

Electoral geography - USA

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Presidential election

- Introduction to federalism in USA
- Voting system – nondirect, president USA is output of *United States Electoral College* (538 members)
- Members – number of MP
- Majority system – winner takes all
- But! Nebraska and Maine – exception, votes are transformed proportionally
- Not all the time more votes – winner (2000, Al Gore/G.W. Bush) etc.

Federalism USA

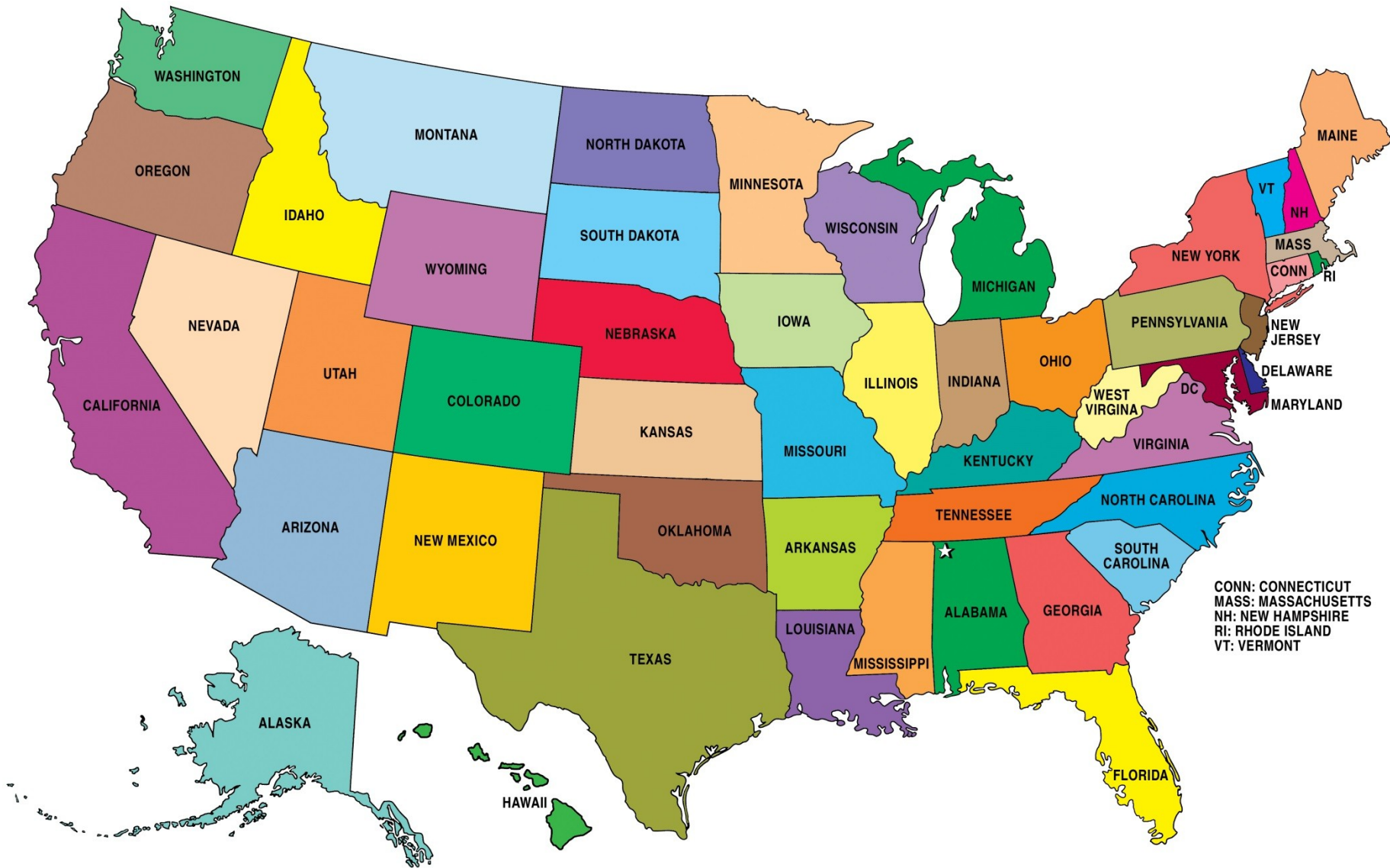
Constitutional sharing of powers

- Article I – Congress may pass laws on ...
- 10th Amendment – all else to states

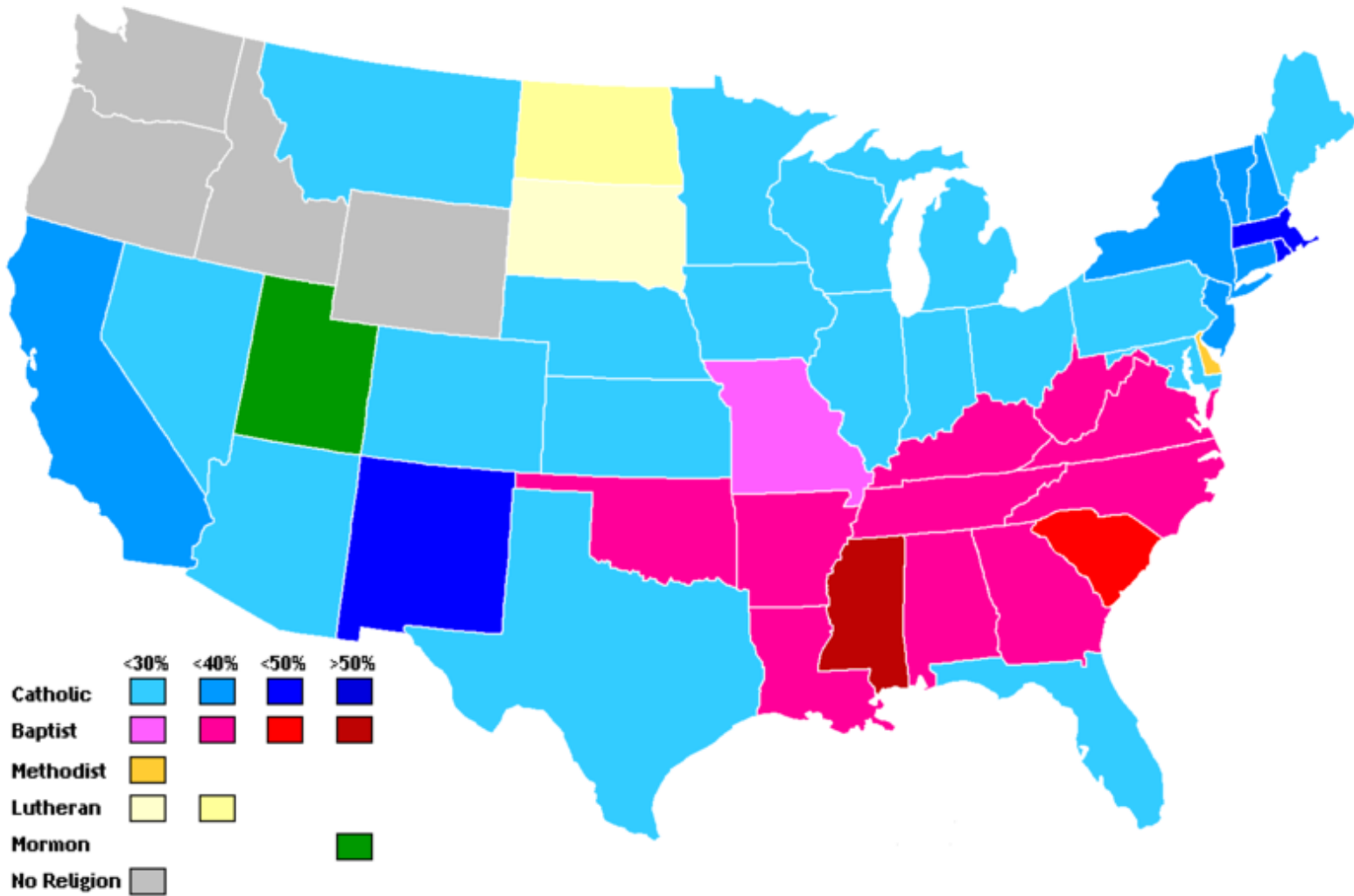
Necessary to ratify Constitution

- Southern states in 1787 worried about size of Northern states
 - 38% of South's population was slaves

