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2014 Elections

Impact

What we Learned

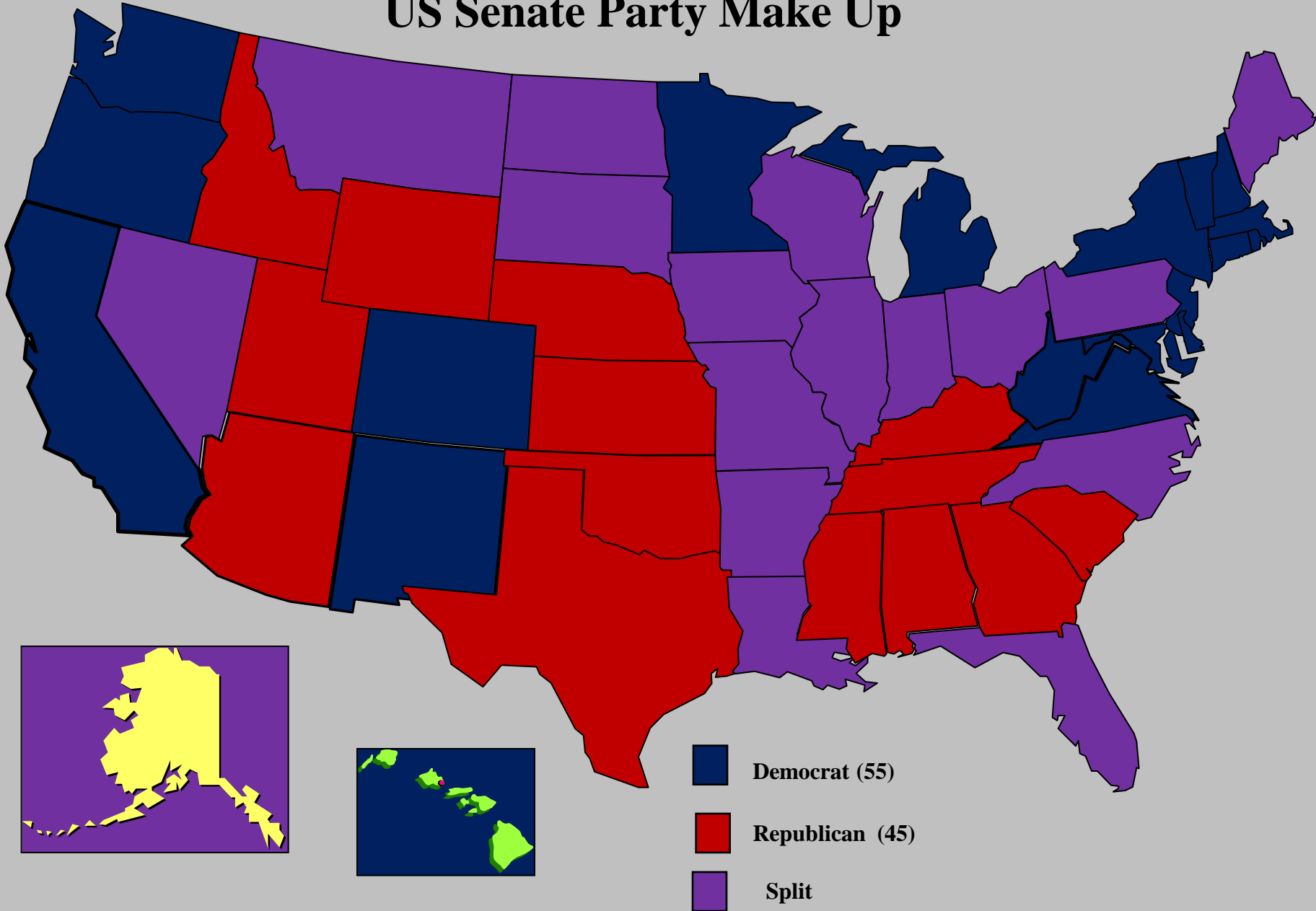
