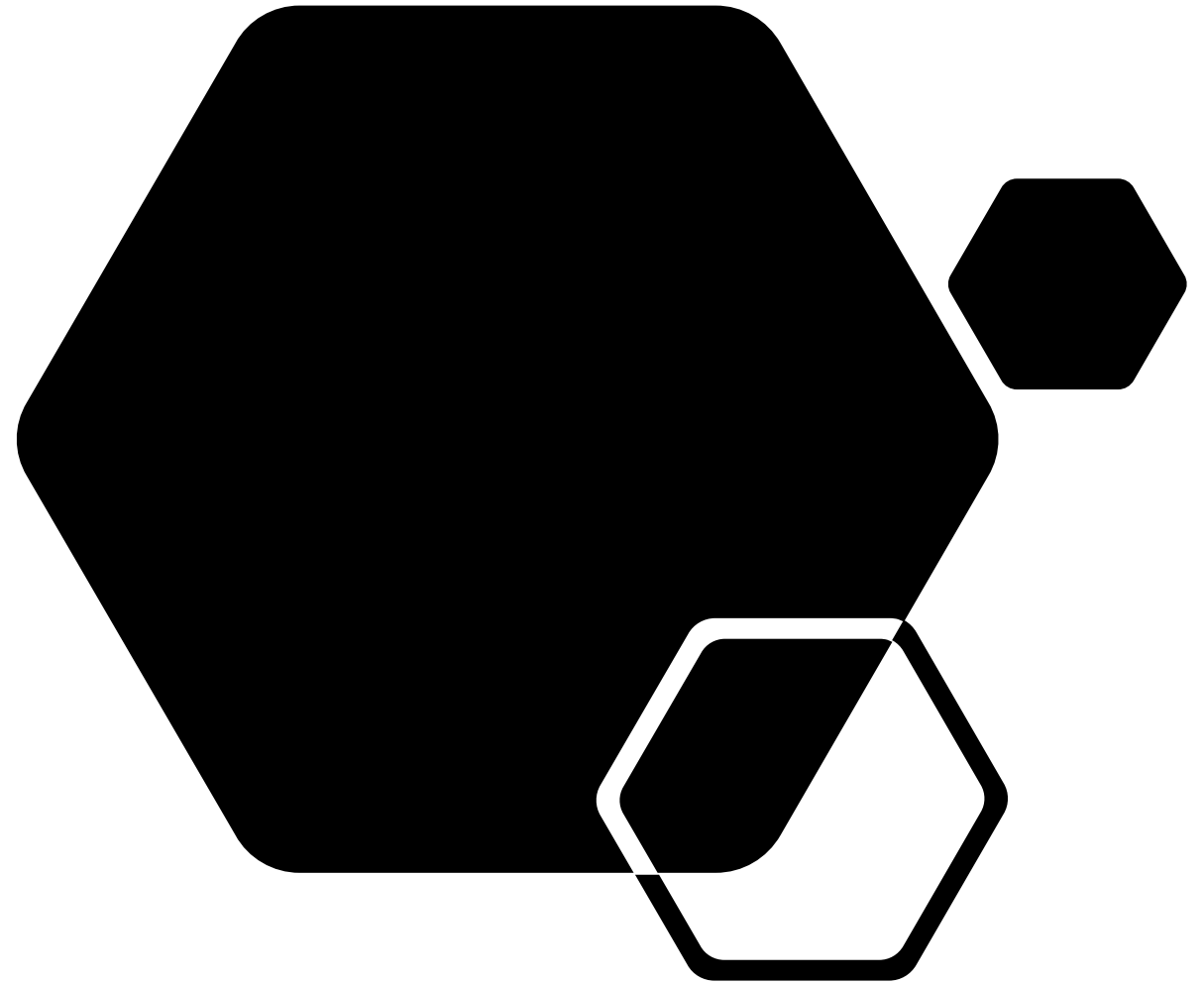


US Mid-term Elections: Challenges and Consequences

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