

# The New Administration and Congress

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# Change has arrived



- New president
- New Senate
- New House members

# Overview

- A look back at the election results
- What's going on with transition
- What the changes are likely to mean for you

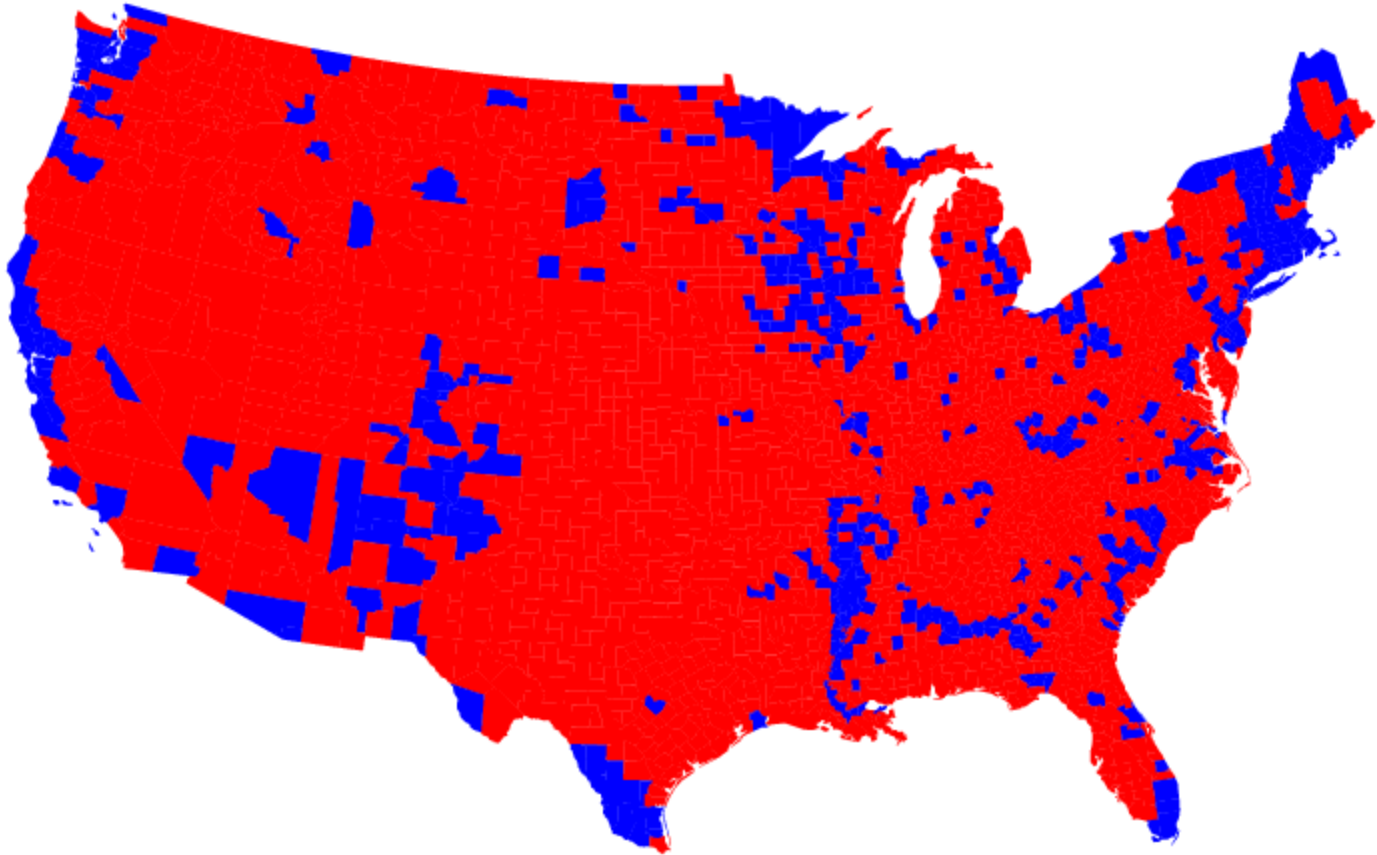
# GOP faced strong headwinds

President	Highest Approval Rating	Lowest Approval Rating
Bush G.W.	92%	19%
<u>Clinton</u>	73	36
<u>Bush G.H.W.</u>	89	29
<u>Reagan</u>	68	35
<u>Carter</u>	75	28
<u>Ford</u>	74	37
<u>Nixon</u>	67	23
<u>Johnson</u>	80	35
<u>Kennedy</u>	80	56
<u>Eisenhower</u>	79	48
<u>Truman</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>Roosevelt</u>	84	48