What can we Expect

2014 Elections

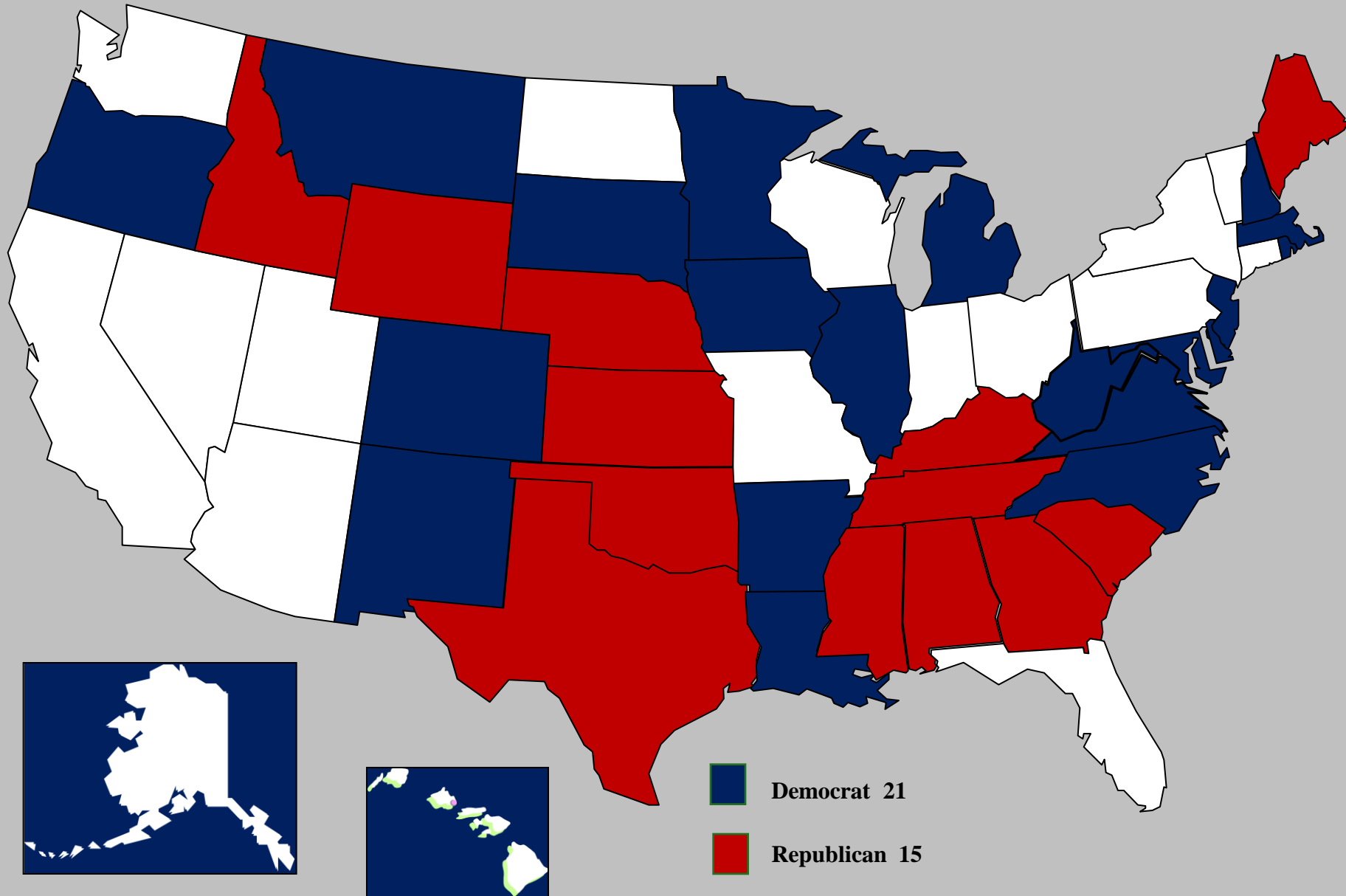
The Map was wrong for Democrats

113th Congress