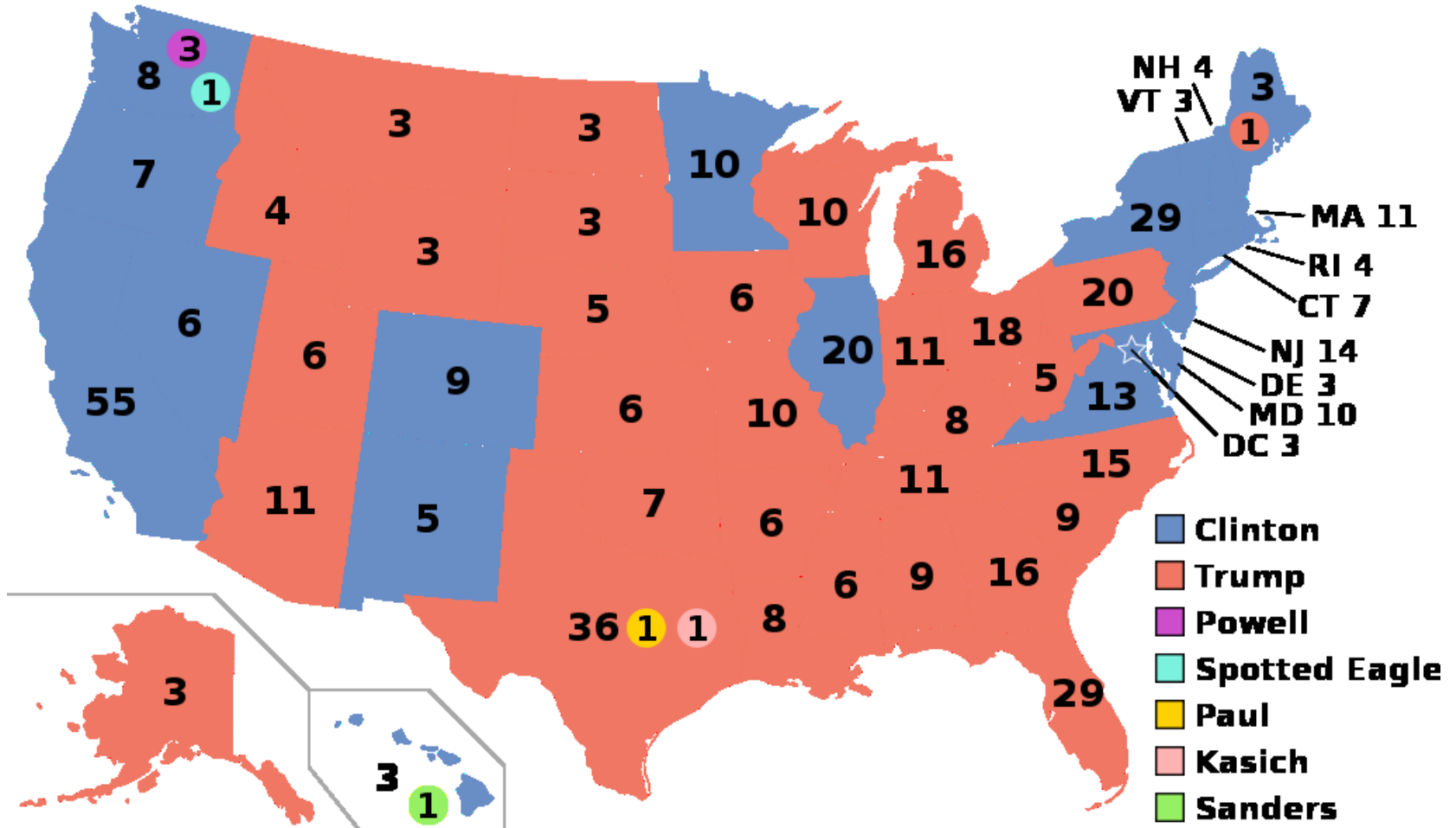
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Religion USA



Electoral College 2016



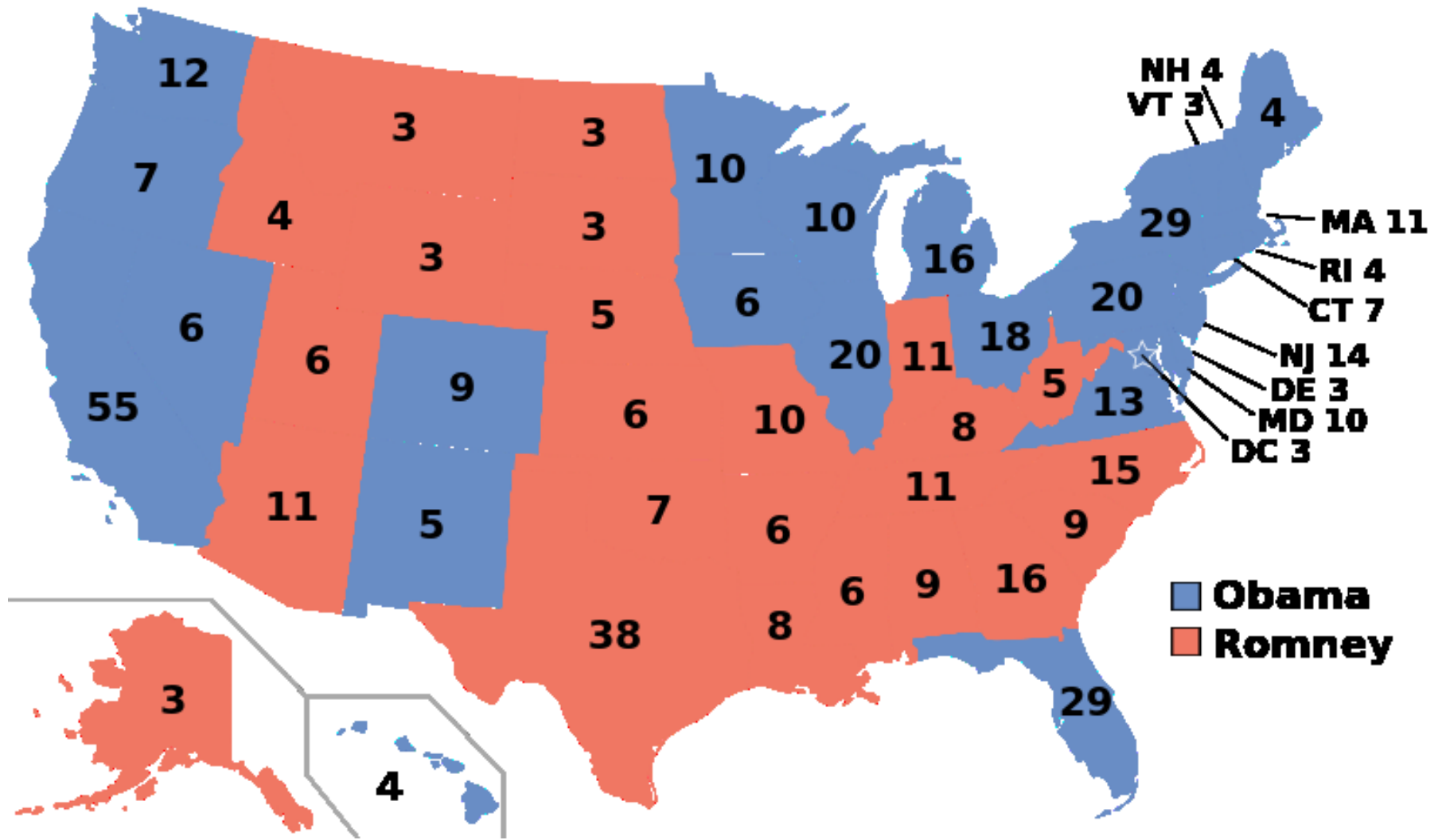
Top states 2016

- Michigan – 0,23% (Republican) 16
- 10704 votes
- New Hampshire – 0,31% (Democrat) 4
- 2736 votes
- Pennsylvania – 0,72% (Republican) 20
- 44292 votes
- Wisconsin – 0,76% (Republican) 10
- 22748 votes
- Florida (1,29%) and Minnesota (1,52%)

Top states 2016?

