

# The Electoral College

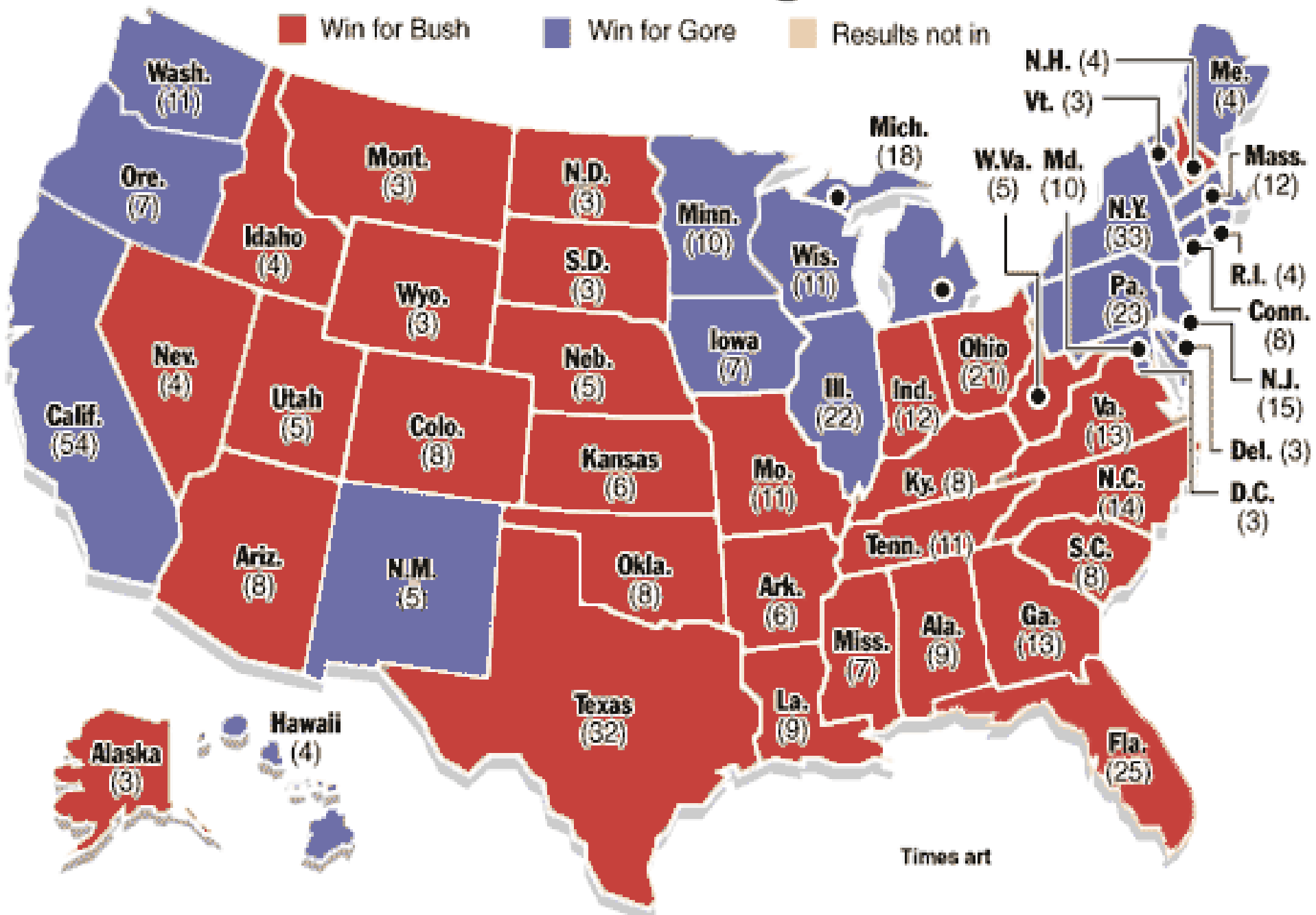
**An activity to explain the  
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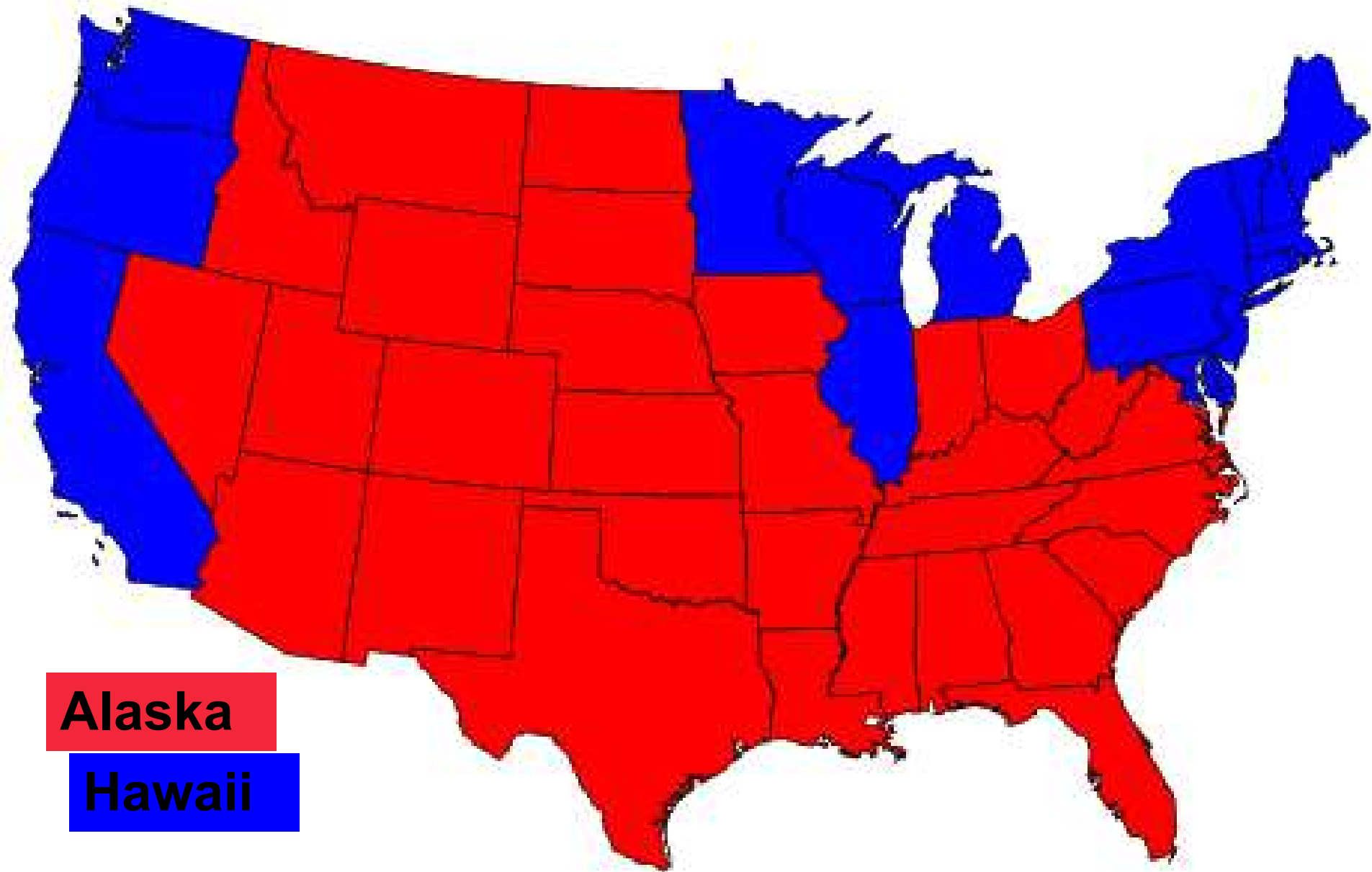
# **Electoral College Questions, p. 67**

