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U.S. Election Results 2020 and What They Reveals About Americans

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The United States General Election was yesterday, 3 November 2020, though millions of votes are still being counted, and the presidential race is too close to determine the winner yet. The control and leadership of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives hang in the balance, with 7 Senate and 63 House races still to be determined. This GLC Series *Country Report* gives a few general observations (some disturbing), followed by status of the Senate and House.

General Observations:

1. The top 3 concerns of millions of Evangelical voters, canvassed by Ralph Reed and the Faith and Freedom Coalition, were: (1) the economy, (2) sanctity of human life and opposing abortion, and (3) religious freedom. I was grateful to hear that #2 and #3 were in the top concerns, but the order reveals that many Christians are more concerned about money and financial security than the murder of 62 million babies and religious freedom.
2. 1 in 3 Hispanics voted for Donald Trump and Mike Pence in key southern states, which encouraged many of us because we know most Hispanics cherish human life, family and religious freedom; but this also reveals that 2 of 3 are still willing to support candidates antithetical to their religious beliefs, family values and culture.
3. 1 in 2 voting American citizens believe that murdering unborn innocent babies and practicing immoral relations is acceptable and should be encouraged, protected by government and funded by taxes. How do we know this? By whom they chose to represent themselves in government. Thus far, 70 million Americans voted for a president, vice president and other government officers and legislators who openly support abortion, homosexuality and LGBT. That also makes them complicit in the evil sanctioned or enforced by such people in office.
4. If you look at the color of most counties in the vast majority of states, they are red (Republican), but counties with large cities are predominately blue (Democrat), which reveals that most Americans who live outside the cities cherish human life, marriage, family, religious freedom, hard work, and personal responsibility much more than those who live in the cities; and if it were not for the Electoral College, citizens living in the big cities would determine our president and vice president in each election.
5. The United States is a deeply divided nation, and the only way for the nation to move toward righteousness, justice and the rule of law is if the Church and synagogues rebuild within God's people the foundations of our Judeo-Christian faith and knowledge of the Word of God as applied to every area. Then we will become salt and light to restore the sanctity of human life, human sexuality within the covenant of marriage, family, rights of conscience, religious freedom, constitutional government, and more.

The Presidential Race: Thus far, Republican President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence have been declared the winners in 23 states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

Democrat candidates Joe Biden and Kamala Devi Harris have been declared the winners in 20 states and DC: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington.

The 7 remaining states are Alaska, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

United States Senate races: Prior to the election, Republicans had 53 seats, Democrats 45 seats, and Independents 2 seats. Every two years, one-third of the senators are up for election. Here is the current status of the 35 seats open in 2020:

Democrat seats held, or likely held (9 + 35 = 44):

Delaware: Christopher A. Coons (D) incumbent.

Illinois: Richard J. Durbin (D) incumbent.

Massachusetts: Edward J. Markey (D) incumbent.

New Hampshire: Jeanne Shaheen (D) incumbent.

New Jersey: Cory A. Booker (D), incumbent.

New Mexico: Ben Ray Lujan (D) replaces Tom Udall (D) incumbent.

Oregon: Jeff Merkley (D) incumbent.

Rhode Island: Jack Reed (D) incumbent.

Virginia: Mark R. Warner (D) incumbent.

Republican seats held, or likely held (18 + 30 = 48):

Alaska: Dan Sullivan (R) incumbent.

Arkansas: Tom Cotton (R) incumbent.

Georgia (seat #1): *David Perdue (R) incumbent (94% of vote in).*

Idaho: James E. Risch (R) incumbent.

Iowa: Joni Ernst (R) incumbent.

Kansas: Roger Marshall (R) replaces Pat Roberts (R) incumbent.

Kentucky: Mitch McConnell (R) incumbent.

Louisiana: Bill Cassidy (R) incumbent.

Mississippi: Cindy Hyde-Smith (R) incumbent.

Montana: Steve Daines (R) incumbent.

Nebraska: Ben Sasse (R) incumbent.

Oklahoma: James M. Inhofe (R) incumbent.

South Carolina: Lindsey Graham (R) incumbent.

South Dakota: Mike Rounds (R) incumbent.

Tennessee: Bill Hagerty (R) replaces Lamar Alexander (R) incumbent.

Texas: John Cornyn (R) incumbent.

West Virginia: Shelley Moore Capito (R) incumbent.

Wyoming: Cynthia Lummis (R) replaces Michael B. Enzi (R) incumbent.

Change to Republican (48 + 1 = 49):

Alabama: Tommy Tuberville (R) won over Doug Jones (D) incumbent.

Undecided (7):

Arizona: Mark Kelly (D) is leading Martha McSally (R) incumbent (83% of vote in).

Colorado: John Hickenlooper (D) is leading Cory Gardner (R) incumbent (80% of vote in).

Georgia (seat #2): Kelly Loeffler (R) vs. Raphael Warnock (D): there will be a special runoff between these two top candidates.

Maine: Susan M. Collins (R), incumbent is leading Sara Gideon (D) (85% of vote in).

Michigan: John James (R) is leading Gary C. Peters (D) incumbent (93% of vote in).

Minnesota: Tina Smith (D) incumbent is leading Jason Lewis (R) (80% of vote in).

North Carolina: Thom Tillis (R) incumbent is leading Cal Cunningham (D) (93% of vote in).

New Mexico: Ben Ray Lujan (D) is leading Mark Ronchetti (R) to replace Tom Udall (D) incumbent (88% of vote in).

If President Trump and Vice President Pence are re-elected, Republicans only need 1 of these 7 seats to retain control and leadership of the Senate. Democrats would need all 7 to take over control of the Senate.

U.S. House of Representatives: There are 435 seats in the House of Representatives. Thus far, the Democrats have secured 189 seats and the Republicans 183 seats. The voting results for 63 seats are pending, meaning that we don't know yet who will control the House. Democrats need 29 seats (total of 218) to retain control of the House, and Republicans need 35 seats (total of 218) to regain leadership of the House.

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“Elijah came near to all the people and said, ‘How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.’ But the people did not answer him a word” (1 Kings 18:21).