- California: 61,73% - 31,62%
– 8 753 788 – 4 483 810
- New York: 59,0% - 36,52%
– 4 556 124 – 2 819 534
- Texas: 43,24% - 52,23%
– 3 877 868 – 4 685 047

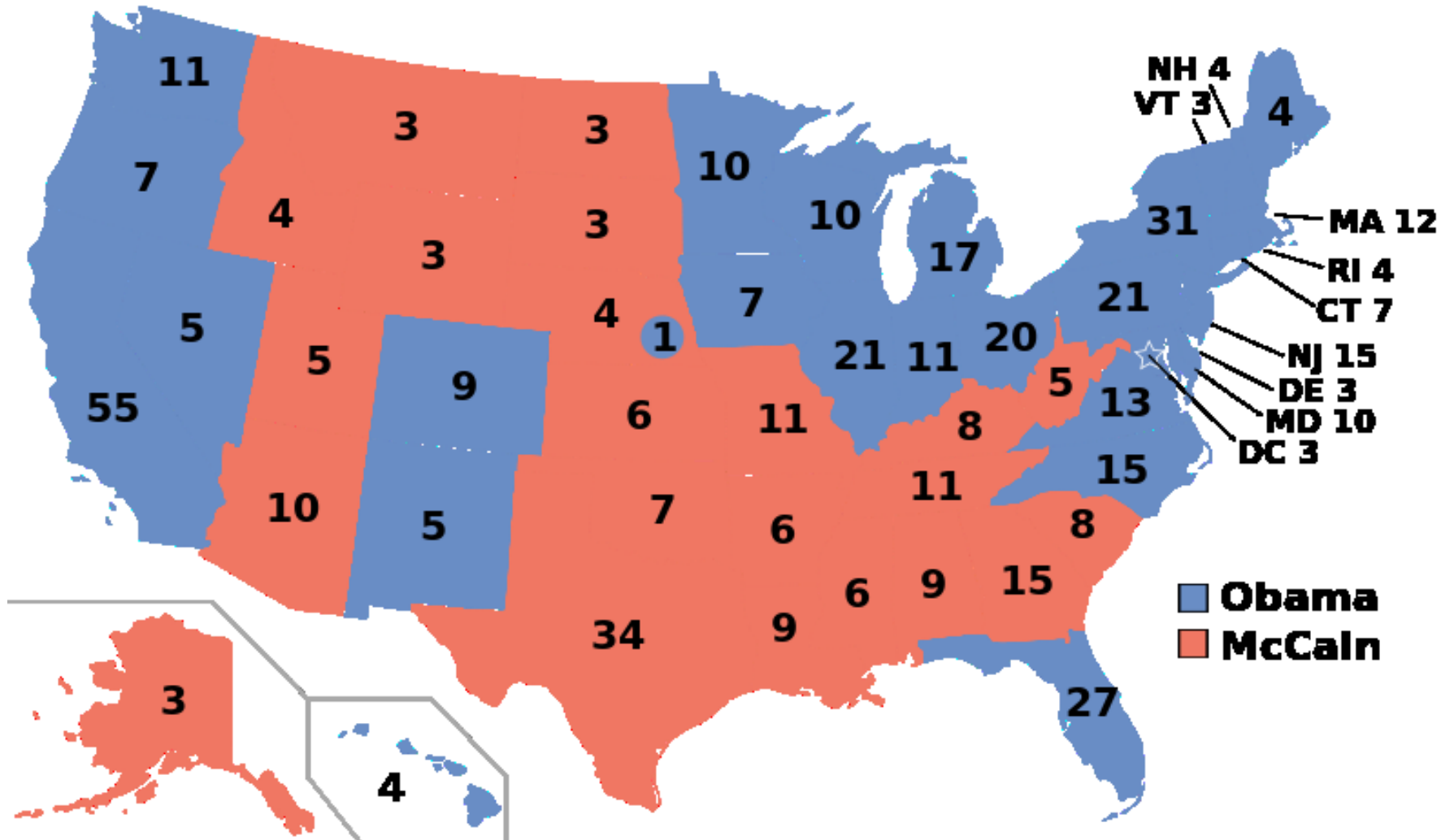
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Top states 2012

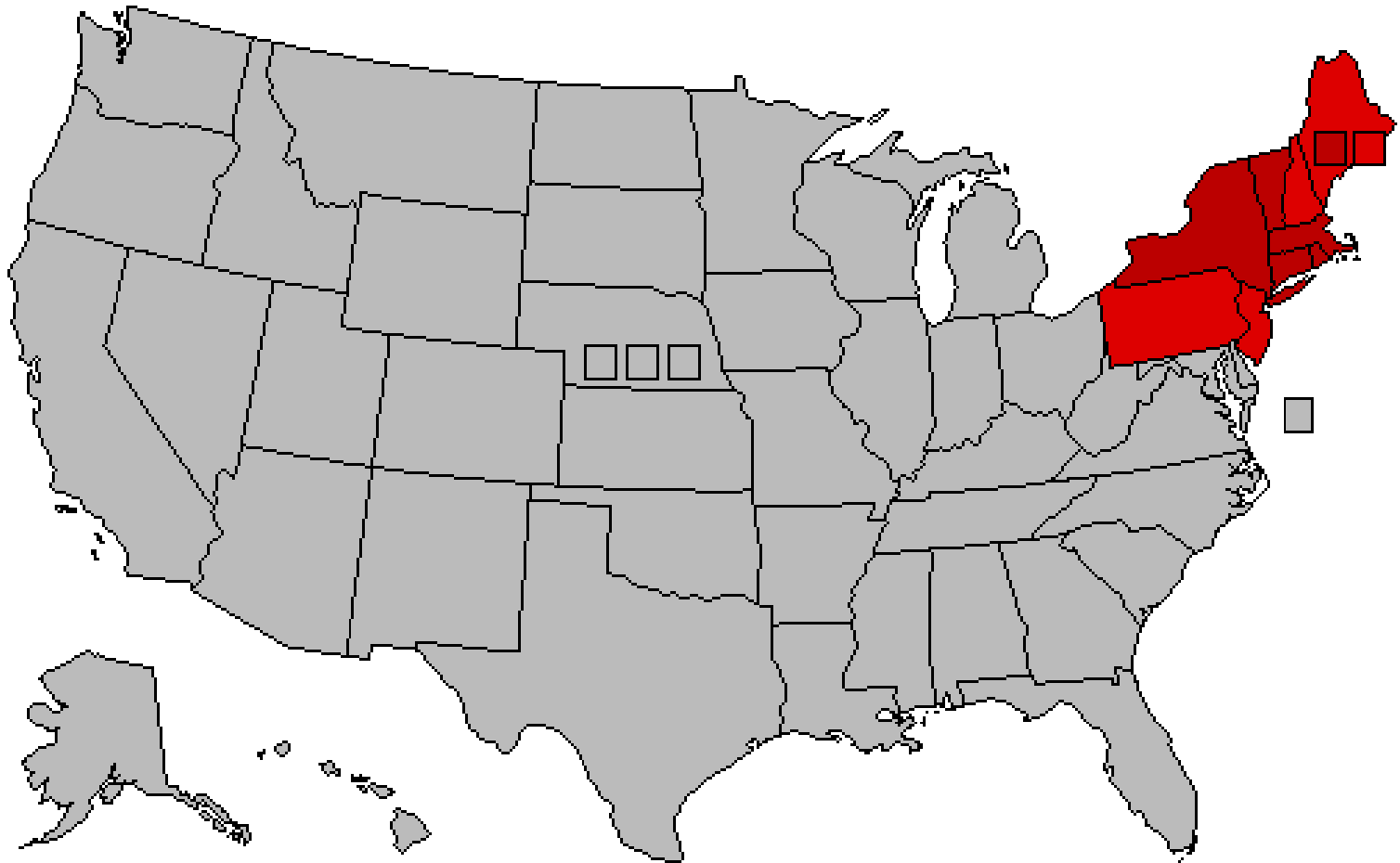
- Difference less of 5 p.b.
- Florida 0,88% - democrat (29)
- North Carolina 2,04% - republican (15)
- Ohio 2,98% - democrat (18)
- Virginia 3,87% - democrat (13)