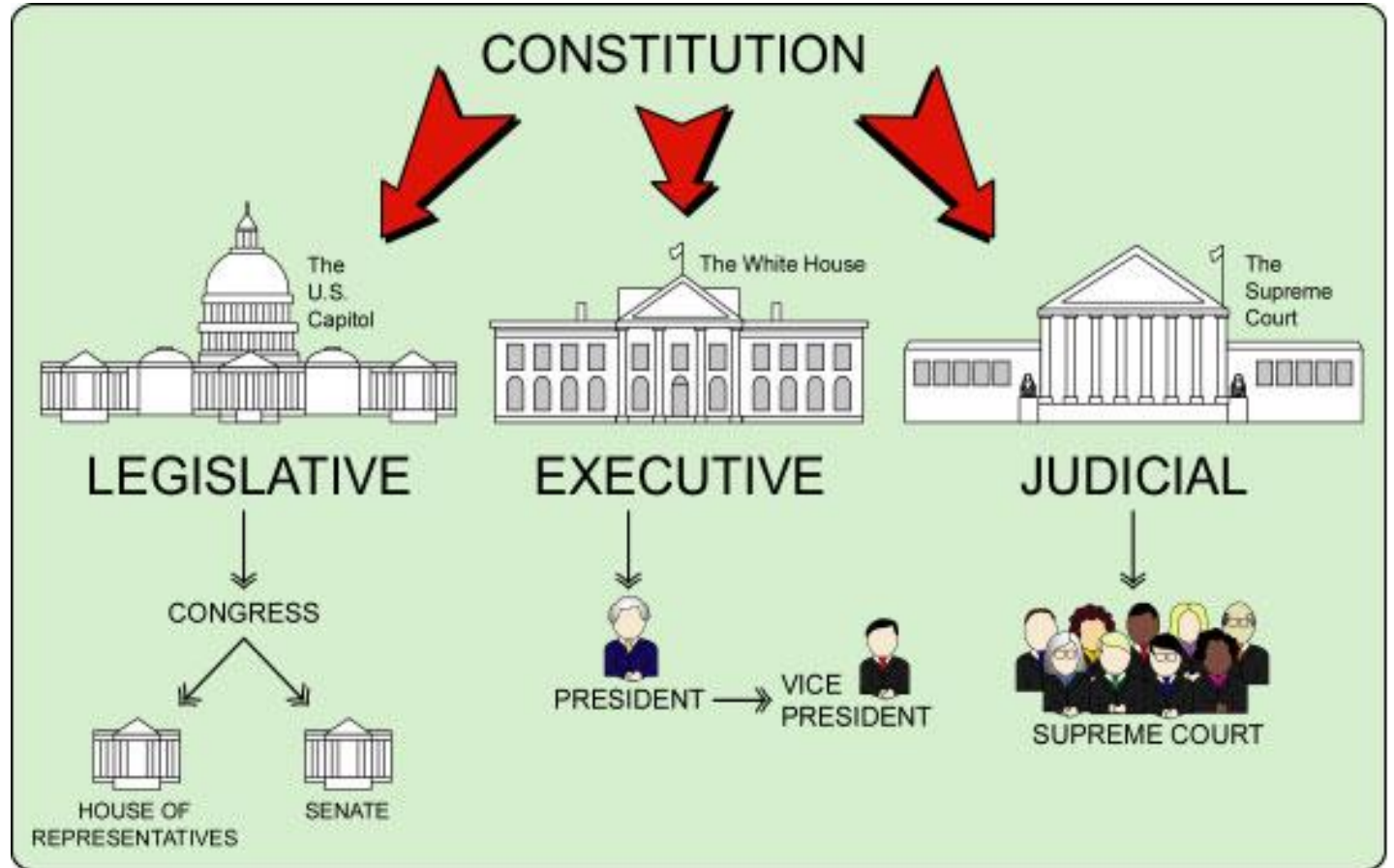


US Congress

Gubernatorial

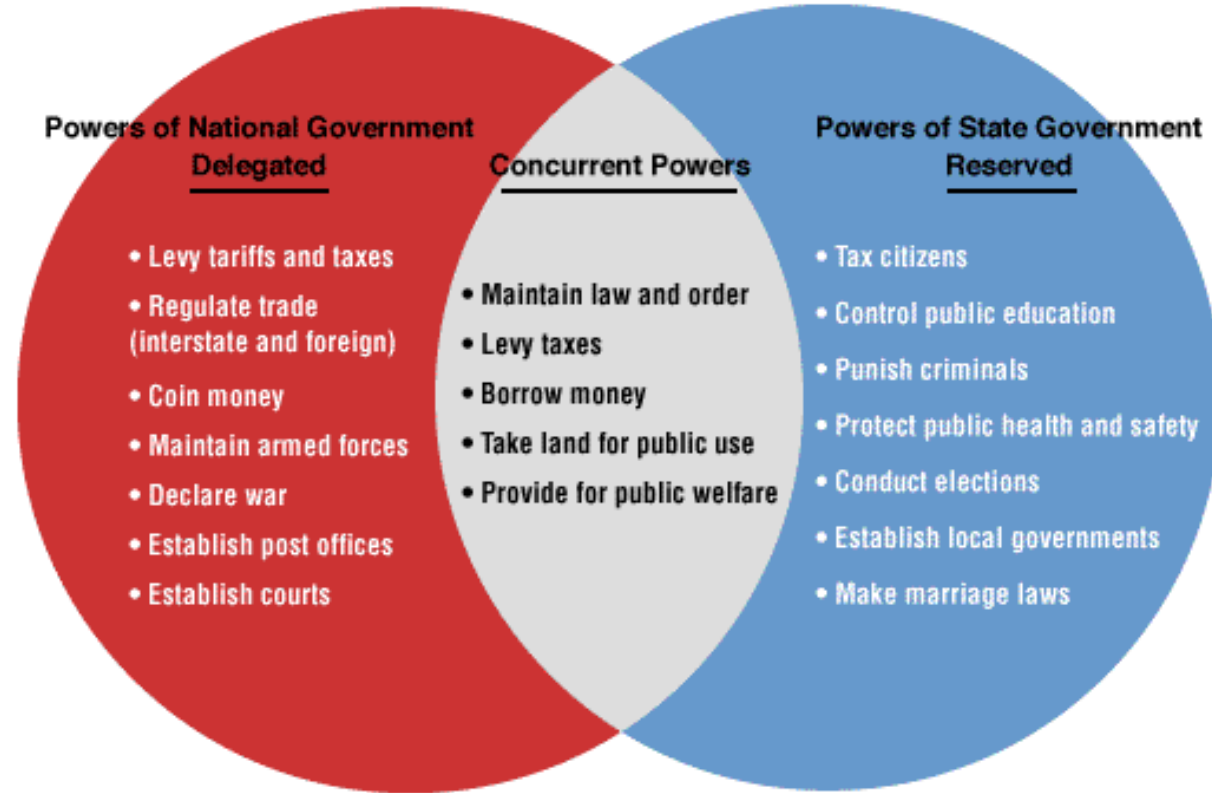
Bellwether for the remaining four
years of the US president

