News



Mississippi election websites knocked out by DDoS attack

Updated Nov. 9 at 9:27 am EST

Several Mississippi state websites were knocked offline during Tuesday's midterm election in what was the most significant digital disruption of the day, though a federal official warned that more could be on the way as ballots are counted.

"An abnormally large increase in traffic volume due to [distributed denial-of-service] activity caused the public facing side of our websites to be periodically inaccessible this afternoon," the Mississippi secretary

Trust and confidence



Credit: Charles Stewart and Paul Gronke

Notables

Wes Moore



First Black Governor of Maryland
Only Black Governor in the country
Only the third Black Governor elected since Reconstruction (D)

Sarah Sanders



First female Governor of Arkansas (R)

Notables

Maura Healey



First openly lesbian Governor
First female Governor of Massachusetts (D)

Markwayne Mullin



First Native American Senator in two decades
First Native American Senator from Oklahoma in a century
(R)

Notables

Maxwell Frost



First Gen-Zer elected to Congress (age 25)
Democrat (FL-10)

Kathy Hochul



First female Governor of New York (D)

Notables

Becca Balint



Katie Britt



First woman elected to Congress from Vermont.
Vermont is the last state to send a woman to congress for the first time.

First openly gay person to represent Vermont. (D)

First woman elected to the Senate
from Alabama. (R)

Notables

Alex Padilla



Summer Lee



First Latino elected to the Senate from California.
(D)

First Black woman elected to Congress
from Pennsylvania. (D)

Notables

Delia Ramirez



First Latina to represent Illinois in Congress. (D)

First openly gay person elected to Congress from Illinois. (D)

Yadira Caraveo



First Latina elected to Congress from Colorado. (D)

The Washington Post
Democracy Dies in Darkness

Eric Sorensen