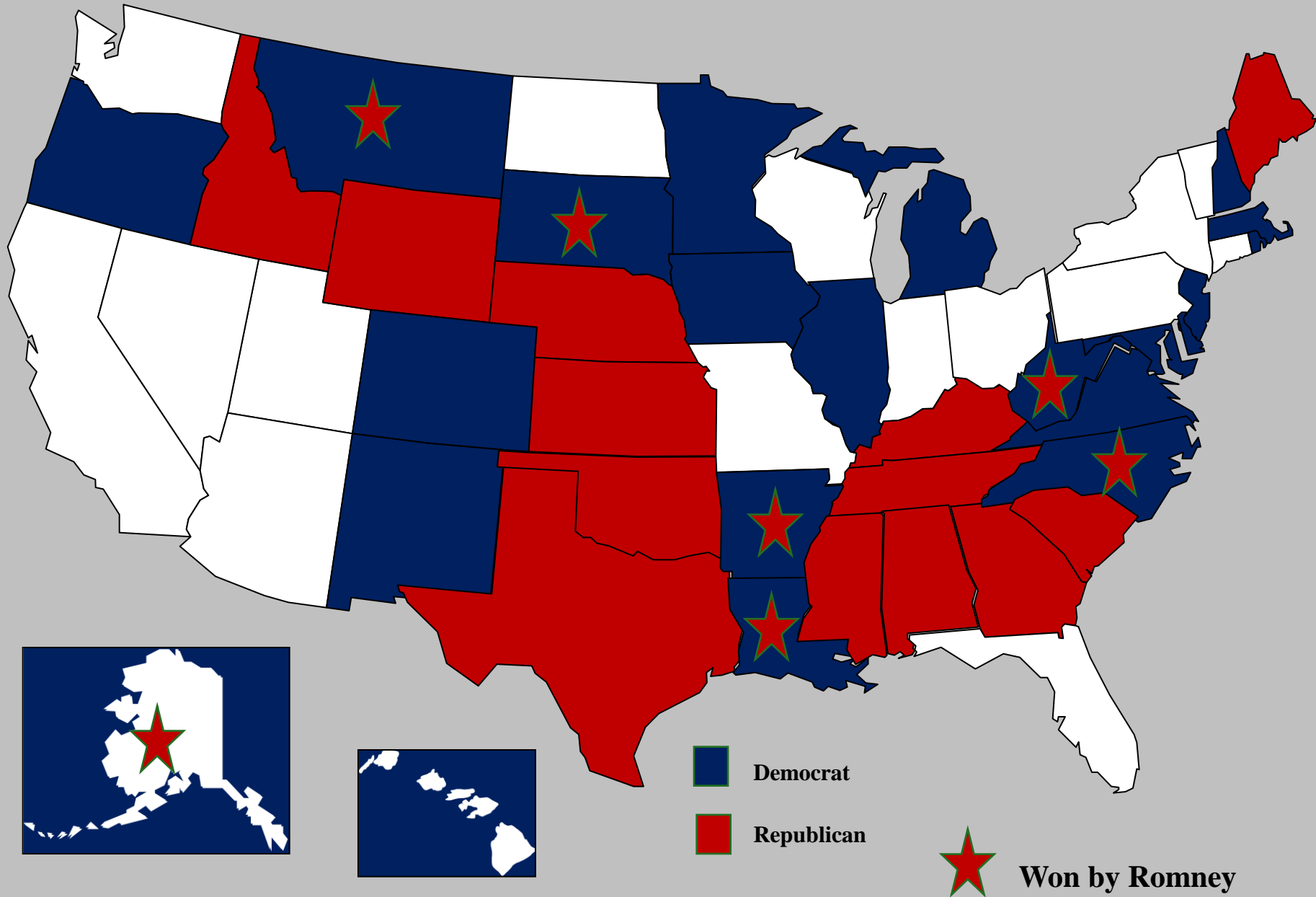
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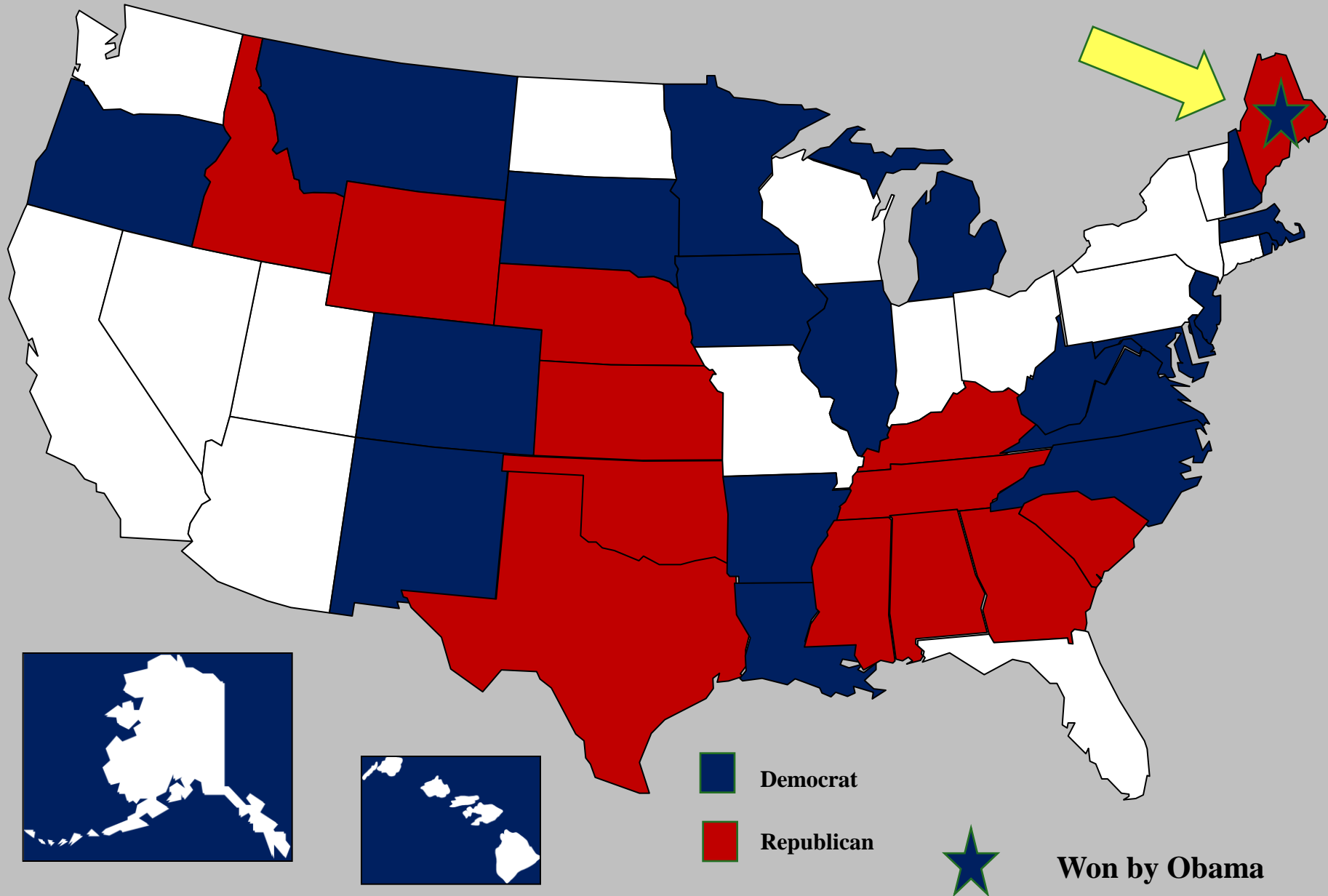
