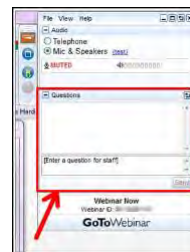
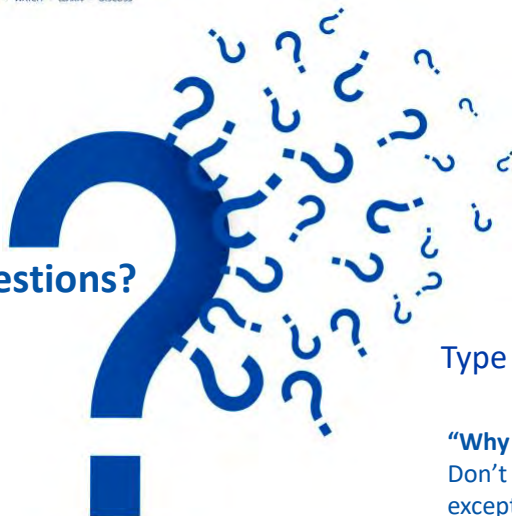




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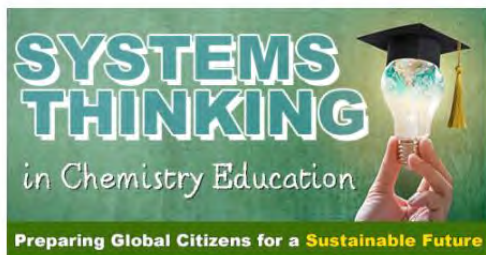
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### How interested are you in engaging with your elected officials?

- Not at all interested
- Somewhat interested, but don't engage
- Interested but don't know where to start
- Interested and occasionally engage already
- Very interested and engage whenever possible

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Presidential and congressional races

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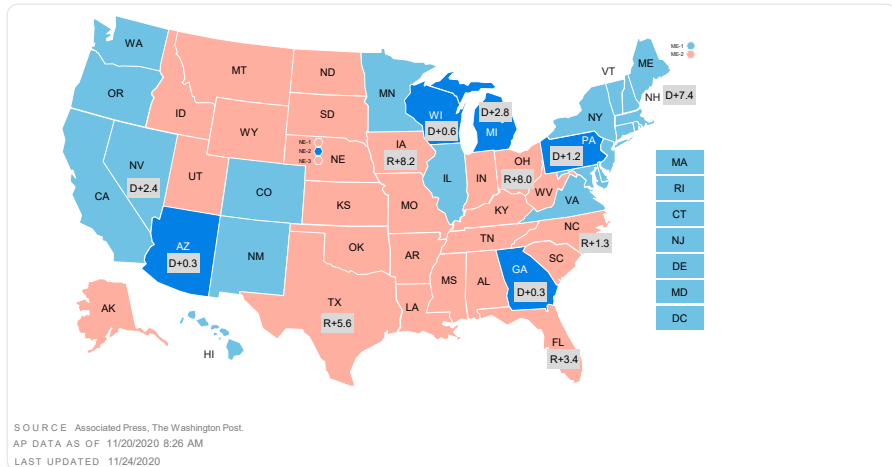
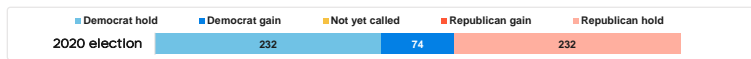
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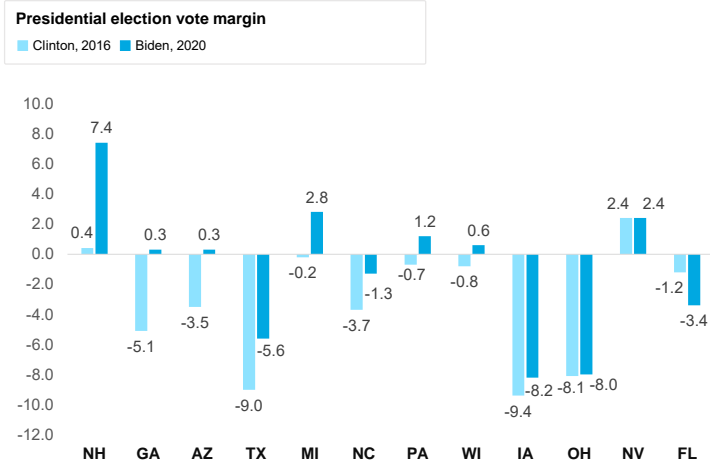
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Clinton vs. Biden margins: key swing states