- **What is the Electoral College?**
- **Explain how the number of electoral votes is determined for each state.**
- **How many electoral votes does NC have? What state has the most? What is the minimum a state can have?**
- **How many electoral votes does it take to win the Presidency? Why?**
- **How is it possible to lose the popular vote and still become president?**
- **Why were Florida's electoral votes so important to the 2000 election? What was the outcome?**
- **What arguments are there to abolish the Electoral College? Why will this probably not happen?**

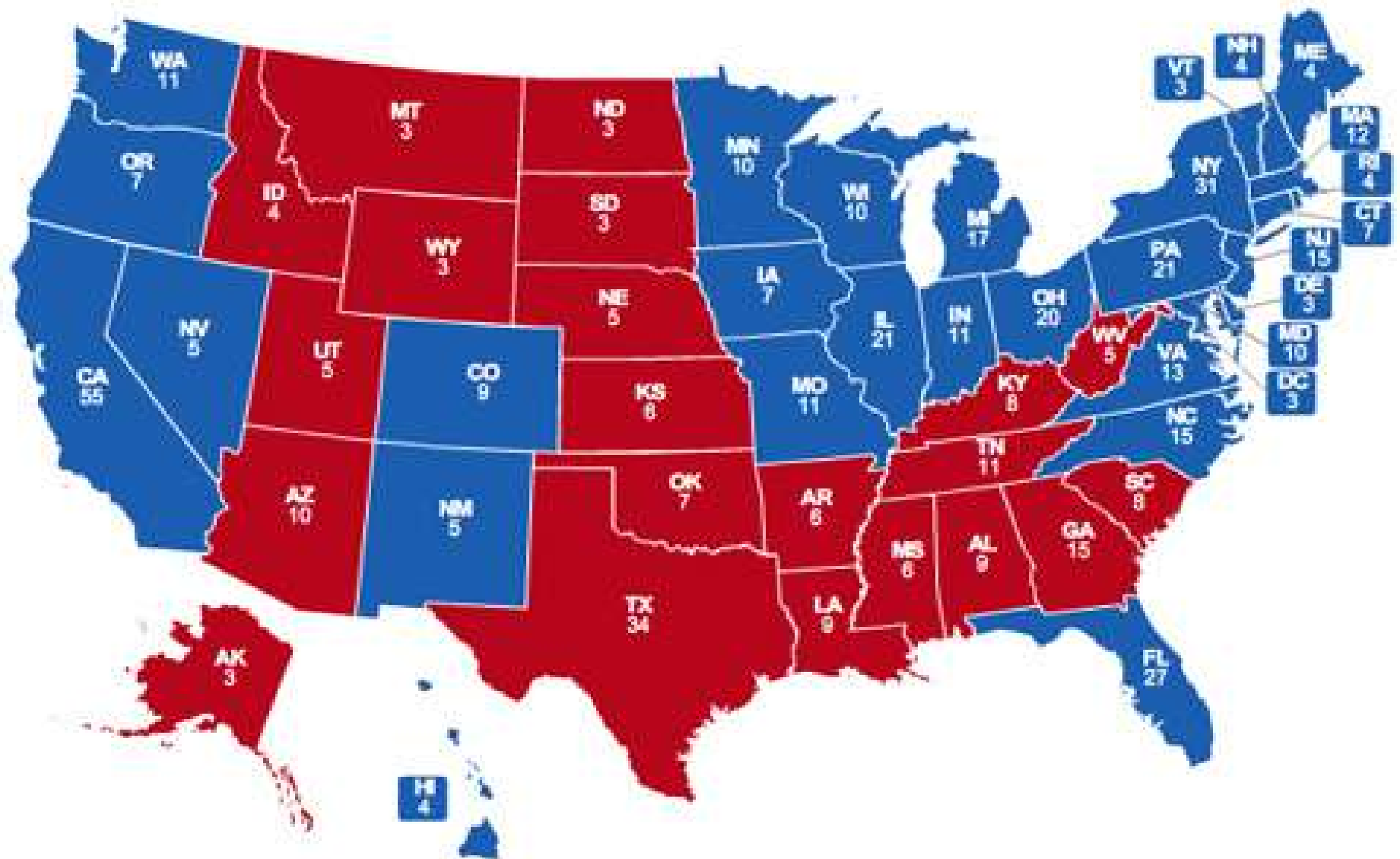
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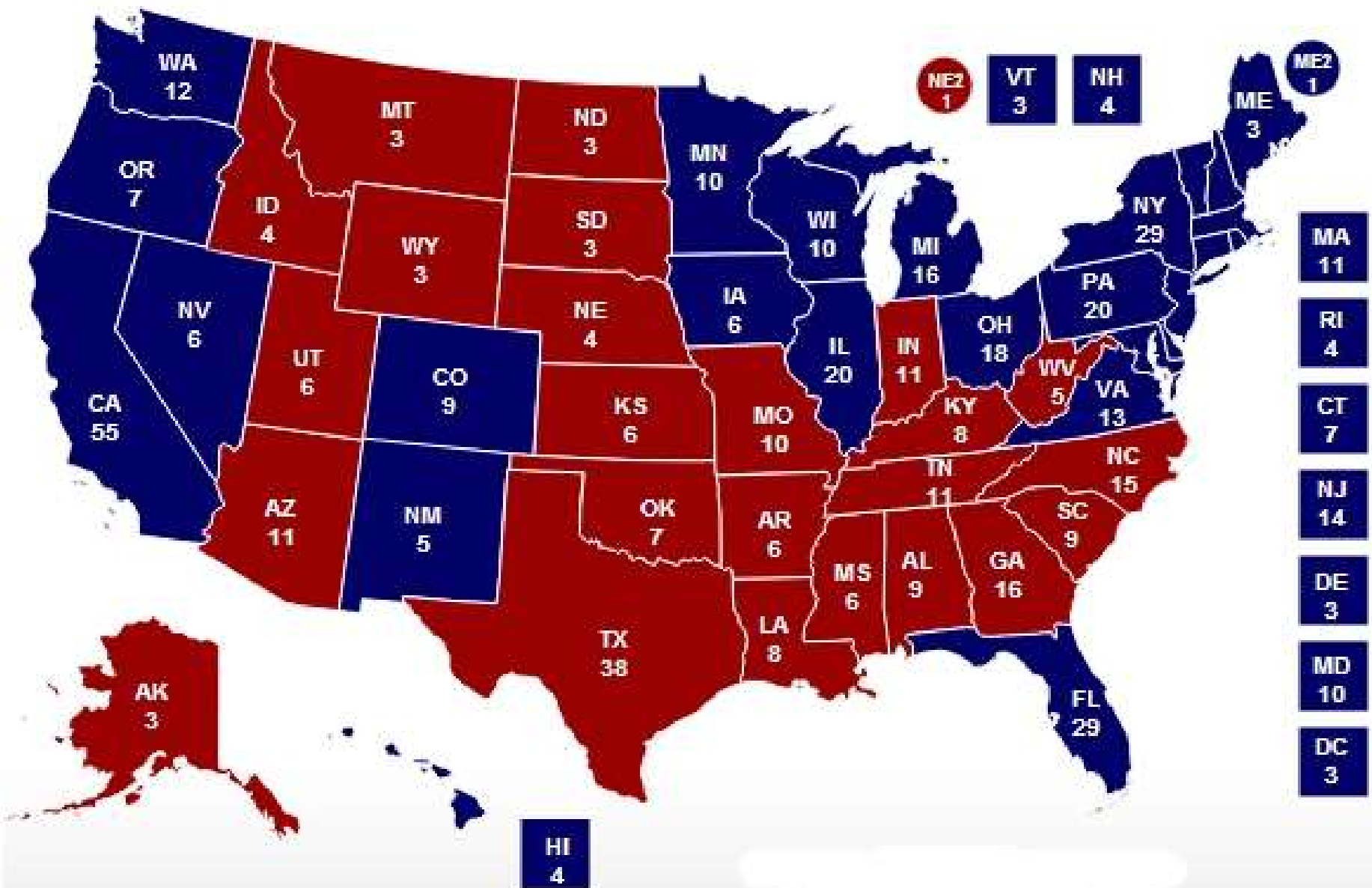
# 2004 electoral results