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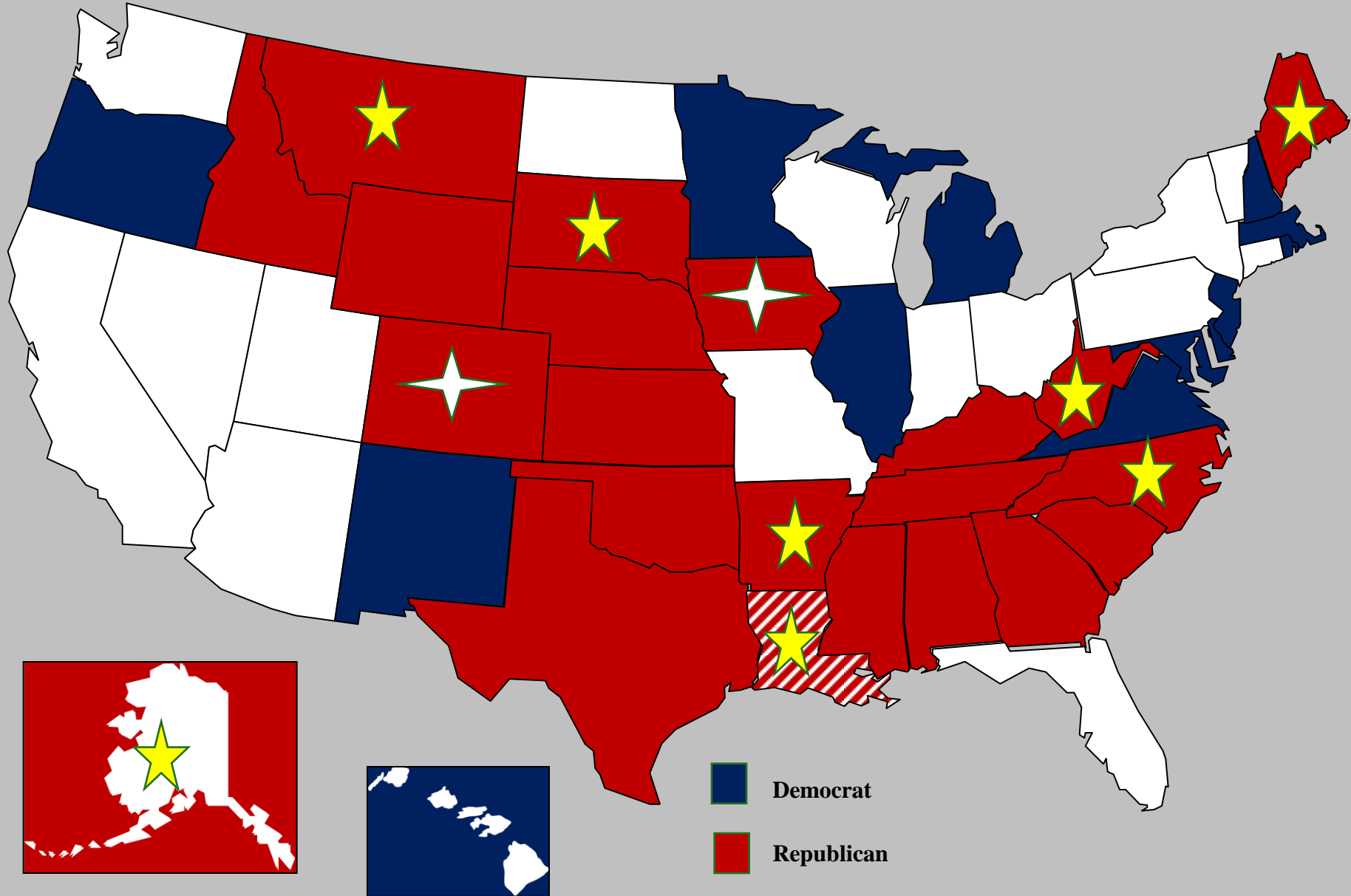