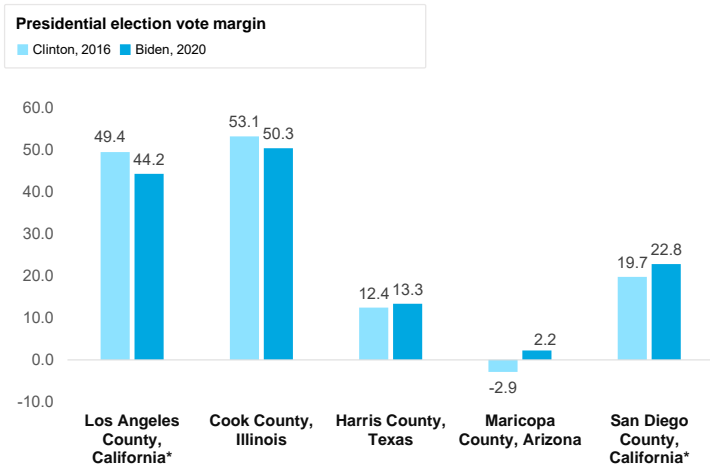


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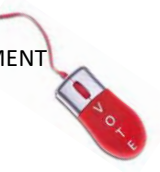
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### Did the results go how you expected?

- No I am shocked
- I am mildly surprised, but made a few accurate predictions
- I'm not surprised, but I didn't make any predictions
- I was pretty accurate
- Yes, I should become a pundit

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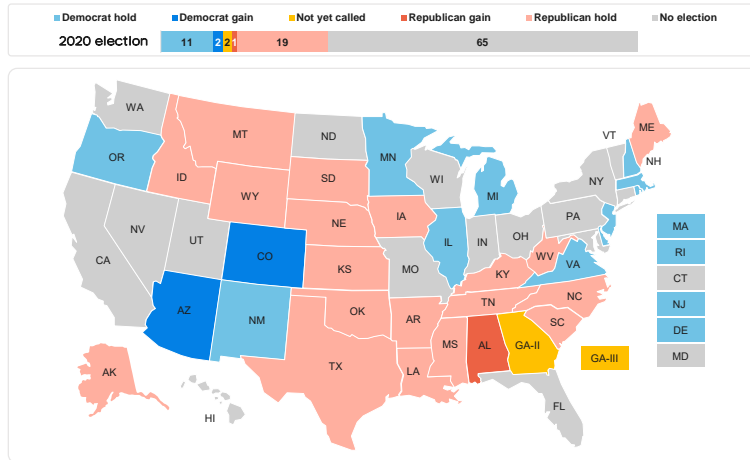
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2020 US Senate results

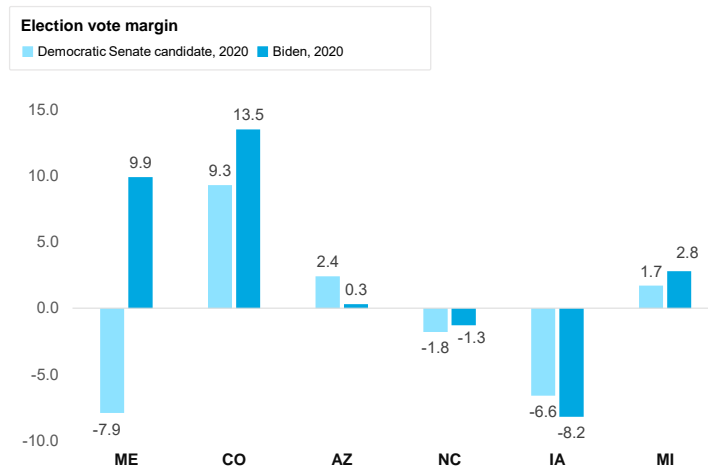


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Democratic Senate candidates vs. Biden margins



