

Key States

Note that polls aren't readily available yet. Data used predates Joe Biden endorsement of Kamala Harris, but states as a whole lean direction may not change much due to this.

Executive Summary

Priority 1:

- PA (16), MI (15), WI (10): Tossups holding a total of 44 Electoral college delegates. The first two hold a tossup Senate election, three tossup House elections, AG and State Supreme Court elections.
- MN (10) NH (4): Lean D, but may soon move into tossup territory, State Supreme Court seats up in MN.
- NC (16): Leans R, so more difficult than a tossup or Lean D

Priority 2: GA, AZ, NV

Watch: MT, OH

Methodology

Use the Cook Political Report for Presidential elections, the tables that show the states with respect to political leaning. We are not interested in the extremes as they are probably predetermined, though later, when we assess individual Congressional elections, we might find a few candidates to support in extreme states. States generally participate by unit in the Electoral College, and they are often the unit at which grass roots work is offered. Column 1 shows the key state in tossup states, lean D and lean R. If a defensive posture is needed, concentrate on Lean D states first and Lean R last.

Step 1 is to list the presidential race in key states, shown in column 1. Step 2 is to look at other races in these states where grass roots work by the state can yield positive results. We usually look at just President (col 1) and Congress (columns 2 and 3), but in these litigious times, especially with Trump willing to do anything to win, state AGs and Supreme court are also interesting (columns 4 and 5).

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PRESIDENT, AT LEAST 4 DELEGATES *	SENATE TOSSUP*	HOUSE TOSSUP, CURRENTLY D OR R*	AG **	STATE SUPREME COURT **
PA (19)	MI	PA-08	Michelle Henry	
Michigan (15)		MI-07, 08		2 partisans
WI (10)				
<i>Lean D</i>				
MN (10)				3 non-partisans
NH (4)				
<i>Lean R</i>				Non-partisans
GA (16)				4 non-partisans
NC (16)		NC-01	Josh Stein	1 partisan
AZ (11)	Kari Lake	AZ (2)		2 retentions
NV (6)				3 non-partisans
	MT	CO-08, ME-02, NM-2, OH-09,13, WA-03		
		CA (4), NJ (1), NY (3), OR (1)		
	OH			

*Cook Report: Tossups, races in Lean D and Lean R districts.

<https://www.cookpolitical.com/ratings/presidential-race-ratings>

**BallotPedia

https://ballotpedia.org/State_judicial_elections,_2024

https://ballotpedia.org/Attorney_General_elections,_2024

Grassroots Methods

Although knocking on doors is considered the most productive method of contacting voters, not everyone is able and states we want to help require travel. If you can do this, great! Other methods work through organizations, such as state Democratic parties. The reasons for the organization route are so helpful are: 1) organizations are better positioned to give voters the information they need, and 2) they are likely to have more money than individuals. Still, donations are important.

Donations

Donations to campaigns are a great way to target specific individual candidates. We will examine specific races soon. Donations to worthwhile organizations are another way to influence the outcome.

In 2024, the GOP has focused much more on ground organizations than in the past. We can help meet the challenge, by donating to support Democratic ground organizations in key states. The Movement Voter Project below is recommended by one of our members.

Support Democratic Ground Organization

Note that, except for Ohio, our high priority list is in good agreement with the Movement Voter Project' top priority states. They have a lot more, but they are working for a large audience.

<https://movement.vote/>

