

Start up: *Front + Back*

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3. Compare your maps to these lists...what do you notice?

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Mississippi	50.5
Idaho	48.5
Alabama	48.3
Wyoming	47.4
Utah	47.3
South Dakota	46.9
Louisiana	46.8
North Dakota	46.7
South Carolina	45.8
Arkansas	45.0

*Top 10 Liberal States*

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District of Columbia	41.1
Vermont	30.5
Rhode Island	29.3
Massachusetts	28.0
Connecticut	26.7
New York	26.6
Oregon	26.3
Colorado	26.0
Washington	25.9
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### Find a partner for this one

After the 2010 census, the following states *lost* one electoral college vote due to a declining population:

Iowa  
Illinois  
Louisiana  
Massachusetts  
Michigan  
Missouri  
New Jersey  
Pennsylvania

And the following states lost *two* electoral college votes:

Ohio  
New York

The following states *gained* electoral college votes due to increasing population:

Texas: gained 4  
Florida: gained 2

gained one  
Arizona  
Georgia  
Nevada  
South Carolina  
Utah  
Washington state

Question: How does this all affect future presidential elections given what we learned over the past couple days regarding the map?