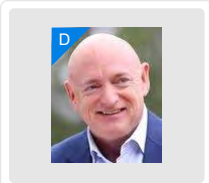
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Mark Kelly (AZ)



**Biography**

**BIRTH DATE**

2/21/1964

**EDUCATION**

BS, Marine Engineering, United States Merchant Marine Academy; Graduated, United States Naval Test Pilot School, MS, Aeronautical Engineering, United States Naval Postgraduate School

**FAMILY**

Wife: Gabby; 2 Children: Claire, Claudia

**Background**

Retired US Navy Captain, astronaut, and engineer, Kelly has served his country for over thirty years; successfully campaigned for Senate on gun control and health care policies

Began career as a naval aviator, flying 39 combat missions in Operation Desert Storm

Selected as a NASA space shuttle pilot in 1996; has since flown four missions, commanded two, and visited the Space Station four times

Identical twin brother, Scott, is also an astronaut, making them the only siblings who have travelled to space; involved in NASA Twin Study to research the effects of space on genomes, found changes in Scott's gut bacteria

Retired as a US Navy Captain and astronaut in 2011, after his wife, former Rep. Gabby Giffords (D-AZ08) was shot in the head and faced a difficult recovery; sparked his gun control advocacy leading to their founding of Giffords, a gun control advocacy, research, SuperPAC, and lobbying firm that still recognizes Second Amendment rights

Founded World View Enterprises, a near-space exploration and technology company in 2013

Advocates for affordable and accessible health care that would protect 2.8 million Arizonians with pre-existing conditions from losing their insurance; campaign platform called for creating more options to introduce competition and reduce costs

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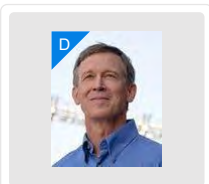
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John Hickenlooper (CO)



**Biography**

**BIRTH DATE**

2/7/1952

**EDUCATION**

MA, Geology, Wesleyan Univ., 1980; BA, English, Wesleyan Univ., 1974

**FAMILY**

Wife: Helen; 1 Child: Teddy

**Background**

Former governor, mayor, and brewpub entrepreneur known for practical approach to health, environmental issues, and economic growth

Grew up in a middle-class family in a suburb of Philadelphia

After being laid off as a geologist, opened the first brewpub in CO, which helped spark the revitalization of Denver's Lower Downtown

While running his brewery, led a grassroots campaign to keep the name of the Denver Mile High stadium, raising his public profile and serving as a primer for his mayoral run

Two-term mayor of Denver, where he eliminated a \$70 million budget deficit and attracted the 2008 Democratic National Convention to Denver

As governor, helped to spur job creation, oversaw the legalization of recreational marijuana, and signed three major gun control proposals into law

Supports adding a public health care option and has been vocal on the need to lower prescription drug costs, including through allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices

Advocates for a transition to a 100% renewable energy economy, but has opposed bans on fracking

Briefly ran for the Democratic nomination for president in 2020, running as a coalition-building centrist Democrat, before dropping out and enter the US Senate race; successfully unseated incumbent Cory Gardner (R-CO)

