

US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS



Every 4 years there is an election for the President of the United States. It takes place at the beginning of November. This year the election takes place on November 5th 2024.



To become the president of the United States you must be a natural-born citizen of the United States. You must also be at least 35 years old and have been a United States resident for at least 14 years.



On Election Day, the citizens of the United States vote for their choice. However, the people of the 50 states don't vote directly for their president. They vote for a group of people called the Electors.

The number of Electors equals the number of districts in a State plus the number of Senators. There are two Senators per State. For instance, a State like Kansas has 6 Electors (4 districts + 2 Senators).



The number of districts of each state is based on the number of people living in that state. This explains why Florida with 36 million inhabitants has 27 districts whereas Kansas, a State of 3 million people, has only 4 districts. Put simply, more population equals more districts which equals more influence in the election.

There are 538 Electors in America in total, so the presidential candidate needs 270 Electors to win the election. The winning candidate becomes President Elect until 20th January the following year when he formally becomes the President of the United States for the next 4 years. The President can be reelected to serve one more term only for a total of 8 years as President.

A. Answer the following questions.

1. When do the Americans vote for a new President?

2. Do American people vote directly for their candidate ?

3. How many Senators are there per state ?

4. How often is there an election in the USA ? How long is a term ?

5. When does the newly elected president officially become President ?

6. How many terms can a President serve ?

7. Who are the candidates for the U.S. Presidency in 2024 ?

8. What political party is represented by the donkey and the elephant ?

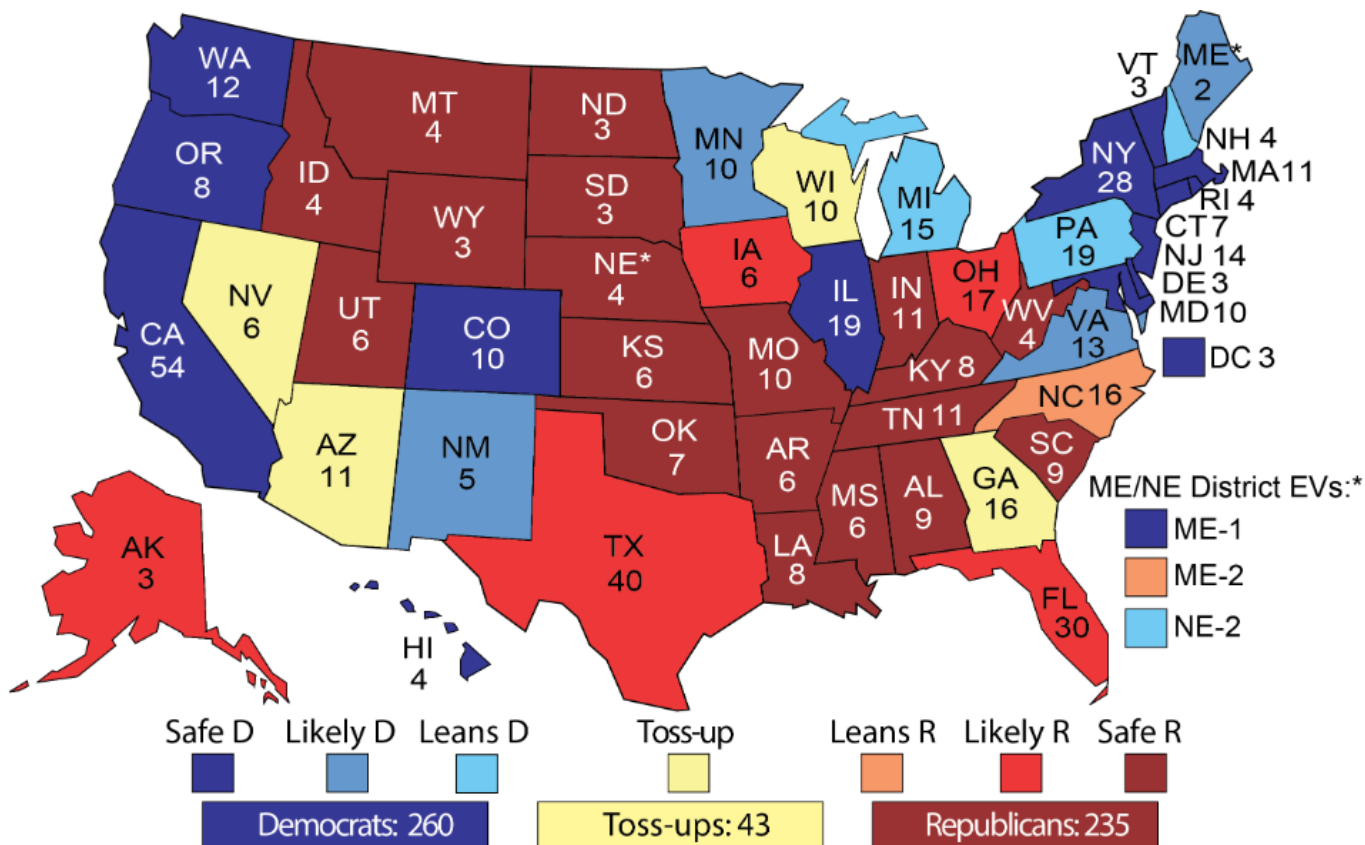


9. Name the two people in the photo to the left

10. Who are the two people to the right ?



US ELECTORAL VOTES PER STATES



*Two states, Maine and Nebraska, award electoral votes by congressional districts (all others are awarded winner-take-all statewide). Nebraska's two statewide electoral votes, and two of its three districts, are rated Safe Republican. Maine's statewide votes are rated Likely Democratic. The ratings for Maine's two districts, and Nebraska's one competitive district, are listed separately.
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11. Look at the map of the electoral votes and fill in the missing information !

Name of the state	Number of districts	Total Electors for the state
California		
Alaska		
Texas		

12. How many Electors do the presidential candidates need to win the election ?

13. Who can run for US President ? (three qualifications)



B. Fill in the vocabulary

English	French	English	French
size		until	
whereas		following	
citizen		a term	

C. Compare the candidates

Name : Kamala Harris
 YOB : 1964 (59 years old)
 Democratic Party
 Height : 1.83
 Husband : Douglas Emhoff
 Children : 0
 Vice President : Tim Walz

Name : Donald Trump
 YOB : 1946 (78 years old)
 Republican Party
 Height : 1.90 m
 Wife : Melania Trump
 Children : 5
 Vice President : J.D Vance

Name of the candidate		
Who is his/her Vice-President ?		
What political party does he belong to ?		
What animal is the symbol for this party ?		
When was he/she born ?		
How old is he / she ?		
Is he/she married ?		
If yes, what is his/her wife/husband's name ?		
Compare the candidates (age, height)		