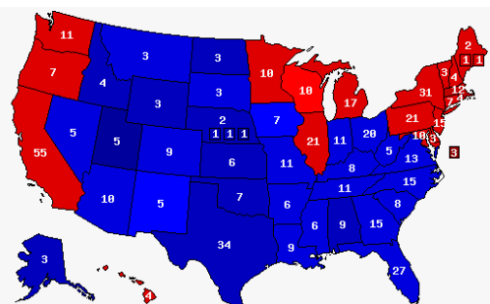


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THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

The choice facing presidential voters in 2008 will be between New York Senator Hillary Clinton, the Democratic nominee, and Virginia Senator Elizabeth Dole, the Republican nominee. John McCain will have the nomination of the Reform Party. How could this affect the election?

Senator Clinton and her running mate, Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico, will face a Republican ticket of Dole and former Speaker Newt Gingrich. Senator McCain (R) picks then Tennessee Senator Harold Ford (D) as his running mate.

So let's see what would happen if, on **the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November**, the voters elect slates of presidential electors as follows:

Dole-Gingrich (R)	Clinton-Richardson (D)	McCain-Ford (Reform)
___ Alabama	___ California	___ Arizona
___ Alaska	___ Connecticut	___ Colorado
___ Arkansas	___ Hawaii	___ Delaware
___ Georgia	___ Illinois	___ Florida
___ Idaho	___ Louisiana	___ Kentucky
___ Indiana	___ Maine	___ Michigan
___ Iowa	___ Maryland	___ Mississippi
___ Kansas	___ Massachusetts	___ Ohio
___ Missouri	___ Minnesota	___ Pennsylvania
___ Montana	___ New Mexico	___ South Carolina
___ Nebraska	___ New Hampshire	___ Tennessee
___ Nevada	___ New Jersey	___ Wisconsin
___ North Dakota	___ New York	
___ Oklahoma	___ Oregon	
___ South Dakota	___ Rhode Island	
___ Texas	___ Vermont	
___ Utah	___ Washington	
___ Virginia		
___ West Virginia		
___ Wyoming		
Total	Total	Total

1. Project the number of electoral votes that would go to each ticket. Use the online Electoral College calculator/map at <http://www.harcourtschool.com/activity/electoral/>. Write in the number of electoral votes for each state next to the state name and the total at the bottom.

2. In addition, when the electors meet to vote on the real election day (the first Wednesday after the second Monday in December), several "**faithless electors**" appear. Four of California's electors vote for McCain for President and Ford for Vice President. And five Ohio electors vote for Dole for President and Ford for Vice President. How many votes for President does each candidate get?

Dole Clinton McCain

How many votes for Vice-President does each candidate get?

Gingrich Richardson Ford

3. What happens now?
Who elects the president?

Who elects the vice-president?

4. Which candidate is likely to win? Why?

5. Explain why most candidates spend most of their efforts on large electoral states despite the fact that the Electoral College over represents small states.