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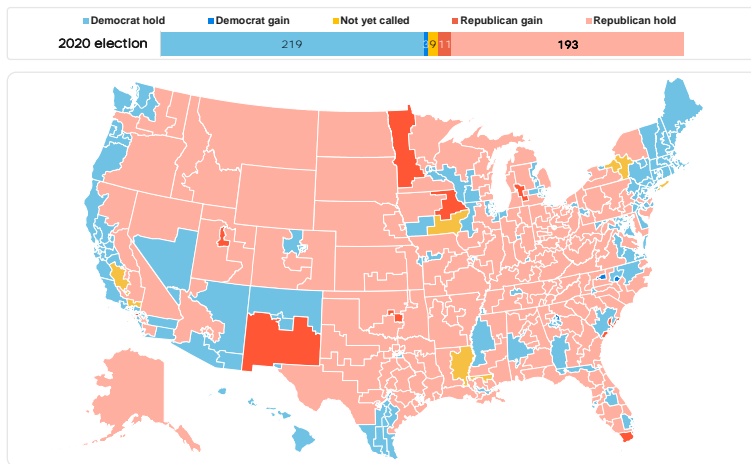
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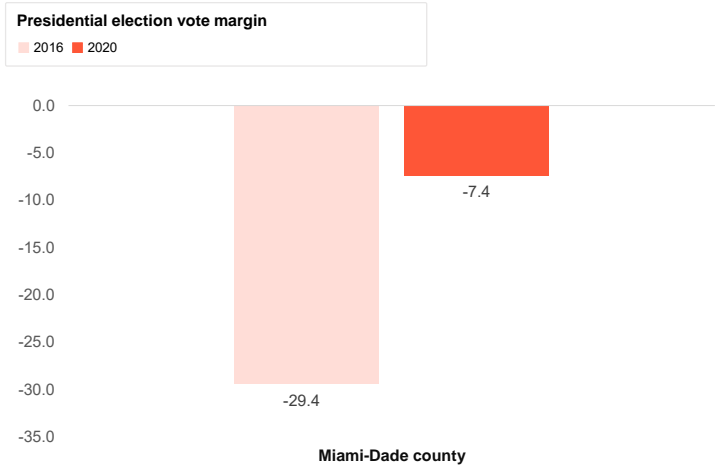


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### Trump margins: Miami-Dade county



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### Limited gains for scientists in Congress

#### Spotlight: Potential freshman scientist



**Incumbent Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-NY) vs. Challenger Nancy Goroff (D-NY)**  
Goroff is a chemistry professor  
Zeldin leads with 61.3% of the vote as of Nov. 24

#### Spotlight: Incumbent scientist loss



**Incumbent Rep. Joe Cunningham (D-SC)**  
Environmental engineer  
Lost to challenger Nancy Mace (R-SC)

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### Select which of the following are real Congressional Caucuses?

(Select all that apply)

- Congressional Battlefield Caucus
- Congressional High Performance Building Caucus
- Congressional Critical Materials Caucus
- Congressional Chemistry Caucus
- Congressional Hockey Caucus

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- STEM Education
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- Many More



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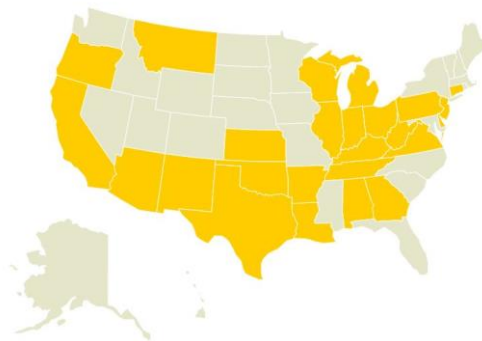


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### After this election, how involved do you plan to be in politics?

- Less interested in interacting with my elected officials
- No change in my involvement
- More interested in interacting with my elected officials
- Plan to run for an elected office

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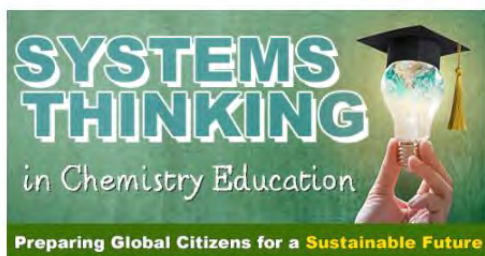
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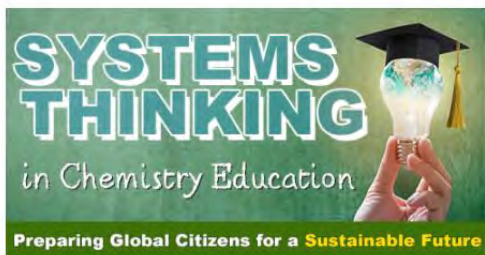
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