2008



North – East

- Democrat, but not New Hampshire



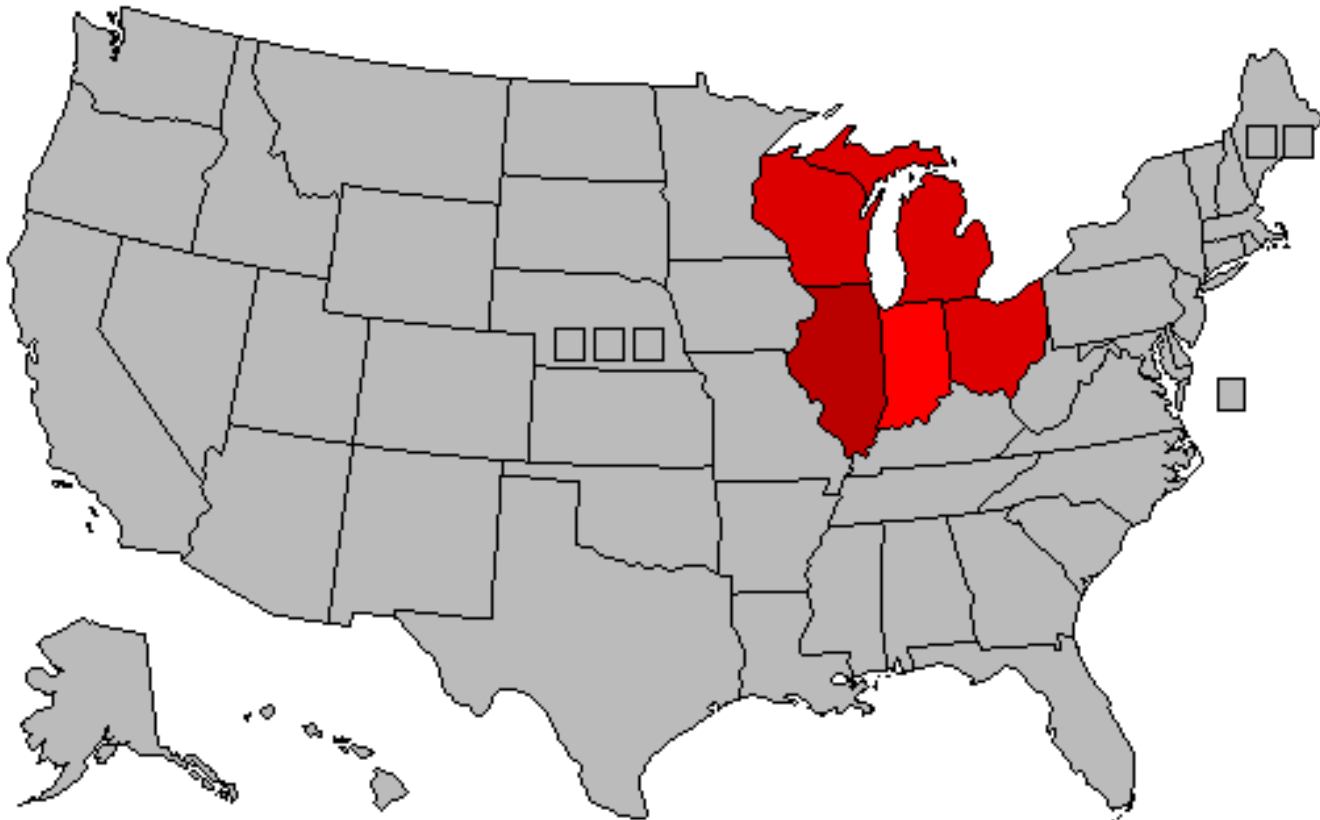
Middle Atlantic

- In the last century part of south, but now under influence of north-east



Industrial midwest

- Historical territory of democrats, competitive states, Indiana – republicans





Rust Belt

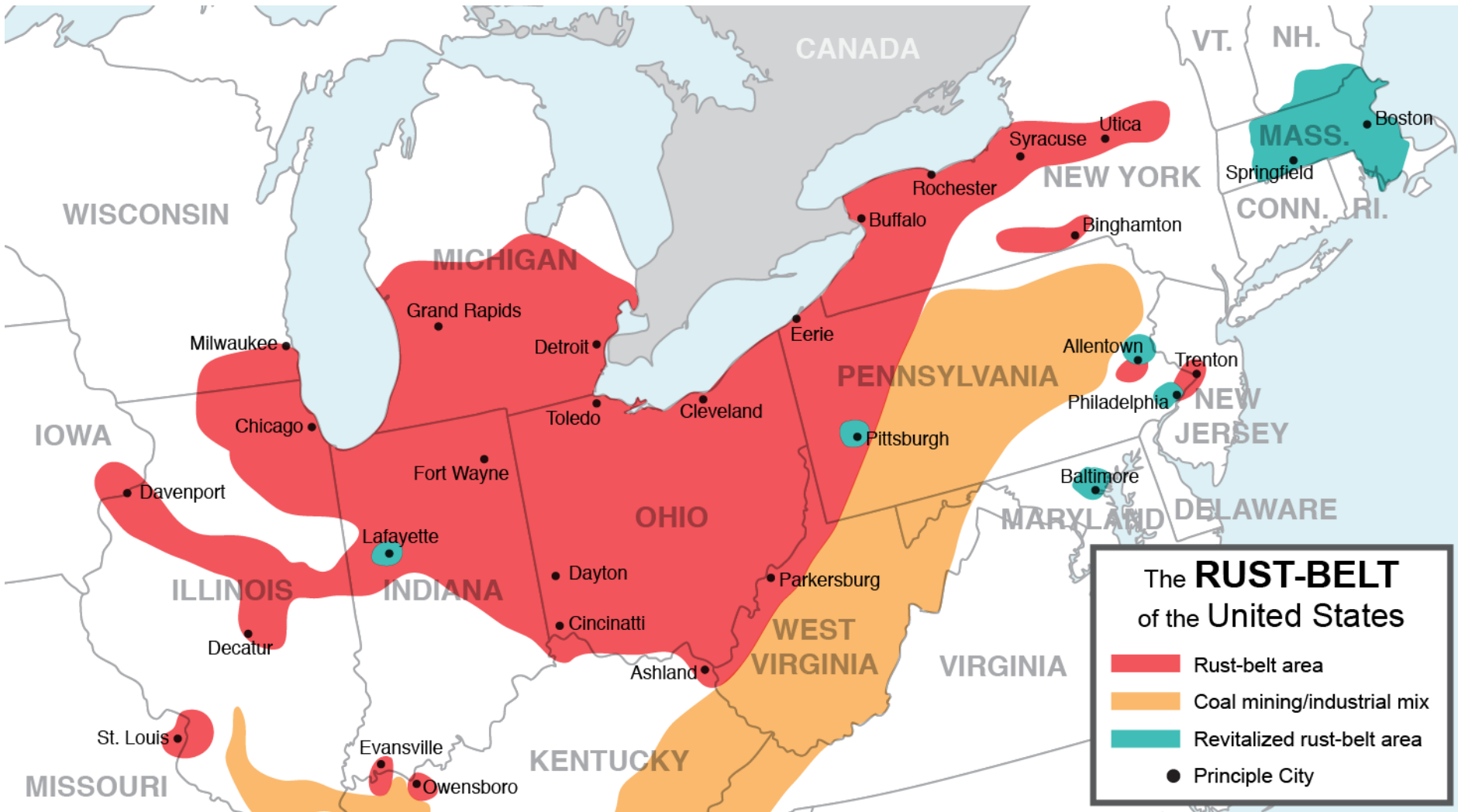


- South of great lakes
- Region of industry, mines and cars
- Last two decades - recession
- Area of trade unionist and low income
- Transformation – IT, or service
- „white collars“ out of this states
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyee_sxJpXc