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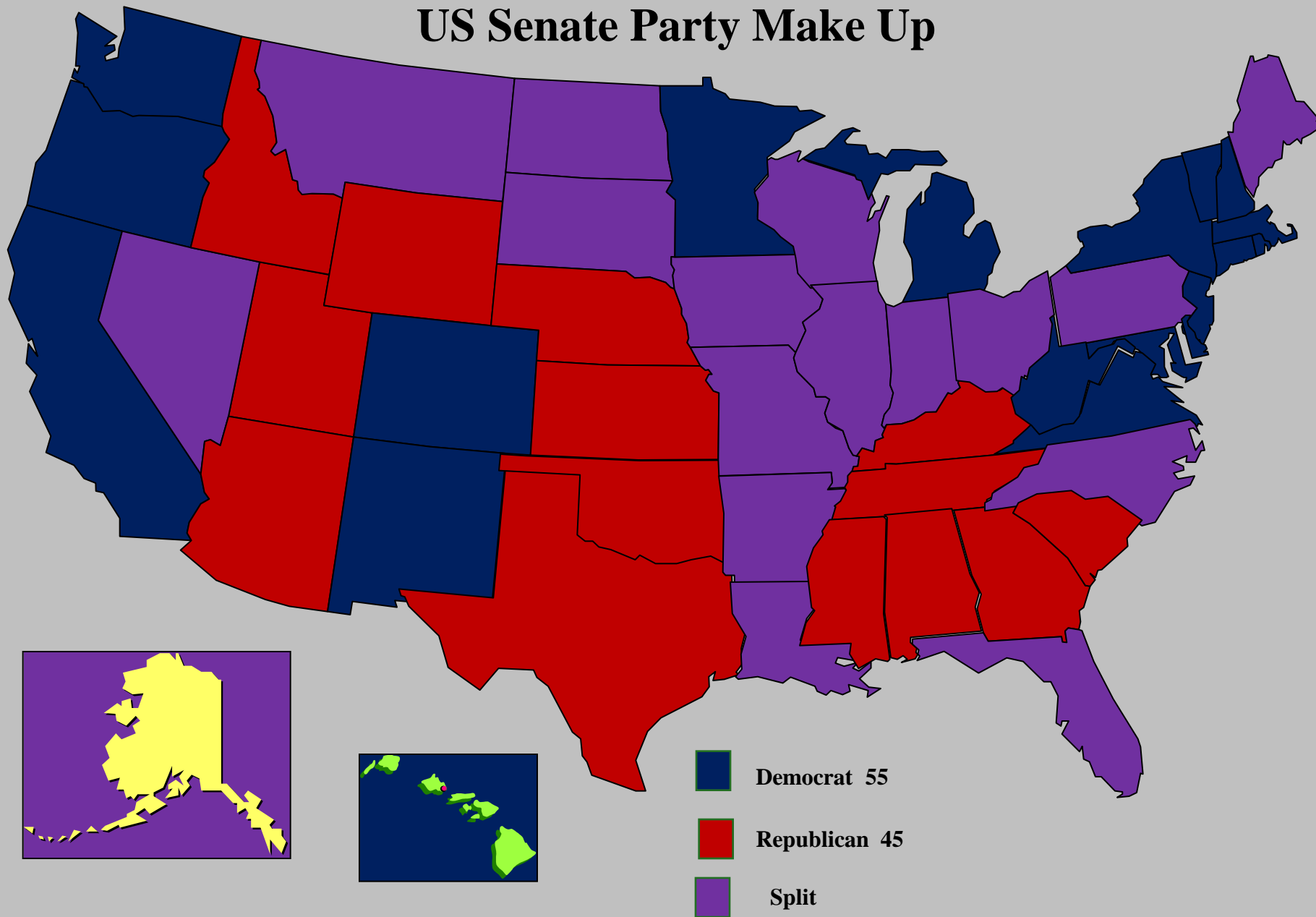
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