US Political System
(federal level)



US Political System
(geoadministrative
level)

Federal System



Elections

- President (and Vice President) – every four years
- Senators – every six years
- Representatives – every 2 years
- State Governors/legislators – every four years



Thankfully,
they no
longer look
like this

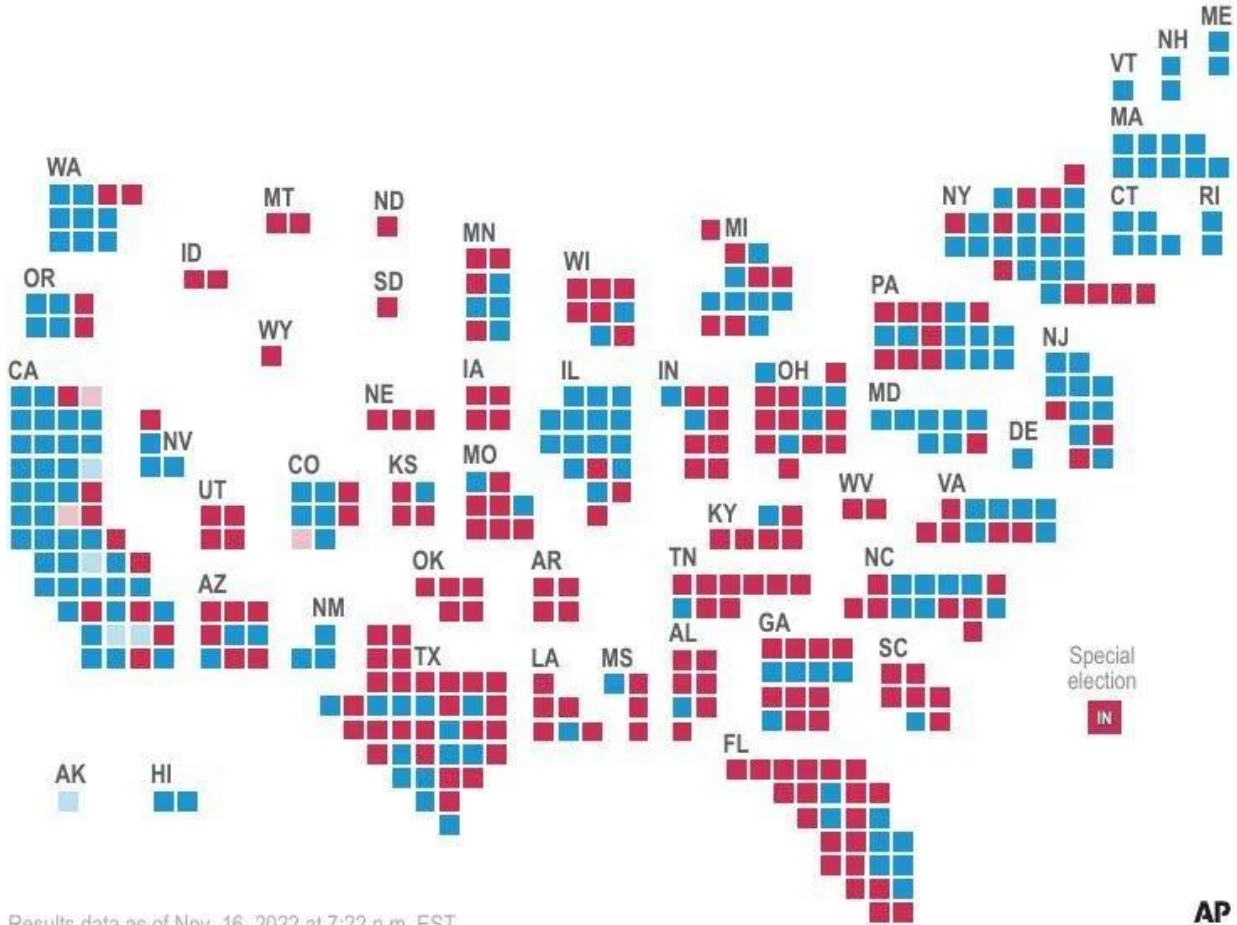




Two candidates who are not on ballot
competing for votes

Results
US House of Representatives
all 435

Republicans clinch US House majority



Results data as of Nov. 16, 2022 at 7:22 p.m. EST

Results

US Senate
34 seats
(14 Dems, 20
Reps)

Democrats Win

Democrats have kept Senate control by flipping Pennsylvania and holding on to competitive seats in Arizona and Nevada.

