

The 2022 U.S. Congressional Election

The Outcome, Voters' Views and The Implications

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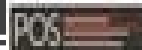
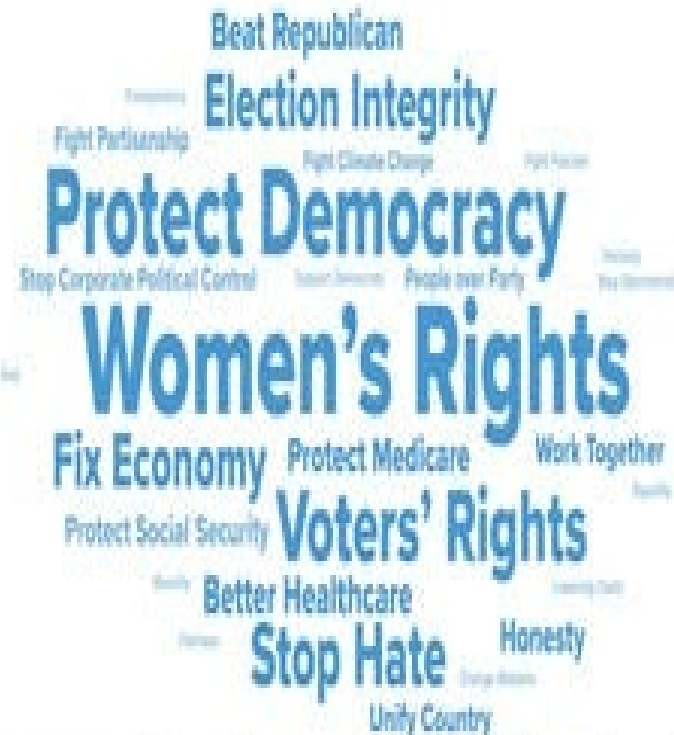
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In Advance of the Election, This is the Message Voters Said They Wanted to Send With Their Vote

Vote Message

What Message Would You Send With Your Vote: Democrats

Among 43% of Voters who identify as Democrats



If you could send one message with your vote this year so the people who win the election know what you mean with your vote, in a SHORT phrase, what would that message be?



What Message Would You Send With Your Vote: Republicans

Among 41% of Voters who identify as Republicans



And a Growing Share of Voters Said They Wanted Change in Washington

First Midterm Preference for Change - Trend

	Dem	Ind	Rep
Great deal	25%	33%	47%
Quite a bit	22%	26%	30%
Total Great Deal/A Bit	47%	59%	77%

Total Great Deal/Quite A Bit	62%
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	Dem	Ind	Rep
Great deal	25%	47%	60%
Quite a bit	23%	24%	18%
Total Great Deal/A Bit	48%	71%	78%

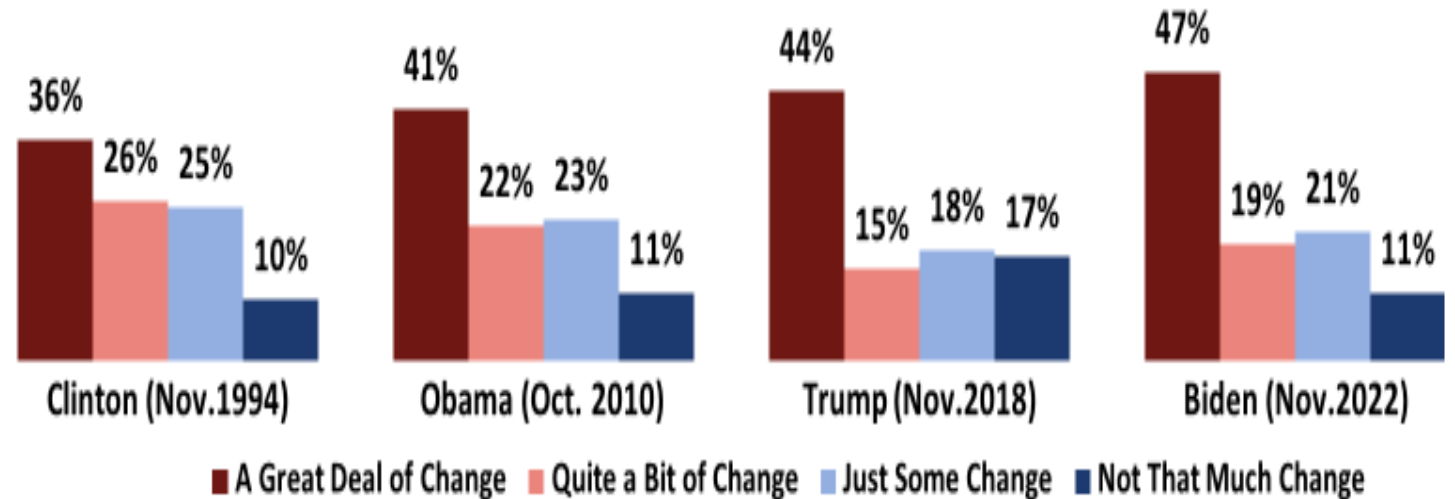
Total Great Deal/Quite A Bit	63%
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	Dem	Ind	Rep
Great deal	67%	33%	22%
Quite a bit	15%	23%	14%
Total Great Deal/A Bit	82%	56%	36%