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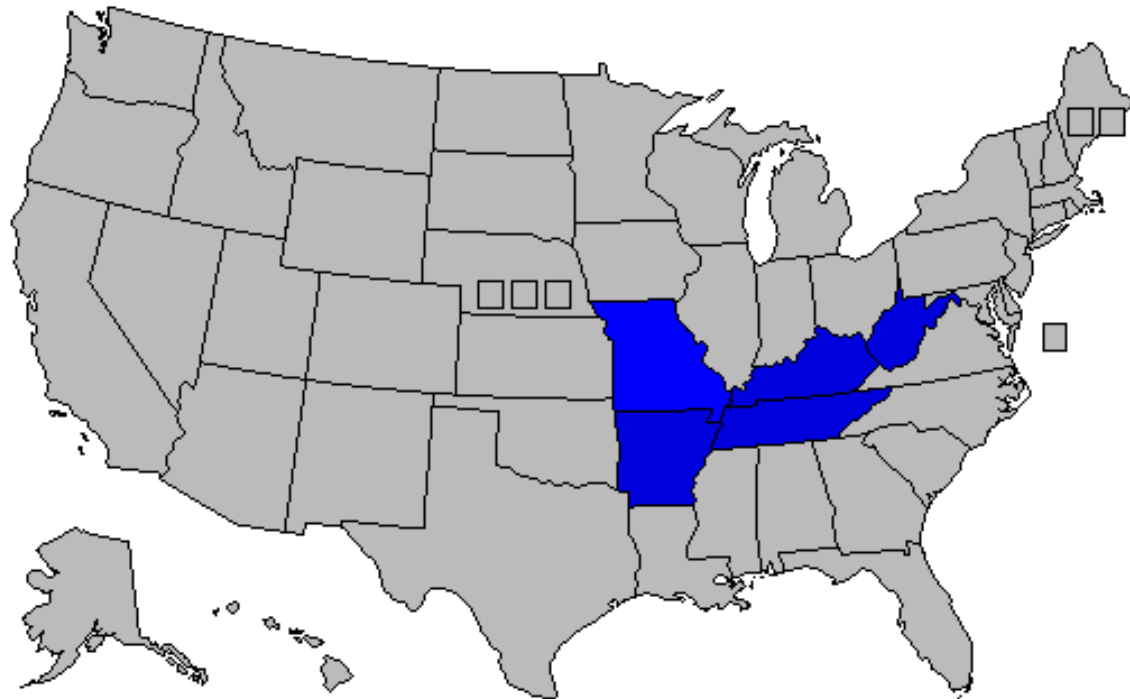


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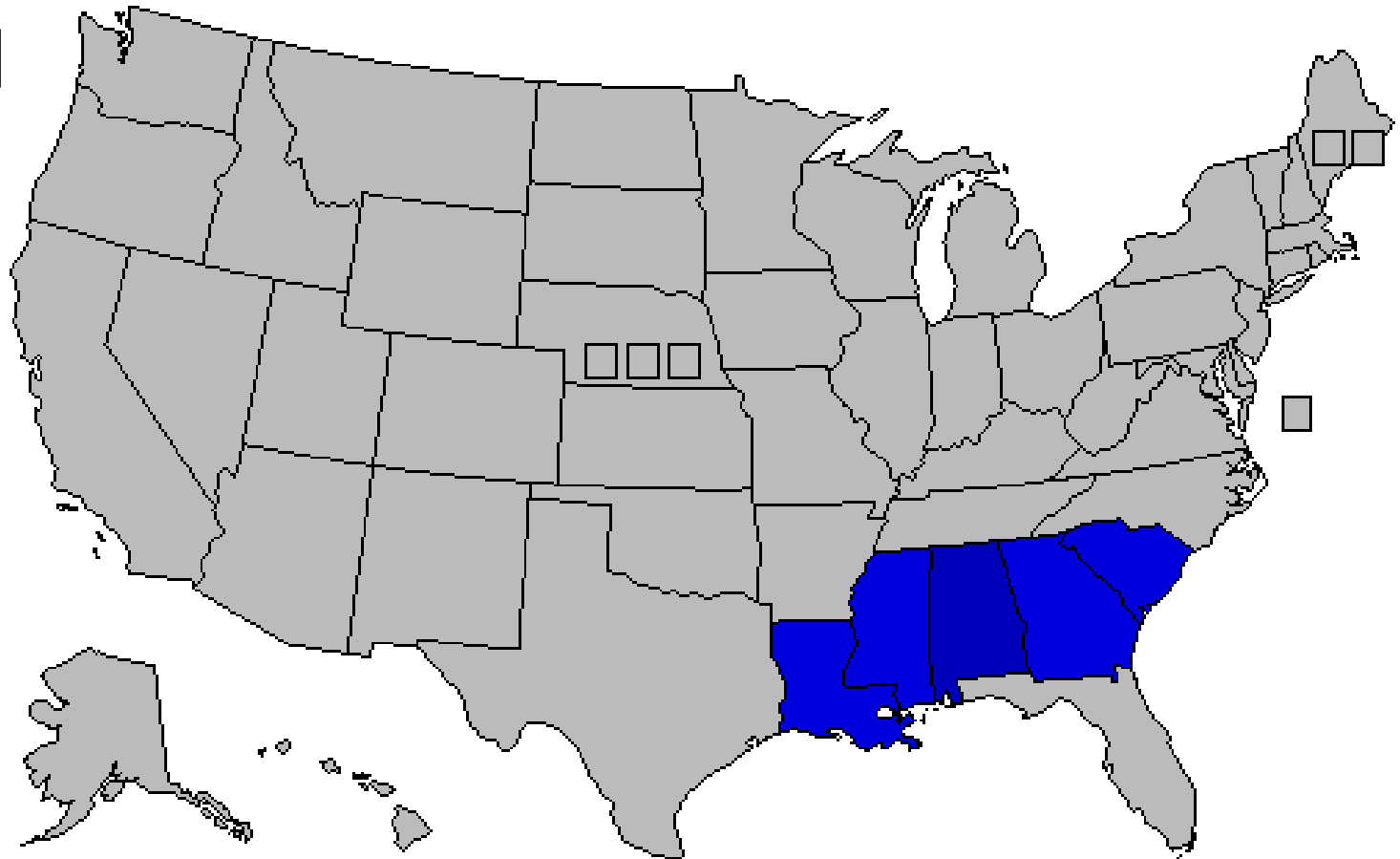
In land – south (Appalachia)

- Mainly similar like south, but ...
- Somewhere trade union activities (Hillary Clinton?).



Jih - Dixie

- Clear polarisation Rep. /Democ.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqdTgkY321>



Florida

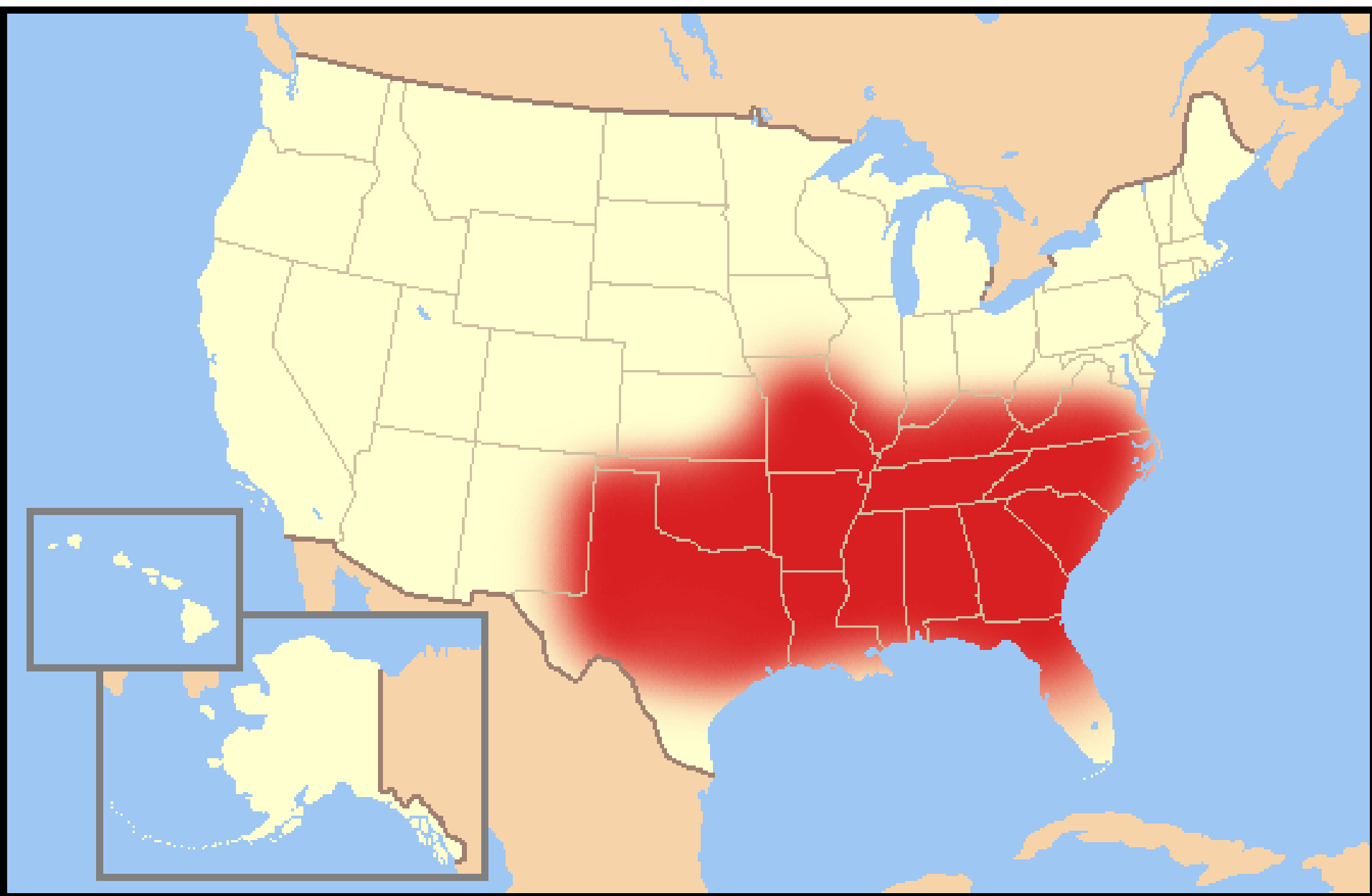
- Most competitive - „laboratory“
- North – near of South
- Out of coast line – republic. and democ.
- South – democrats?