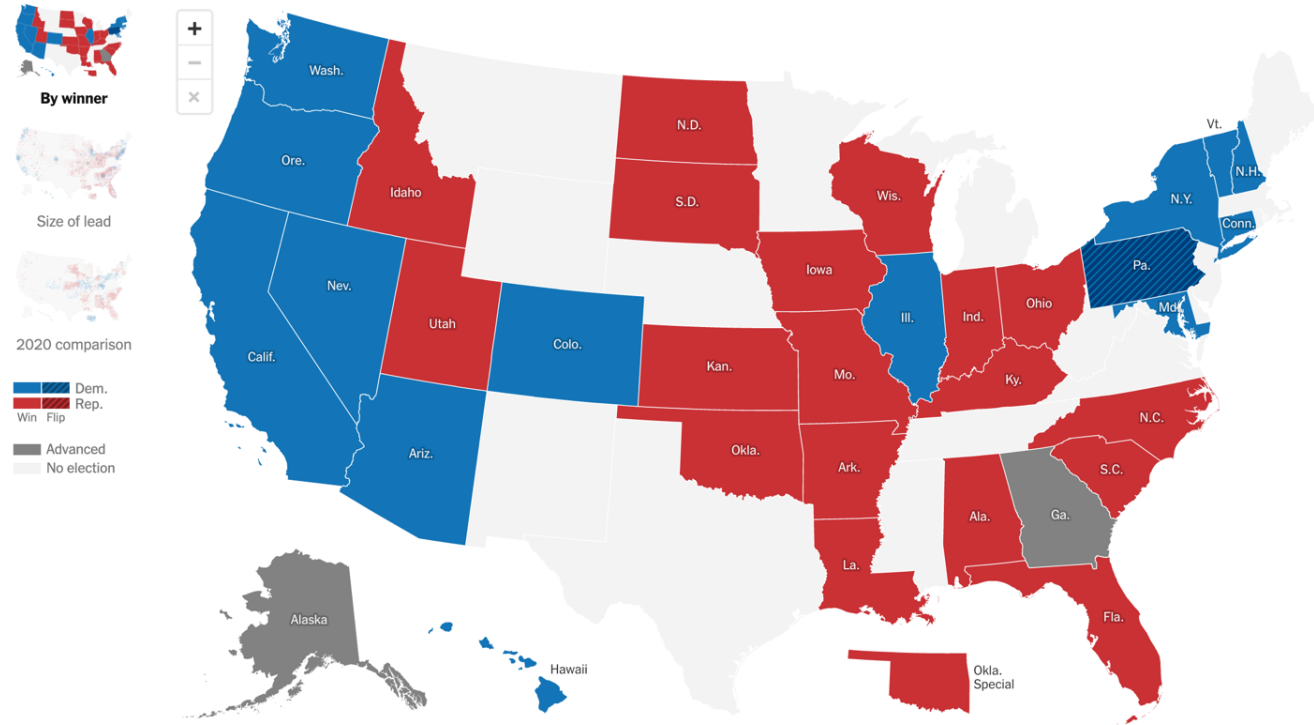
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Democrats ✓

49
Republicans

36 seats not up for election
Flipped 1 seat

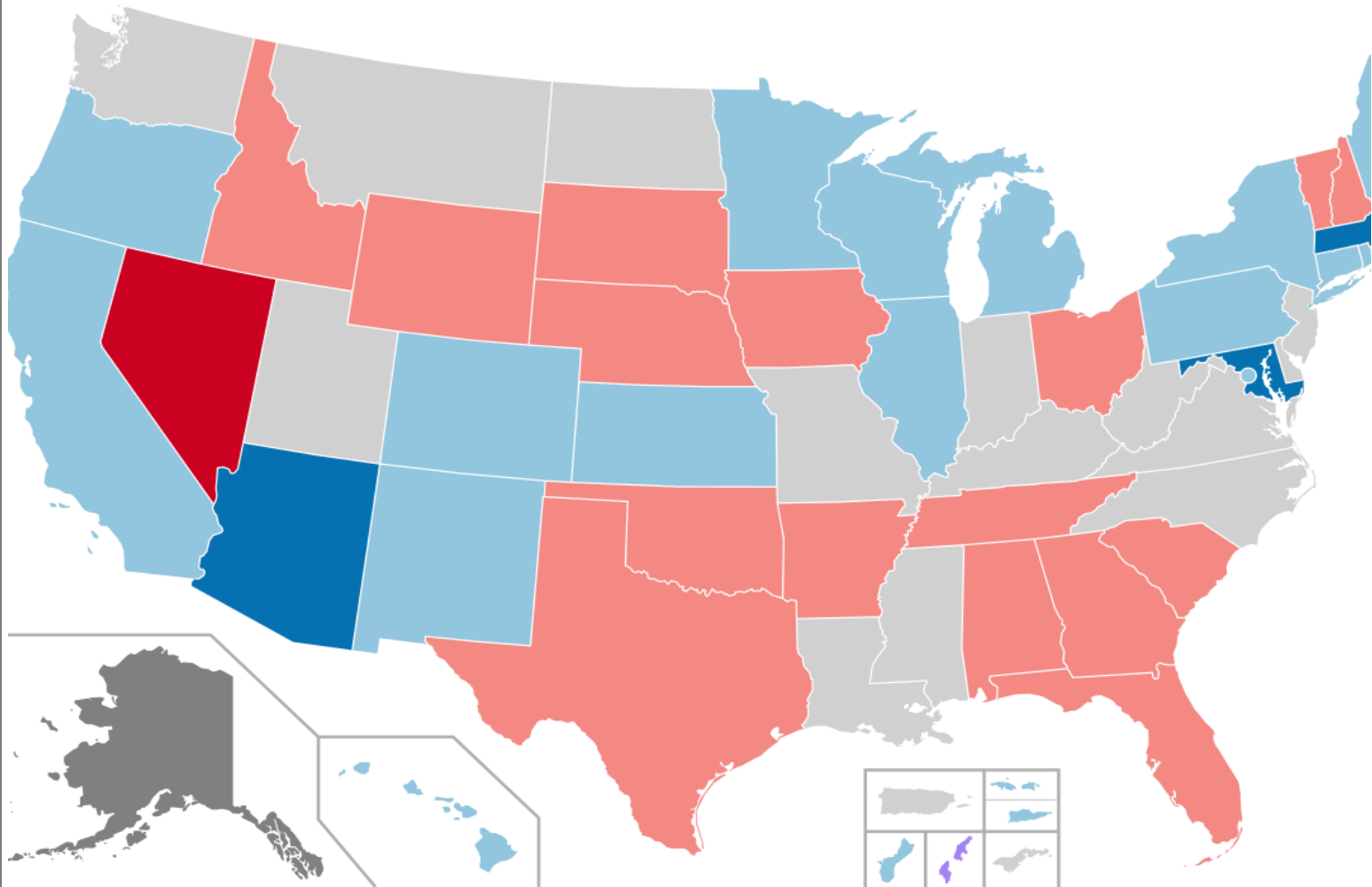
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29 seats not up for election