Total Great Deal/Quite A Bit	59%
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	Dem	Ind	Rep
Great deal	21%	44%	77%
Quite a bit	22%	22%	14%
Total Great Deal/A Bit	43%	66%	91%

Total Great Deal/Quite A Bit	66%
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How much change would you like to see in the direction in which President Biden has been leading the country -- a great deal, quite a bit, just some, or not that much?

And When the President's Approval Has Been in the Mid-40s, His Party Has Lost an Average of 37 Seats in the House

August Presidential Approval Ratings in Midterm Election Years, 1982-2022

Year	President	% Approve	U.S. House seat changes in president's party
1982	Reagan	41	-26
1986	Reagan	61	-5
1990	G.H.W. Bush	75	-8
1994	Clinton	41	-52
1998	Clinton	65	5
2002	G.W. Bush	67	8
2006	G.W. Bush	40	-30
2010	Obama	44	-63
2014	Obama	42	-13
2018	Trump	41	-40
2022	Biden	44	n/a

THE ISSUES VOTERS SAID WERE IMPORTANT TO THEM

Inflation Was the
Biggest Concern,
But Abortion—a
Democratic
Issue—Was Twice
as Important as
Crime or
Immigration,
Republican Issues

Most Important Issue To Your Vote

Inflation	32%
Abortion	27%
Crime	12%
Gun Policy	12%
Immigration	10%

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Only One-in-Four Voters Thought the Economy Was Doing Well

Condition of the Nation's Economy

Excellent	2%
Good	22%
Not So Good	36%
Poor	39%

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Six-in-ten
Voters Felt
That
Abortion
Should Be
Legal in All or
Most Cases

Abortion Should Be:

Legal in All Cases	30%
Legal in Most Cases	30%
Illegal in Most Cases	27%
Illegal in All Cases	9%

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But Sentiment
About
Abortion Was
Highly
Partisan,
According to
Edison
Research

Abortion should be:

18,571 total respondents

	Legal in all cases 29%	Legal in most cases 30%	Illegal in most cases 26%	Illegal in all cases 10%
● Democrats	86%	60%	9%	11%
● Republicans	11%	38%	90%	88%

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Joe Biden
Was
Unpopular
With Voters

Opinion of Biden As President:

Approve	45%
Disapprove	54%

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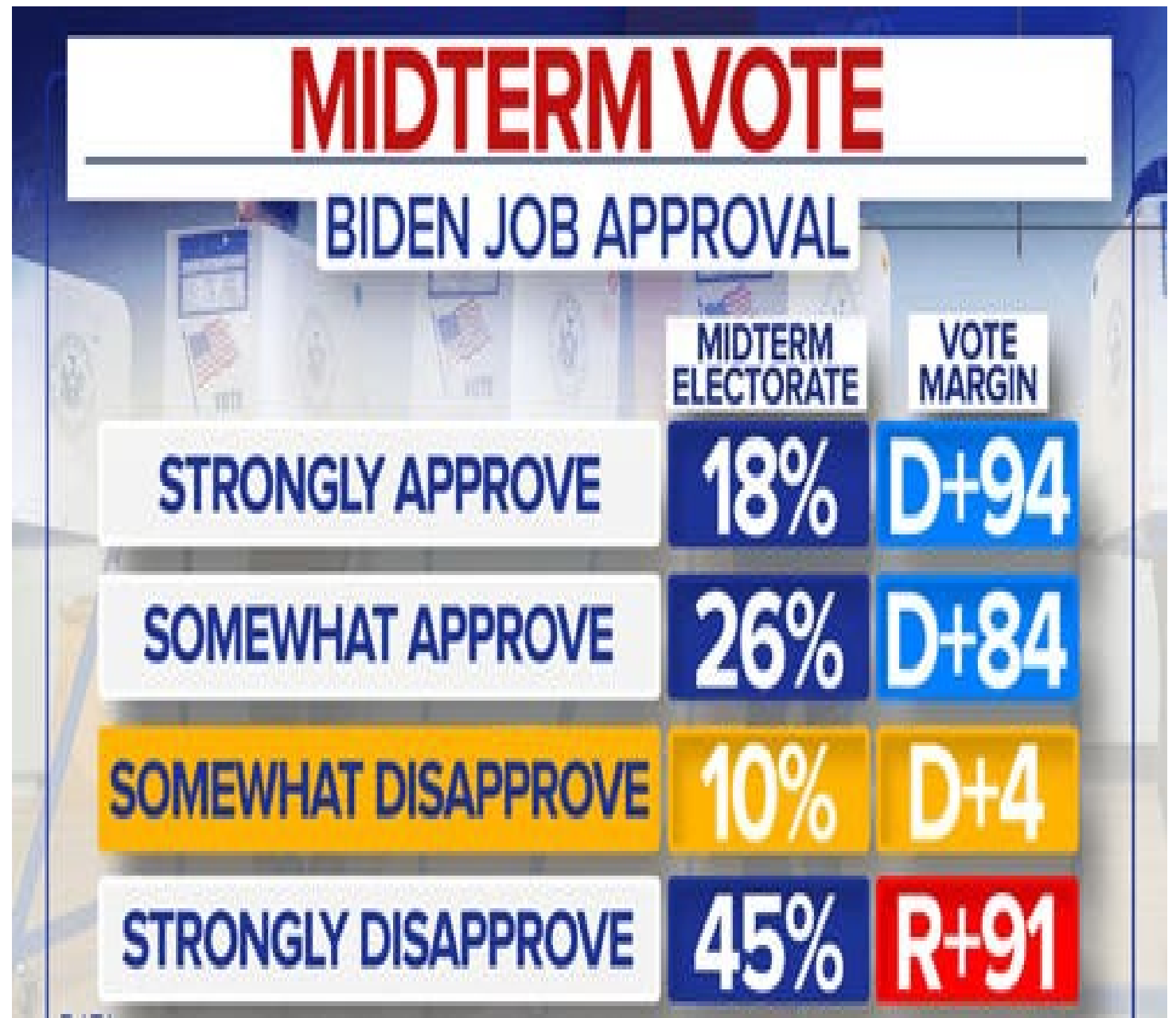
Yet Roughly
Half of Voters
Said Biden
Was Not a
Factor in Their
Vote for the
House

Was Your U.S. House Vote To:

Support Biden	18%
Oppose Biden	32%
Biden Not a Factor	48%

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Even Those
Who
Somewhat
Disapproved
of Biden
Voted
Democratic



THE UNCERTAIN OUTCOME

A Majority of
Whites Voted
Republican, Even
Stronger
Majorities of
Minorities Voted
Democratic,
According to
Edison Research

Race

	Democrat	Republican	No Answer
White 72%	44%	54%	2%
Black 11%	90%	9%	1%
Latino 11%	69%	29%	2%
Asian 3%	77%	23%	N/A
Other race 3%	54%	42%	4%

18778 Respondents

Women Split Their
Vote: White
Women Voted
Republican,
Minority Women
Voted Democratic,
According to
Edison Research

White women:



Black women:



Latina women:



Young Voters Strongly Supported Democratic Candidates in Key States, According to Tuft's University

Race	Youth Vote for Democrats	Youth Vote for Republicans	Youth Share of the Vote	Election Result
Arizona Senate	76%	20%	12%	TBD
Florida Senate	58%	40%	11%	Republican Win
Georgia Senate	63%	34%	13%	TBD
Michigan Governor	58%	41%	10%	TBD
Nevada Senate	63%	33%	11%	TBD
New Hampshire Senate	74%	23%	10%	Democratic Win
North Carolina Senate	52%	44%	14%	Republican Win