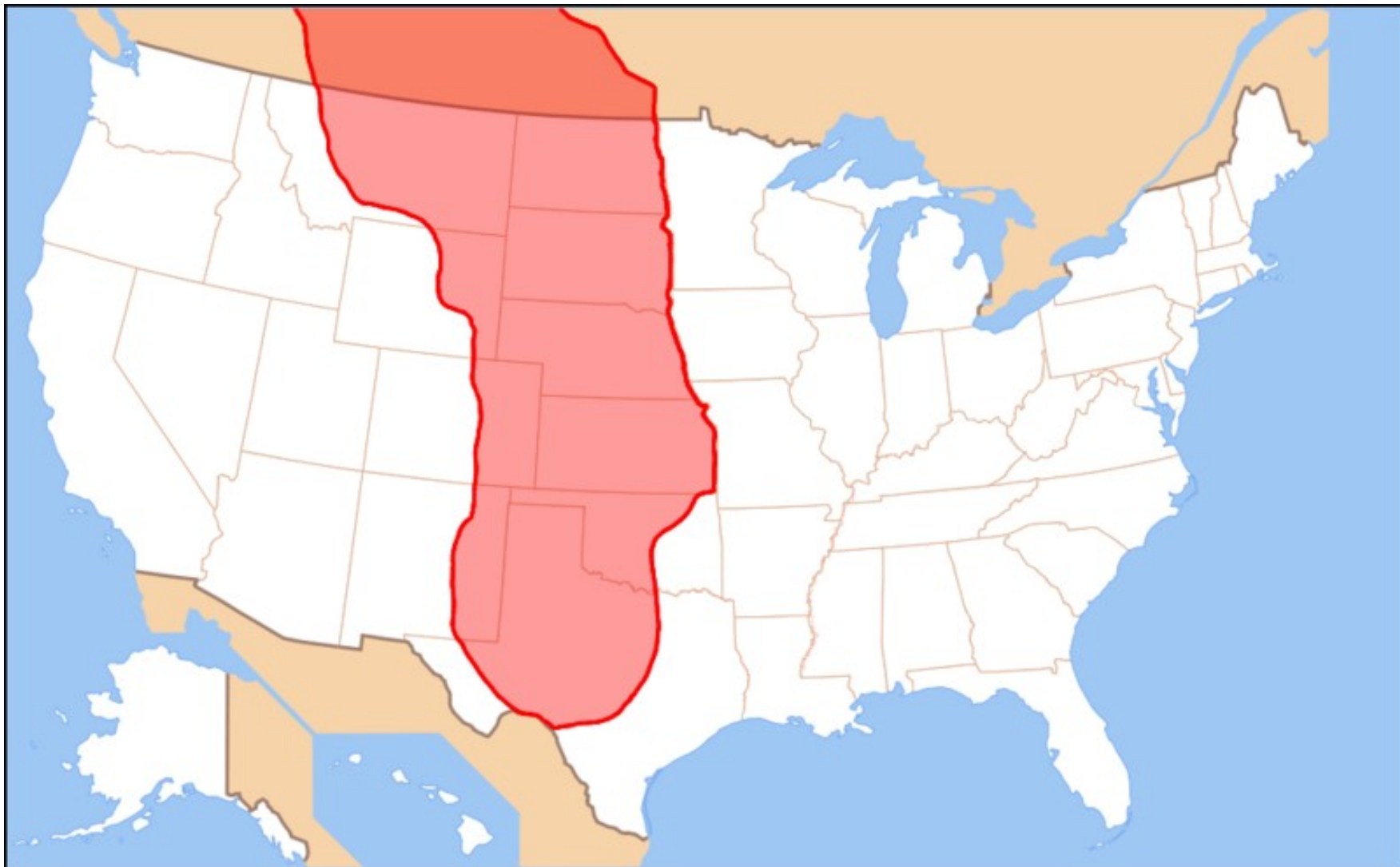


Bible Belt

- One of the most highest religion territory in USA
- Most of noncatholic churches – protestans (baptist)
- Only 6 % atheist – Alabama (no religion)
- Term comes from journalism in 1961, problem of ambassador in Vatican



Great Plains



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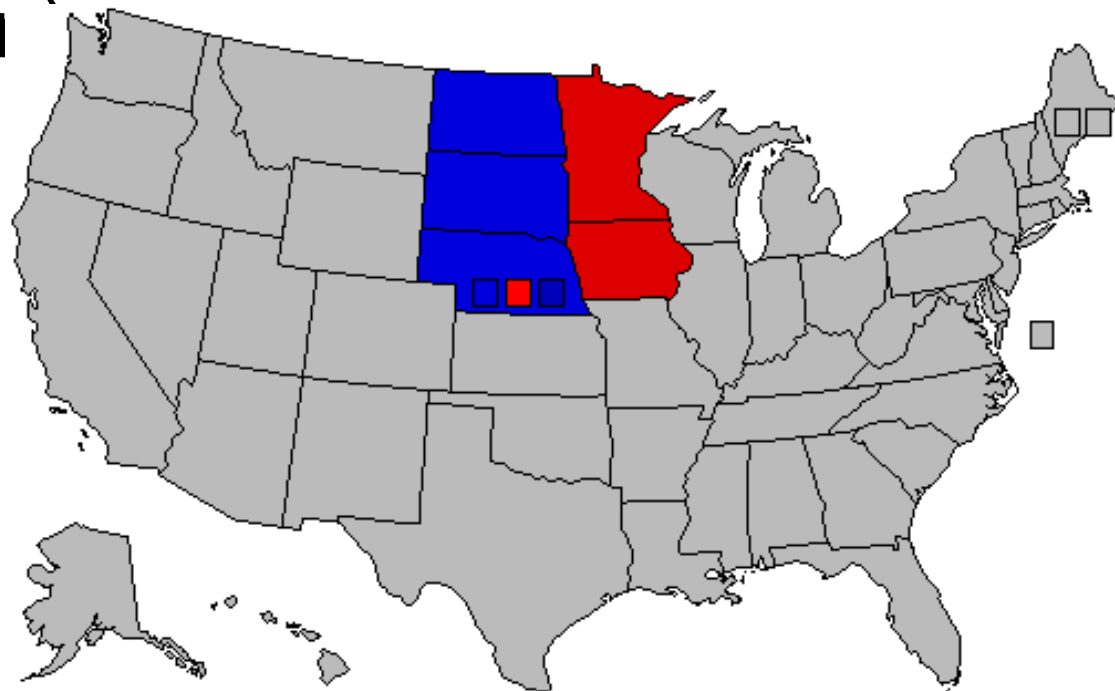


- Home of buffalos, three waves of inhabitants
- Agrarian states, no larger cities or towns
- High number of abandoned towns
- Today – windmill electric energy
- States with indigenous inhabitants