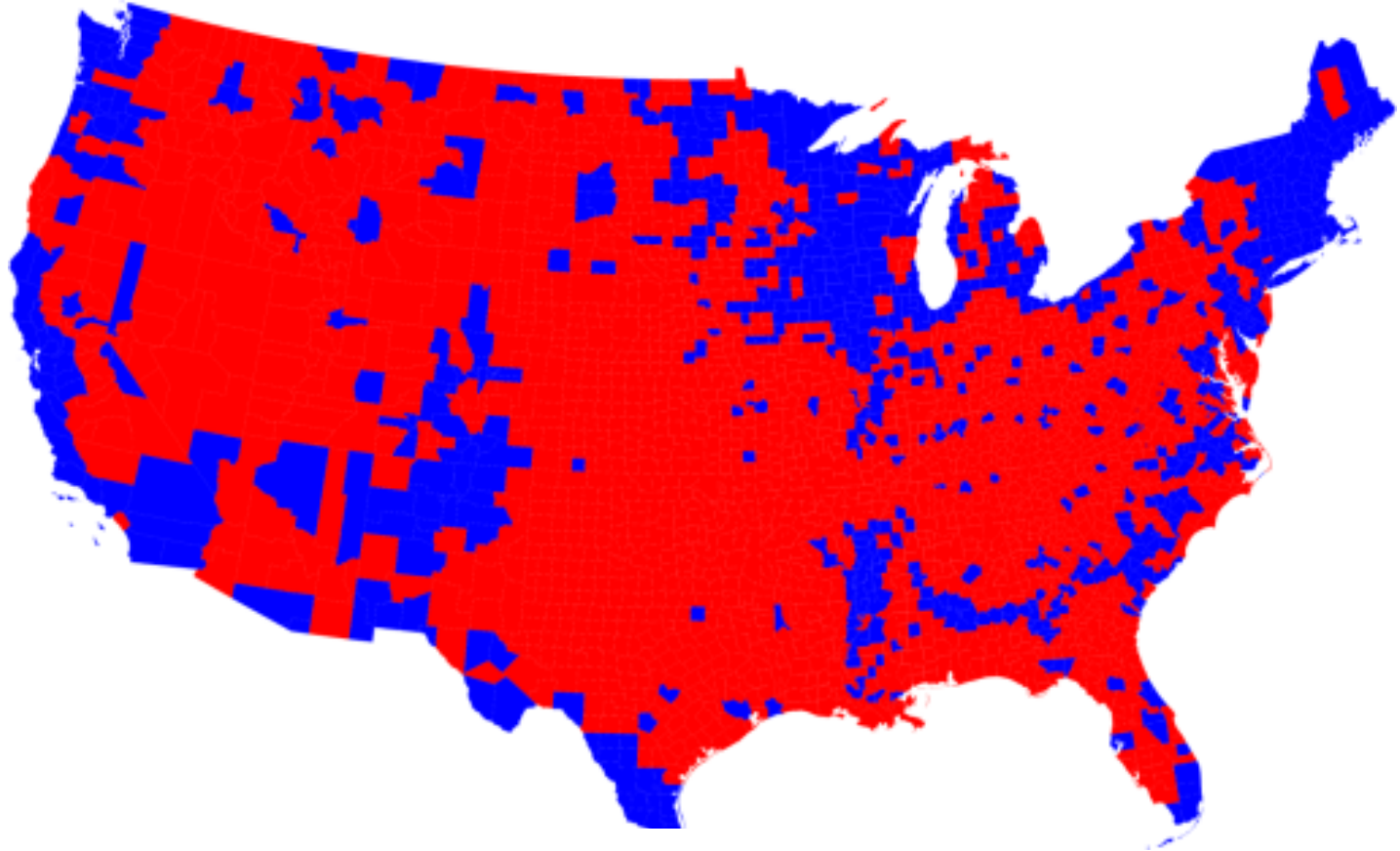
# Obama interview

- *“I was just reading an article in the New York Times by Michael Pollen about food and the fact that our entire agricultural system is built on cheap oil. As a consequence, our agriculture sector actually is contributing more greenhouse gases than our transportation sector. And in the mean time, it's creating monocultures that are vulnerable to national security threats, are now vulnerable to sky-high food prices or crashes in food prices, huge swings in commodity prices, and are partly responsible for the explosion in our healthcare costs because they're contributing to type 2 diabetes, stroke and heart disease, obesity, all the things that are driving our huge explosion in healthcare costs. That's just one sector of the economy. You think about the same thing is true on transportation. The same thing is true on how we construct our buildings. The same is true across the board.”*