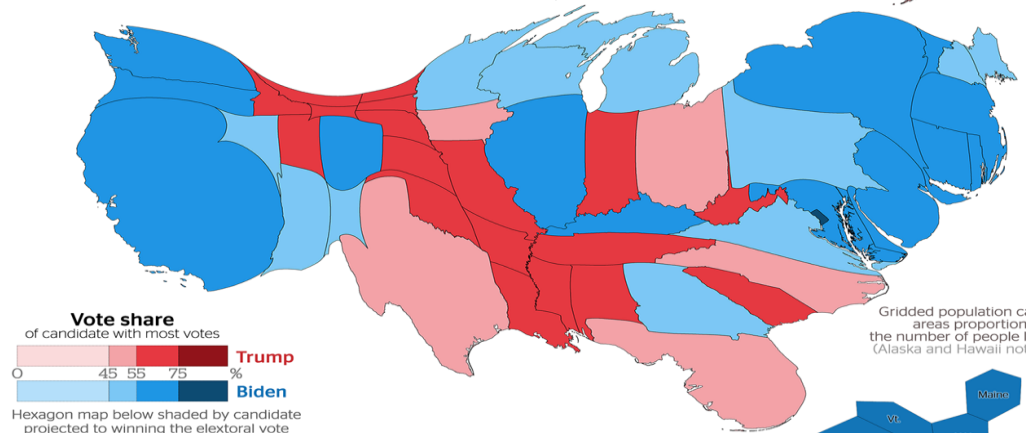
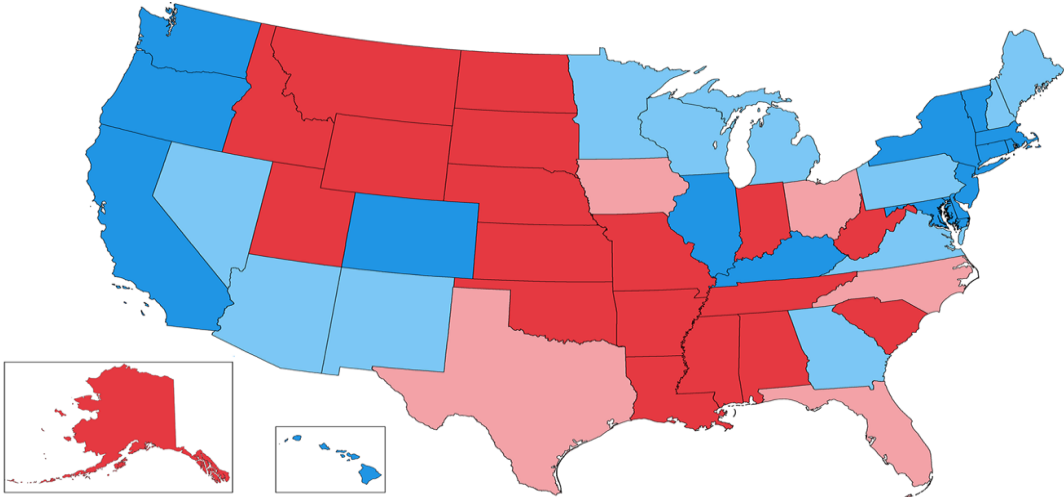


Results Governors

Dems flip 3, Reps 1



Results by Population not Trees



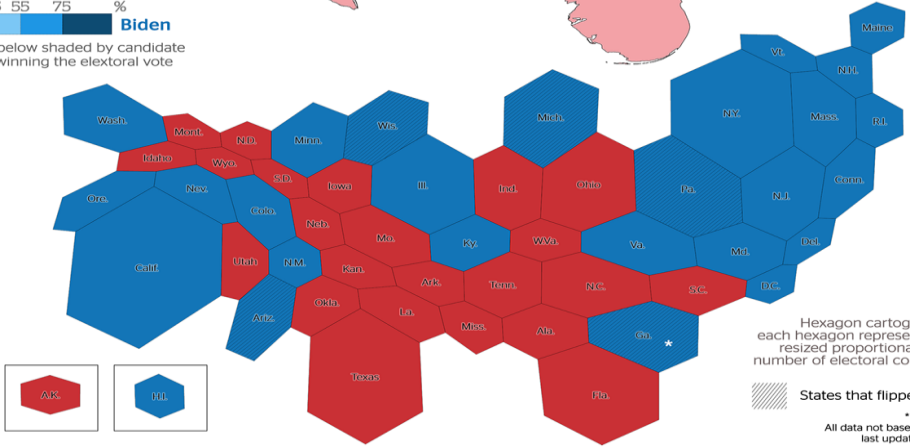
Vote share
of candidate with most votes

0 45 55 75 %

Trump
Biden

Hexagon map below shaded by candidate projected to winning the electoral vote

Gridded population cartogram:
areas proportional to
the number of people living there
(Alaska and Hawaii not included)