Abortion Was the Driving Force Behind Votes for Democrats

Figure 4

Democratic Candidates Garnered Strong Support Among Voters Who Said Supreme Court Decision Was Single Most Important Factor In Their Vote

Congressional vote choice among voters who said each of the following was the single most important factor when thinking about voting in this election:

■ Democratic candidate for Congress ■ Republican candidate for Congress

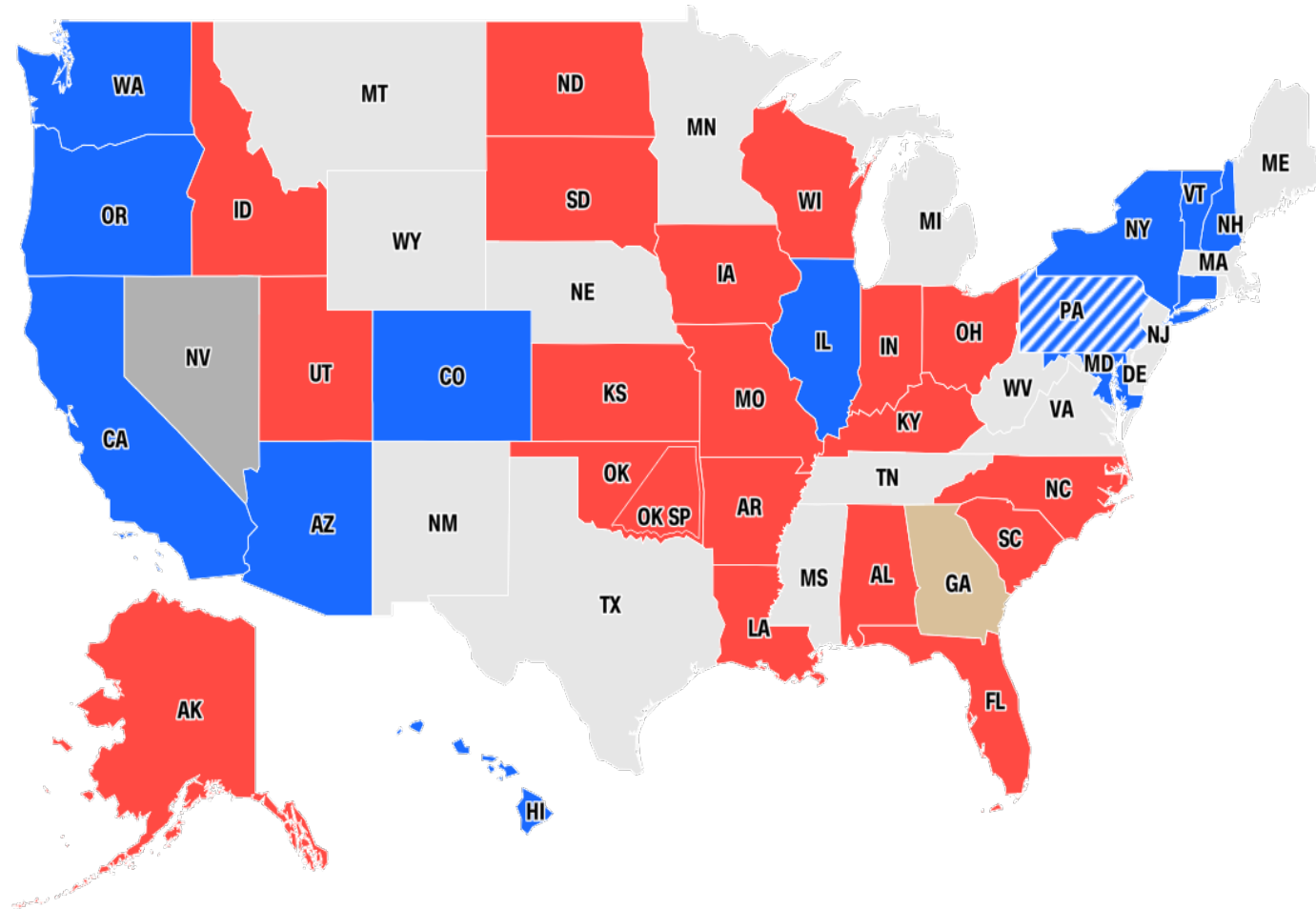


NOTE: Percentages based on total voters. Percentages may not add to 100 due to third party voting or rounding.