# County votes in 2004



# More counties turn blue in 2008



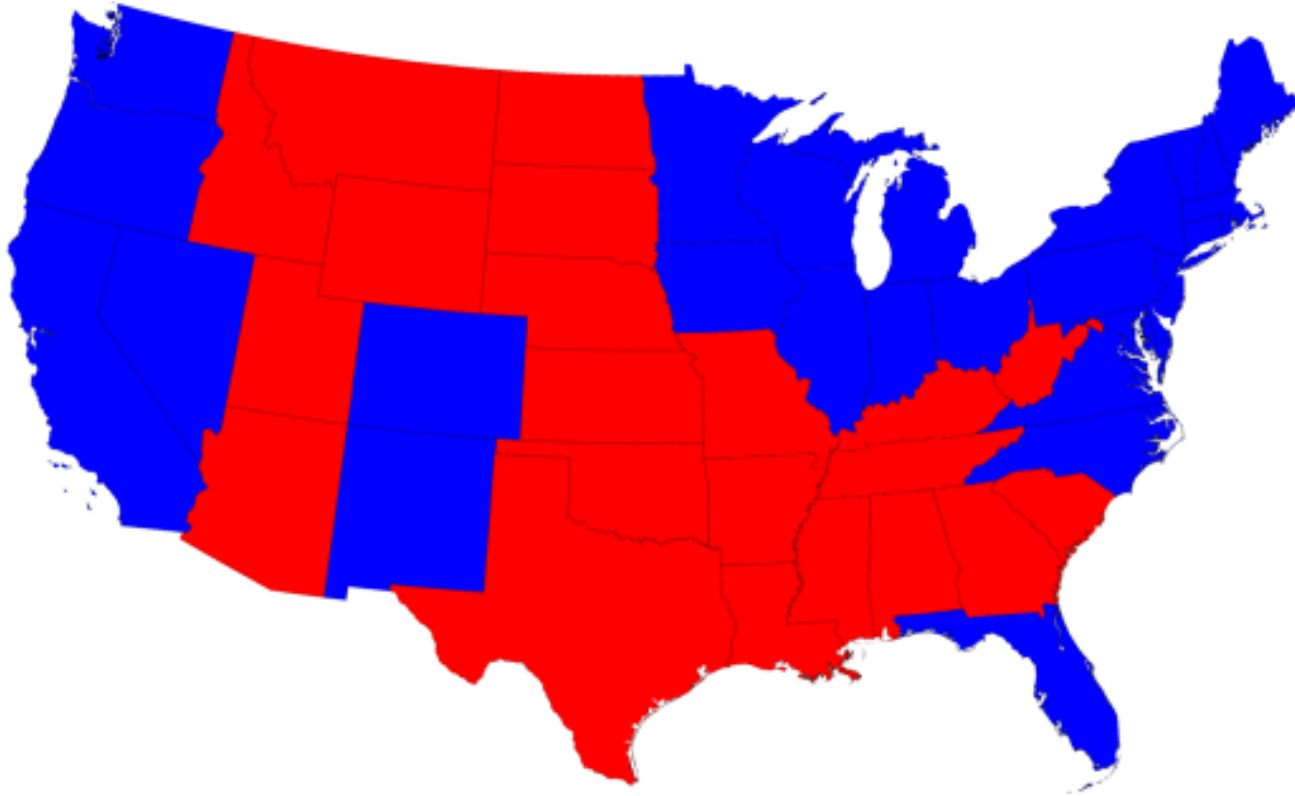
# Counties that flipped

**Counties Where a Different Party Won This Time**  
2008 Presidential Election





# Electoral Votes 2008



# Transition: [www.Change.gov](http://www.Change.gov)

- Transition effort
- A new jobs program: 8,000 available
- Key slots
- Use of Internet to build policy support

# Obama's rural plan

- **“Strong Safety Net for Family Farmers-tighter payment limits**
- **“Prevent Anticompetitive Behavior Against Family Farms**
- **“Regulate CAFOs**
- **“Support Small Business Development**
- **“Improve Healthcare**
- **“Upgrade Rural Infrastructure**

# Threats and Opportunities

## Opportunities

- Infrastructure rebuilding
- Renewable energy

## Threats

- Climate Change
- Environmental Regulations
- Future of livestock in the U.S.

# Thank you!

Questions?

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