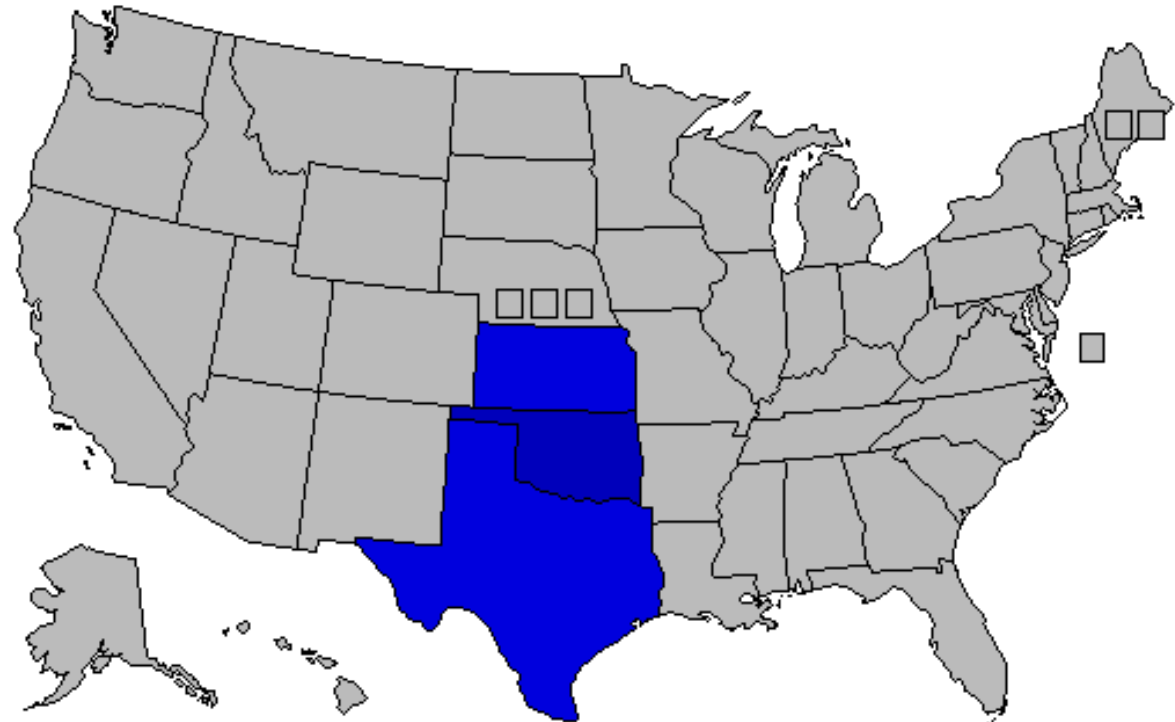
Corn Belt

- Historically – agrarian, today decrease
- States of rural old middle class
- Less religious region (Nebraska – Czech emigration)