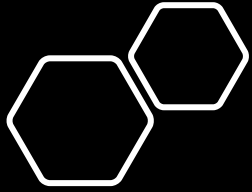
Hexagon cartogram:
each hexagon representing state
sized proportional to the
number of electoral college votes

States that flipped from 2016

* Possible recount
All data not based on final results,
last updated Nov 16, 2020

Challenges

- Did the Democrats win? **No**
- Did the Republicans win? **No**
- At the federal level, the Democrats did not lose as bad as projected
- At the state level, the Democrats marginally won
- Divided government, polarized society
- Balance between domestic priorities and foreign challenges
- The presidential campaign has begun (Biden, Trump, DeSantis)

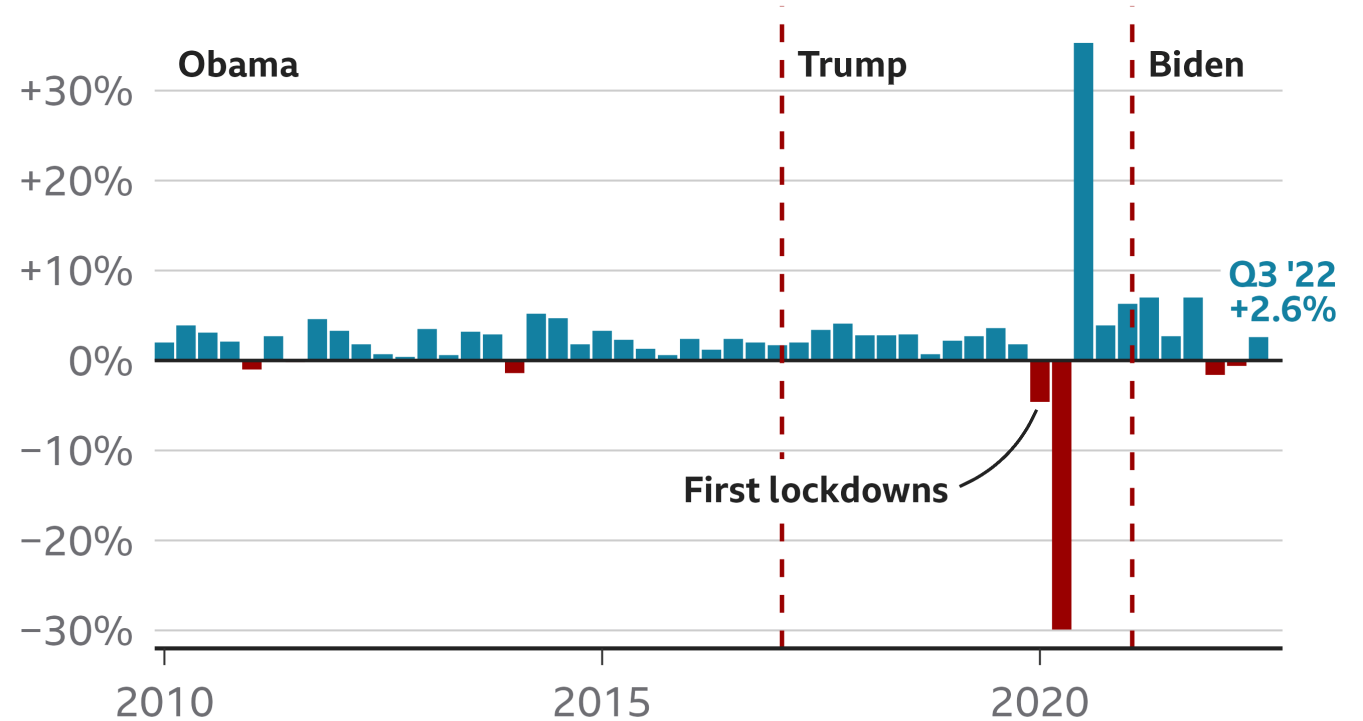


Consequences

