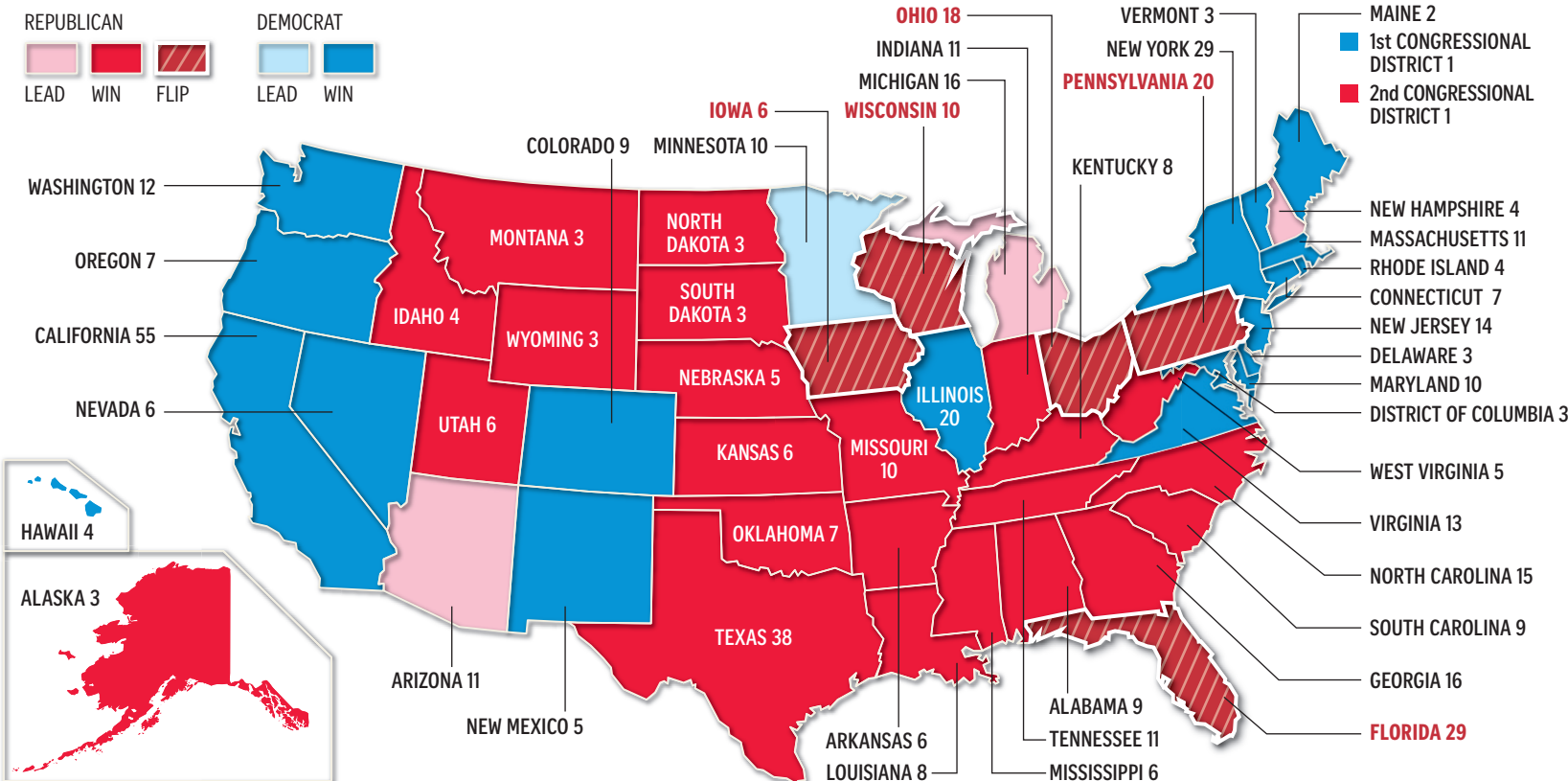
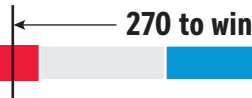


Former Obama strongholds seal victory for Trump

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Results as of press time



BATTLEGROUND: These crucial states, with their rich haul of electoral votes, played a key part in bolstering Mr Donald Trump's score in his fight for the White House against Mrs Hillary Clinton.

State	Electoral college votes	Percentage of votes polled	
		Trump	Clinton
Florida	29	49.1	47.7
Pennsylvania	20	48.8	47.7
Ohio	18	52.1	43.5
Michigan*	16	47.6	47.3
North Carolina	15	50.5	46.7

*Preliminary results; final result awaited

NOTE: Each state is allocated a certain number out of a total of 538 electoral college votes, and a candidate needs to win at least 270 votes to get into the Oval Office.

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