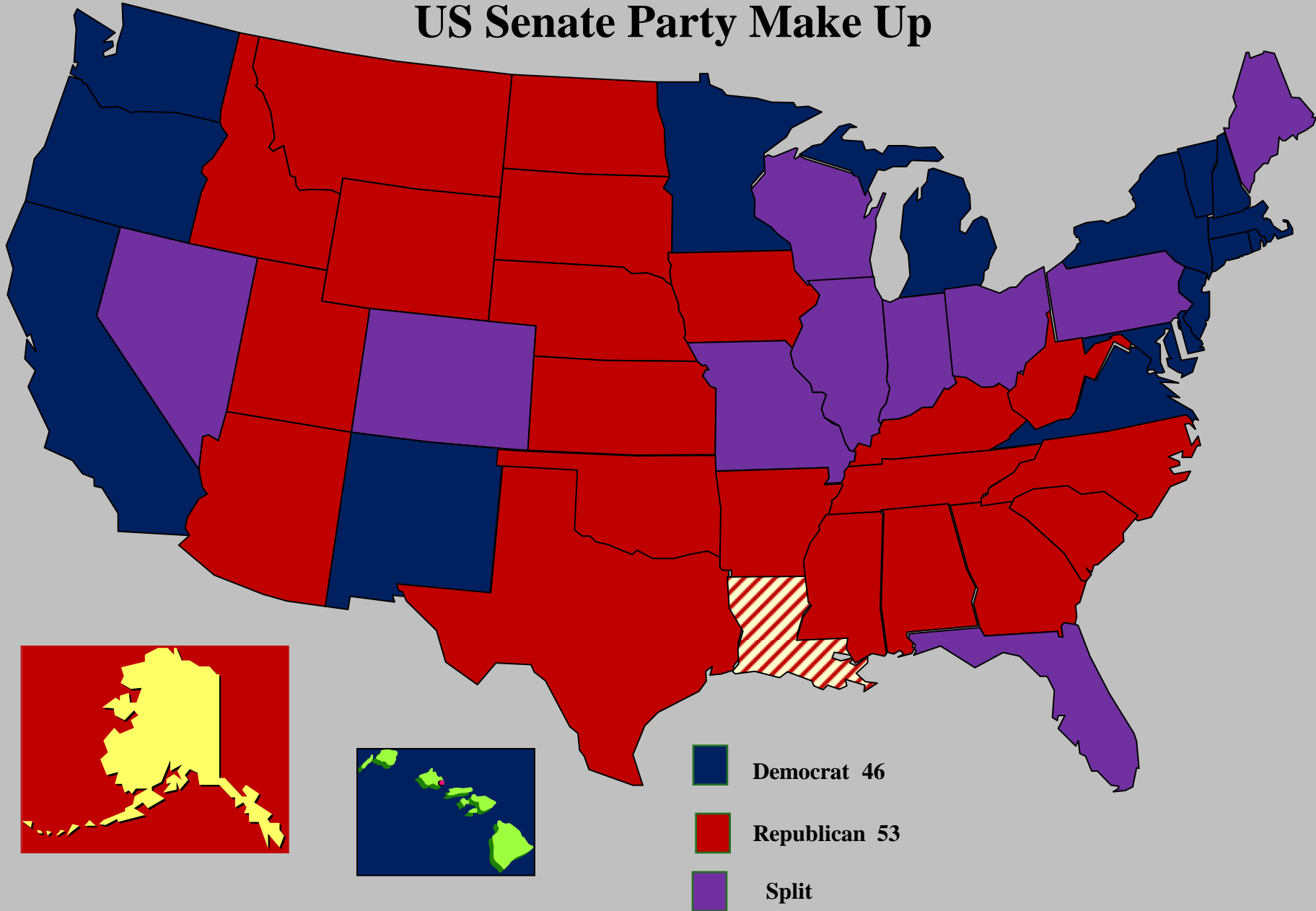
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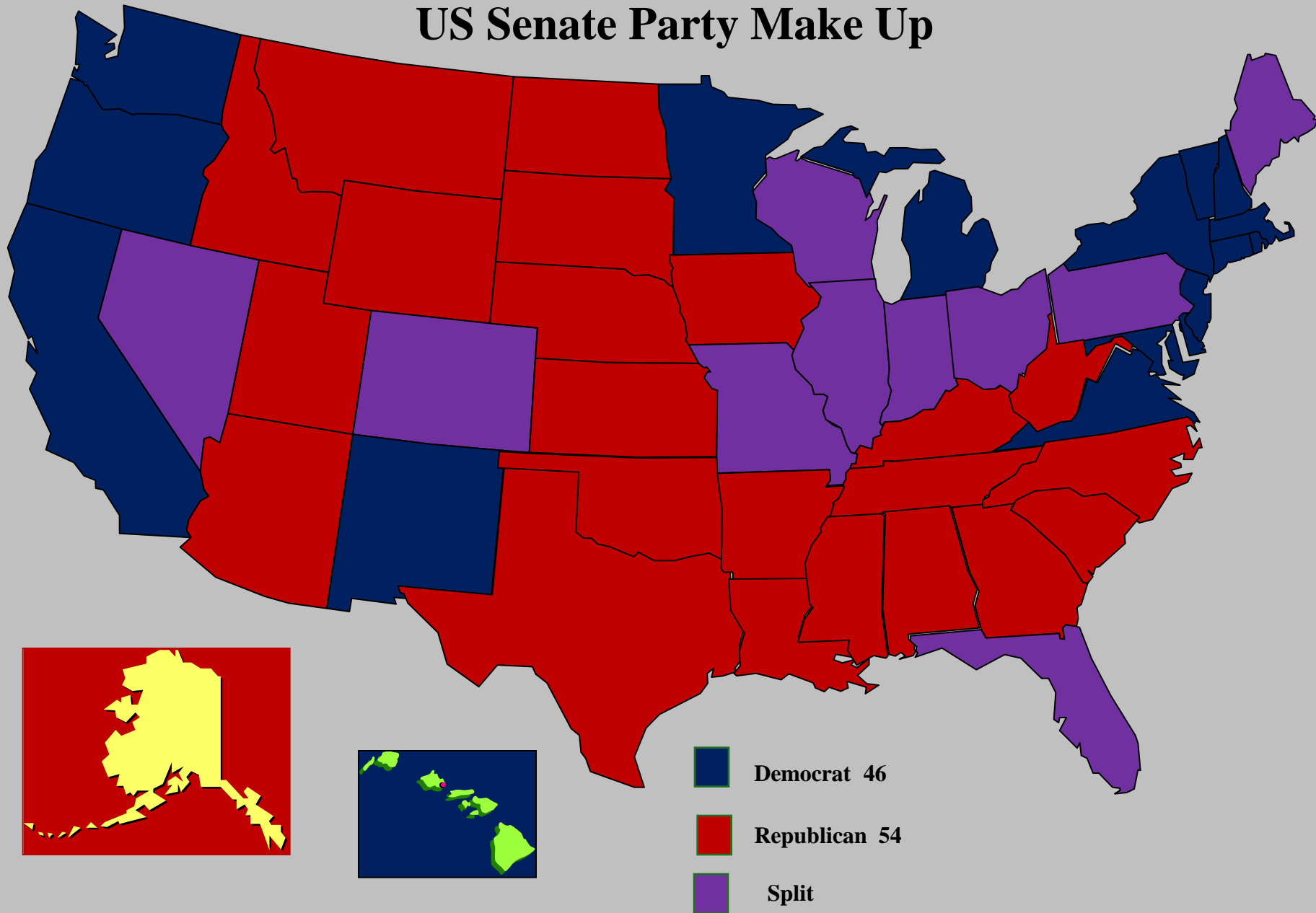