- It's the economy, stupid

US economic growth

Seasonally adjusted GDP, quarterly growth



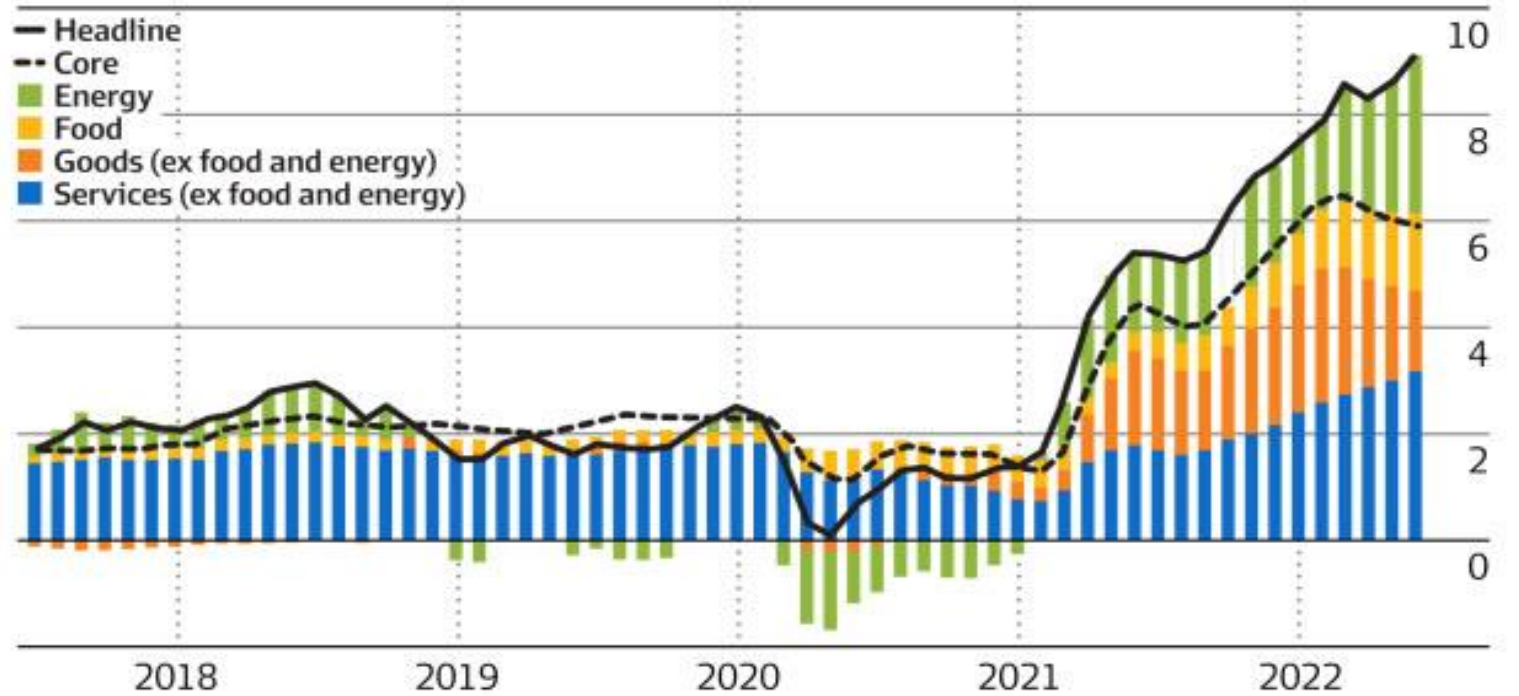
Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Inflation is high

- Significant external shocks
- Little control

US CPI* (% YoY)



* Including topline contributions and core CPI

SOURCE: BLOOMBERG



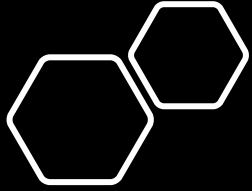
Inward Looking

- No self-reflection
- Polarization
- Defeat Biden (House)
- Republicans divided

Foreign Challenges at Global Level



- China
 - Taiwan
 - South China Sea
 - Trade



Foreign Challenges at Regional Level

- What is the vision regarding Russia?
- End the war in Ukraine?
- Reduce Europe's energy dependence?