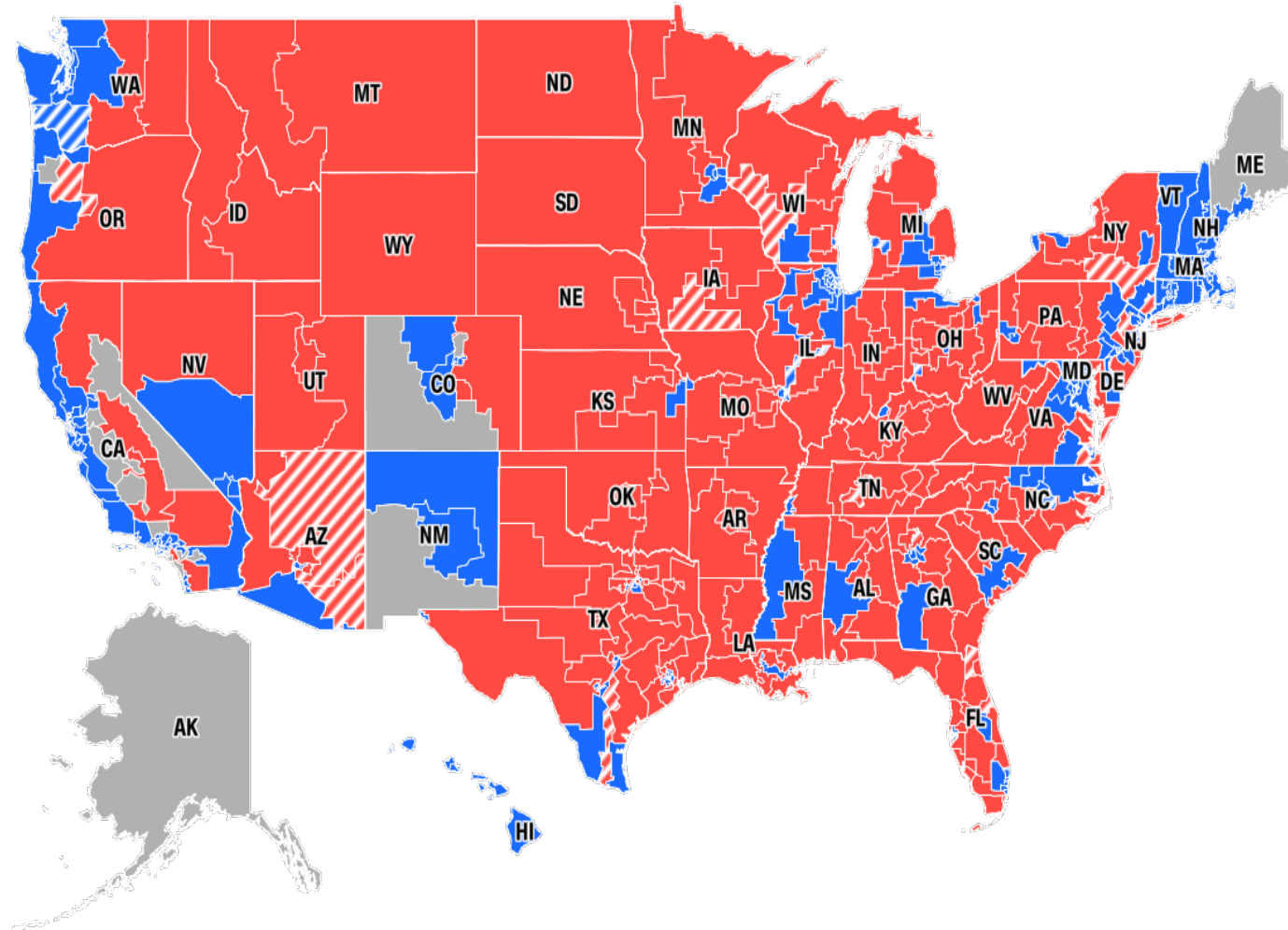
SOURCE: KFF Analysis of AP VoteCast (Oct. 31-Nov. 8, 2022) • [PNG](#)

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In the Senate, Republicans Lead 50-49, With Georgia Yet to be Determined



In the 435 Seat House, Republicans Lead 215
to 204 and Need 218 to Gain Control



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