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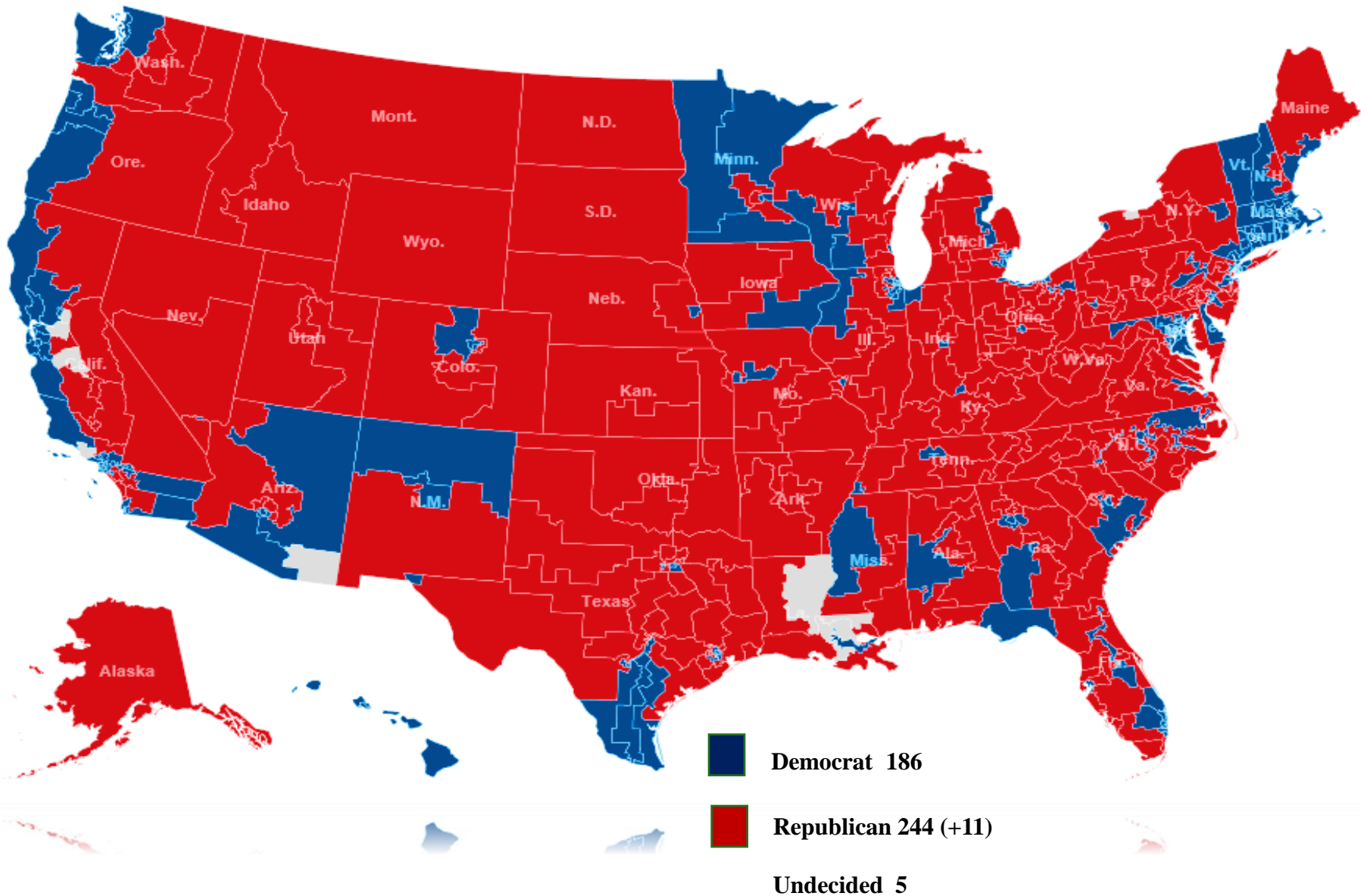