Russian Territorial Control of Ukraine, *September 11, 2022*

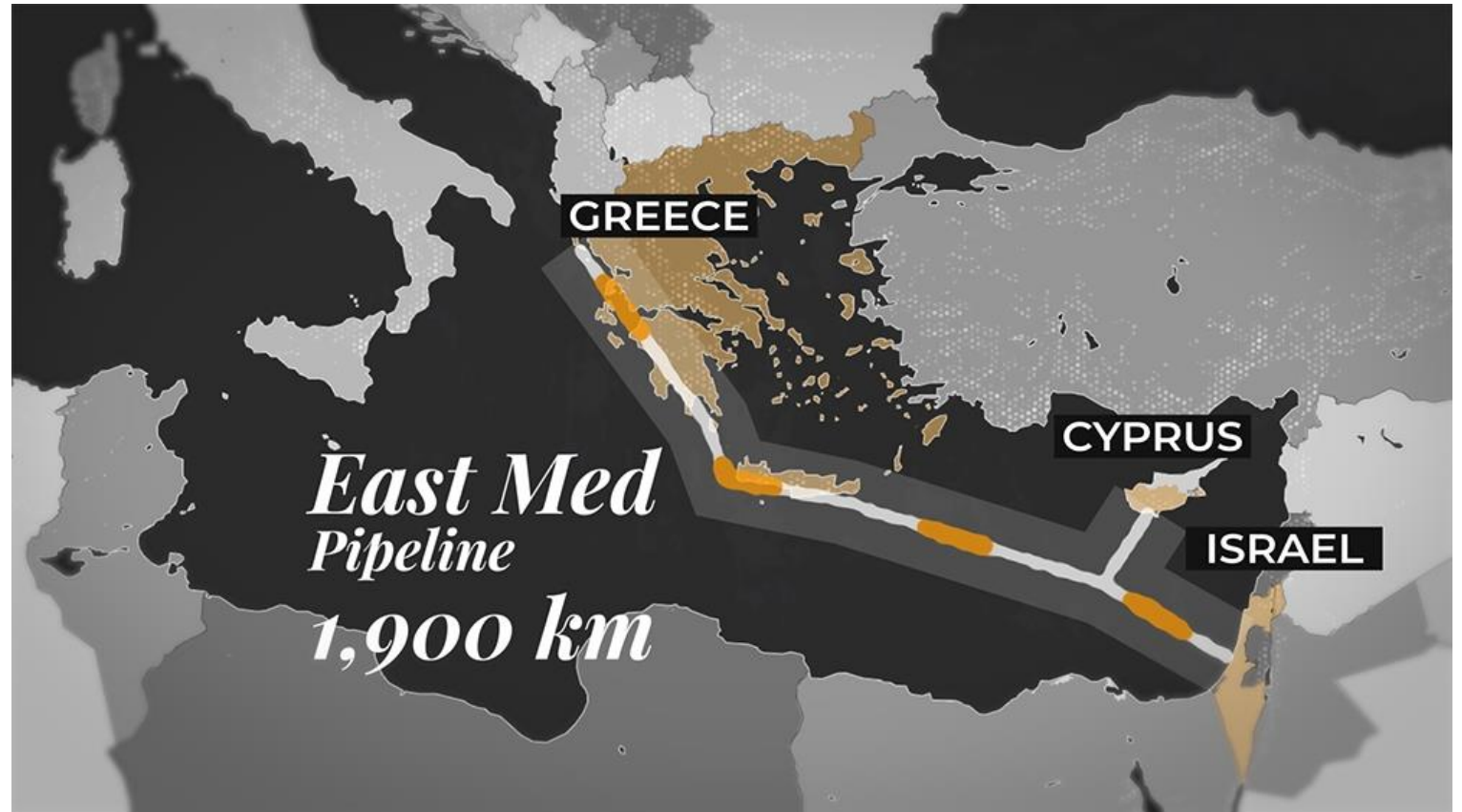


Foreign Challenges at Neighborhood Level

Is Turkey an ally?

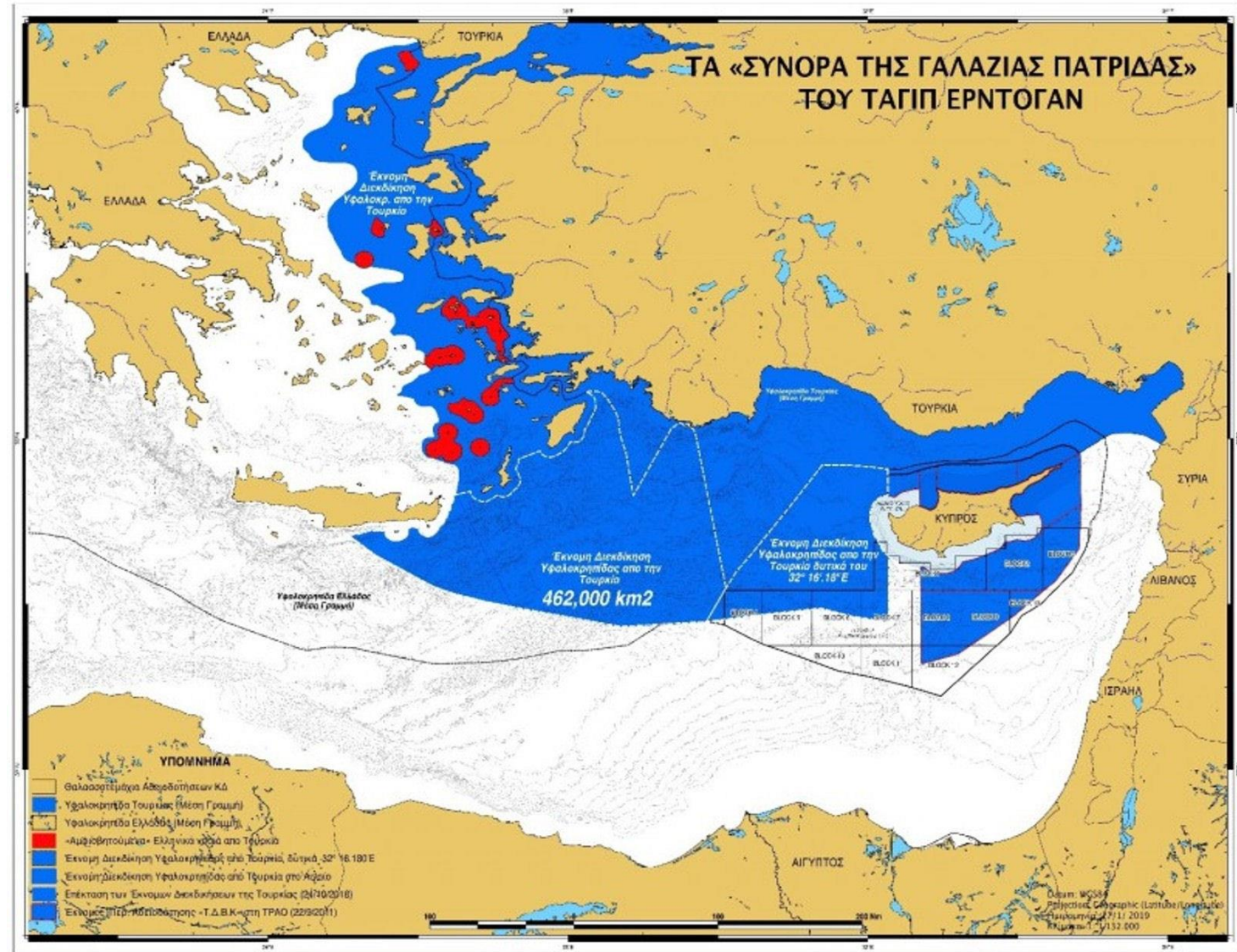


The
Pipeline?



The Blue Homeland

It involves geostrategic interests of NATO members in addition to Middle Eastern countries



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