# 2008 electoral results



# The 2012 Electoral Map



# Class Election

- **Nominate 2 candidates**
- **Vote for the candidates**
- **Divide into states**
- **Each state casts vote**
- **Count popular votes**
- **Count electoral votes**
- **Discuss results**



# Class Election

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bell Outcome:
  - Candidates
  - Electoral Votes:
  - Popular Votes:
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bell Outcome:
  - Candidates
  - Electoral Votes:
  - Popular Votes:



# Electoral Challenges

- **Explain the outcome of our model on the board.**
- **Choose the most efficient way to win 270 with the fewest states**
- **Can you get 270 votes without winning CA, TX, FL or NY? Prove it.**

# Pop Quiz 7

1. How many electoral votes are there total?
2. How many electoral votes does it take to win the Presidency?
3. When was the last time a person became President without winning the popular vote?
4. What state has the most electoral votes?
5. What is the fewest number of electoral votes a state can have?

# ***The 2012 Vote***

**Choose to be a campaign worker for either Barack Obama or Mitt Romney. Using the projected map, outline a 7-state campaign sweep today to help your candidate win the 2012 Presidential election. Explain why you chose those seven states.**

# Electoral College Link

- [http://www.270towin.com/2008\\_polls/mcca\\_in\\_obama/](http://www.270towin.com/2008_polls/mcca_in_obama/)