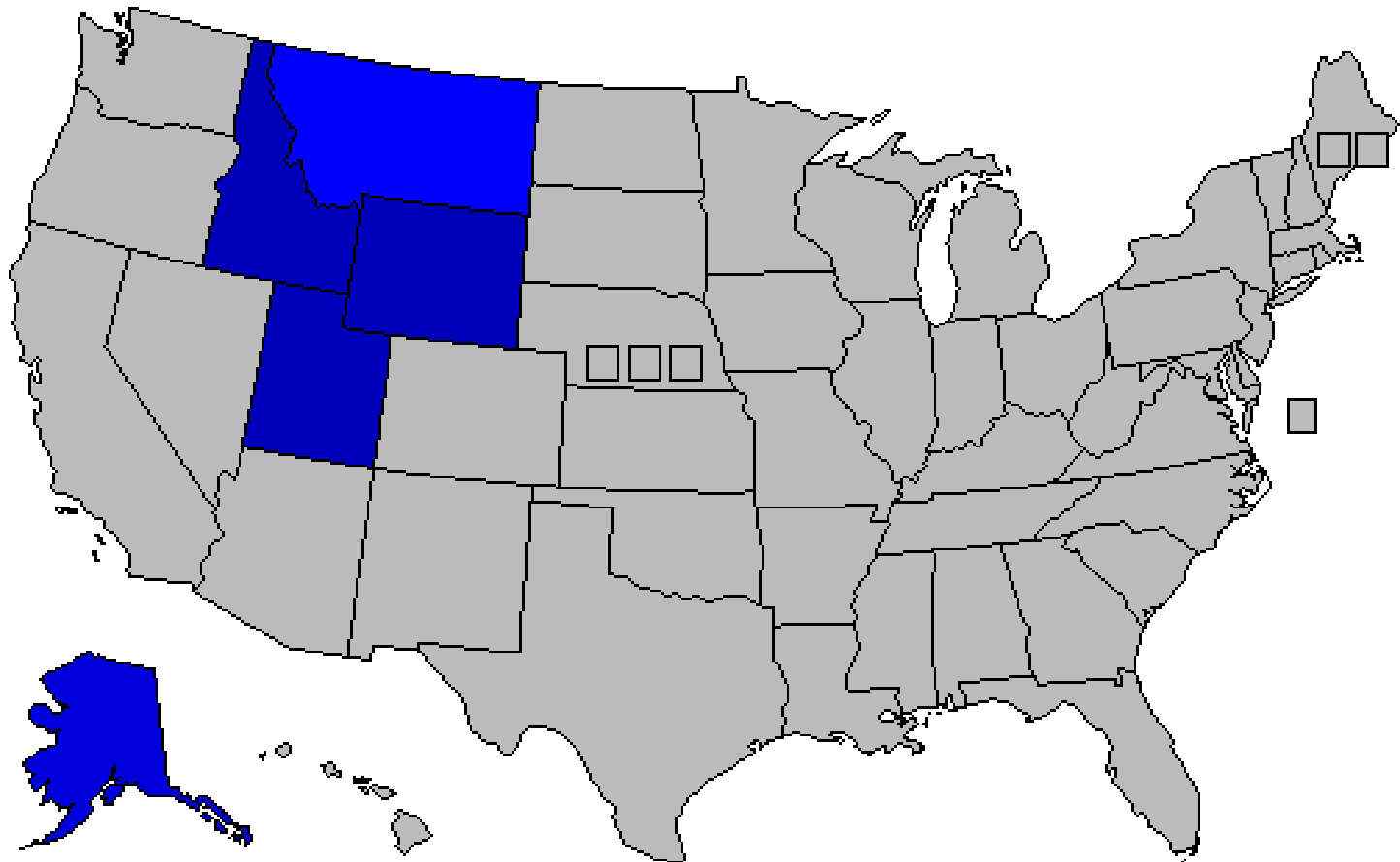
Lower „Great plains“

- Republican states
- Social – conservative
- Hispanic population south of Texas



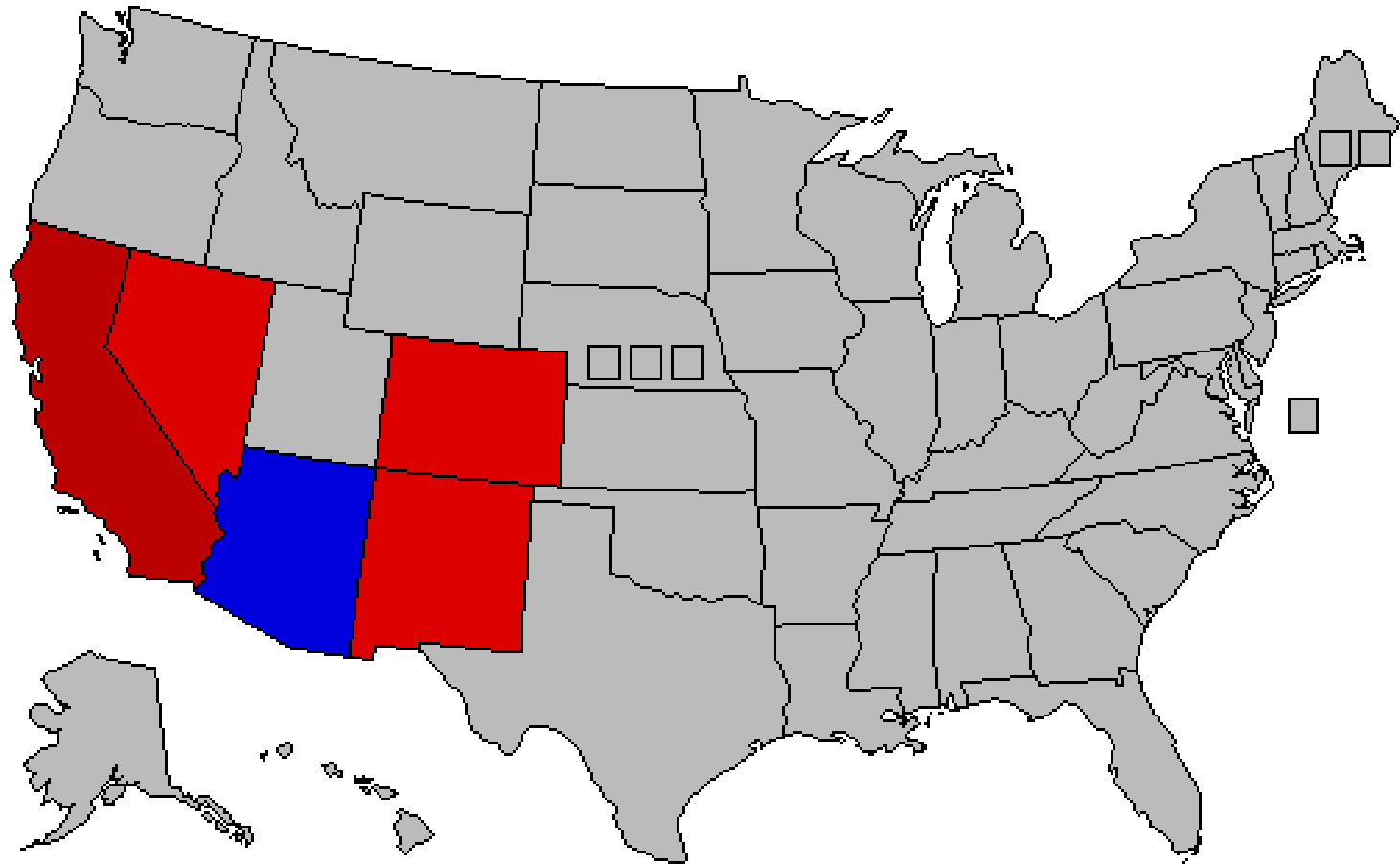
Northwest – in land

- Conservative and libertarian states



Southwest

- Until 1950 republican, now more democrat



Pacific coastline

- Democrat, social – liberal states



Ideology - 2016

	Clinton	Trump	Other
Liberal	84	10	6
Moderate	52	41	7
Cons.	15	81	4

Party

	Clinton	Trump	Other
Democrats	89	9	2
Republicans	7	90	3
Independents	42	48	10

Family – status

	Clinton	Trump	Ostatní
Married men	37	58	5
Married W.	49	47	4
Singl m.	46	45	9
Singl w.	62	33	5

Ethnicity

	Clinton	Trump	Other
White	37	58	5
Black	88	8	4
Hispanic	65	29	6
Asian	65	29	6
Other	56	37	7

Religion

	Clinton	Trump	Other
Protestant	37	60	3
Catholic	45	52	3
Mormon	25	61	14
Jewish	71	24	5
Other	58	33	9
Atheist	68	26	6

Age

	Clinton	Trump	Other
18 - 24	56	35	9
25 - 29	53	39	8
30 - 39	51	40	9
40 - 49	46	50	4
50 - 64	44	53	3
65 and more	45	53	2

Education

	Clinton	Trump	other
High school or less	45	51	4
Some college educ.	43	52	5
College graduate	49	45	6
Postgraduate educ.	58	37	5

Family income

	Clinton	Trump	Jiný
30.000	53	41	6
30 – 49.999	51	42	7
50 – 99.999	46	50	4
100 – 199.999	47	48	5
200 – 249.999	48	49	3
More 250	46	48	6

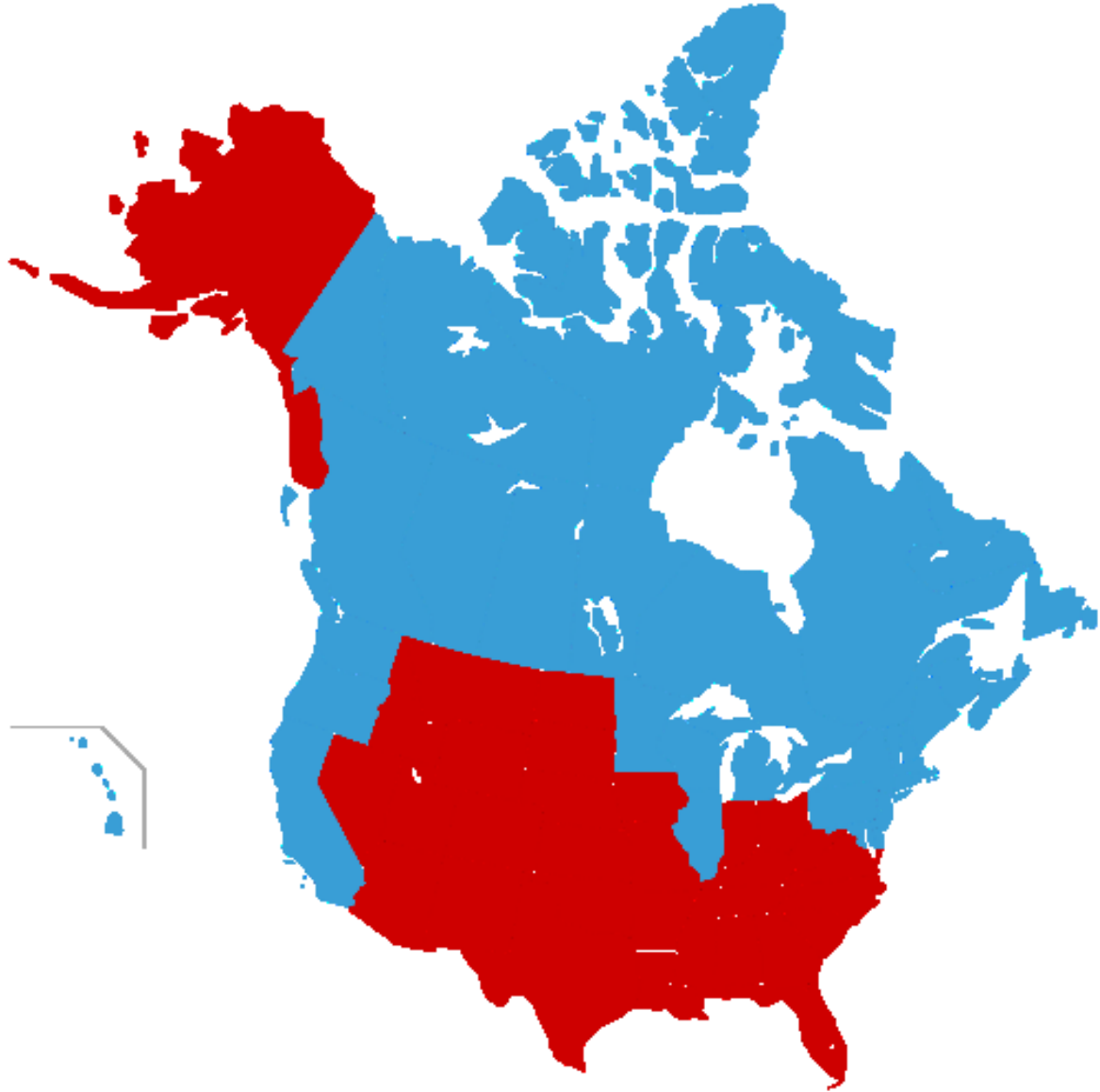
Number of cit. in town/city

	Clinton	Trump	Jiný
Cities	59	35	6
Suburbs	45	50	5
Rural	34	62	4

Issue most important

	Clinton	Trump
Foreign policy	60	34
Immigration	32	64
Economy	52	42
Terrorism	39	57

United states of Canada and „Jesusland“



Conclusion

- <http://www.votennight.com/>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngTd5FK66_A
- Clear definition of each territory
- At. Of voting system
- Time shift in some states (1920 – 2012)
- Cross influence of lot off variables