114th Congress

US Senate Party Make Up



114th Congress House of Representatives



2014 Elections

No Republican Mandate

2014 Elections

Republicans did not “win”

Democrats “lost”

2014 Elections

Low Voter Turn-out

36% eligible voters nation-wide

2014 Elections

**Presidential Elections are about the candidates
while mid-terms are more about the “mood” of the
country**

2014 Elections

23% Satisfied with Direction of the Country
76% are Not Satisfied with the Direction of the
Country

Gallup Poll in September

2014 Elections

**Republicans able to
“Nationalize” the Election**

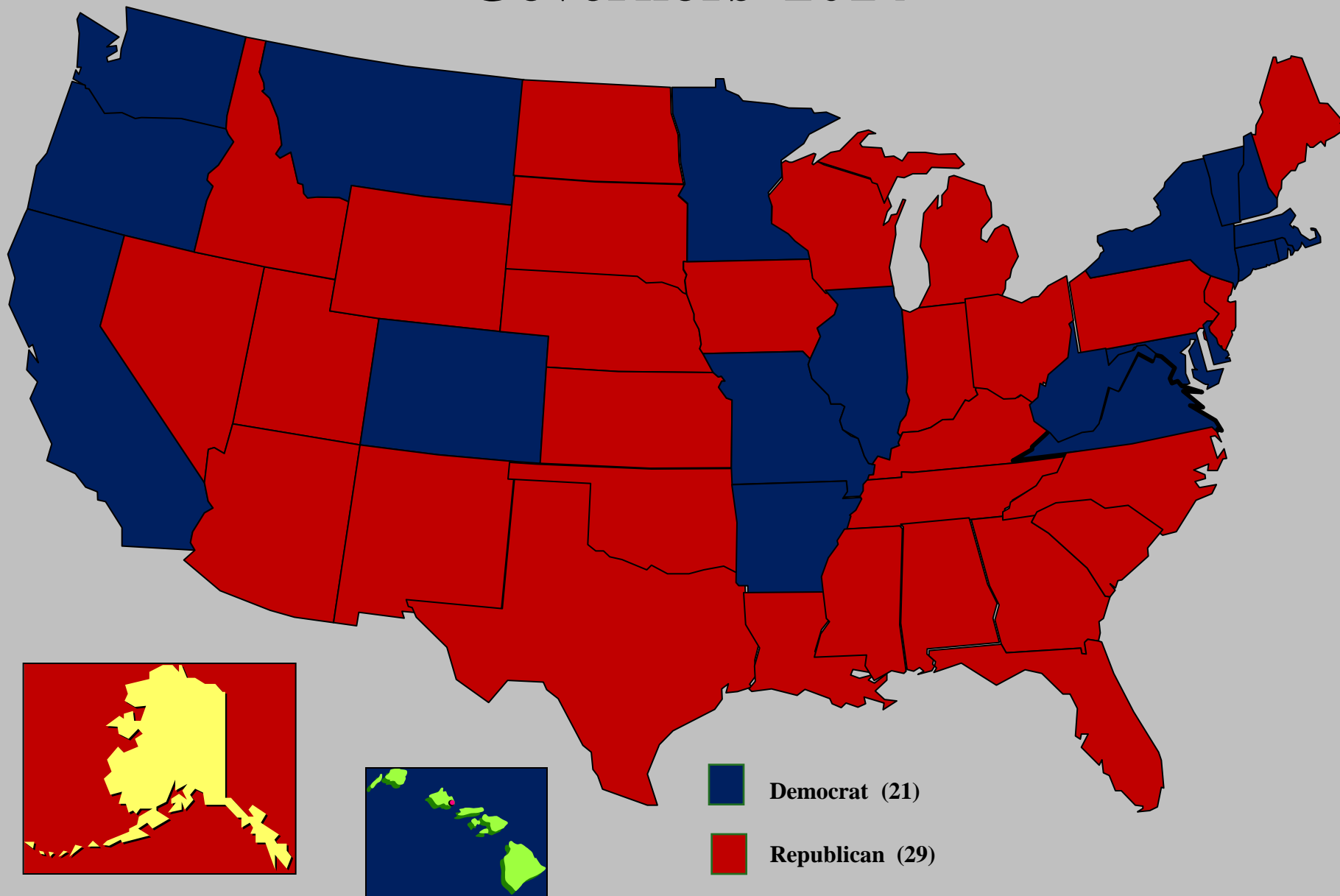
2014 Elections

- **Weak Economy/Unemployment**
- **Rollout of ACA**
- **Situation in Syria (ISIS Beheadings)**
- **VA Hospitals Scandal**
- **Ebola Patent coming to US**
- **Mishandling of White House intruder by Secret Service**
- **Unaccompanied Children/Immigration**

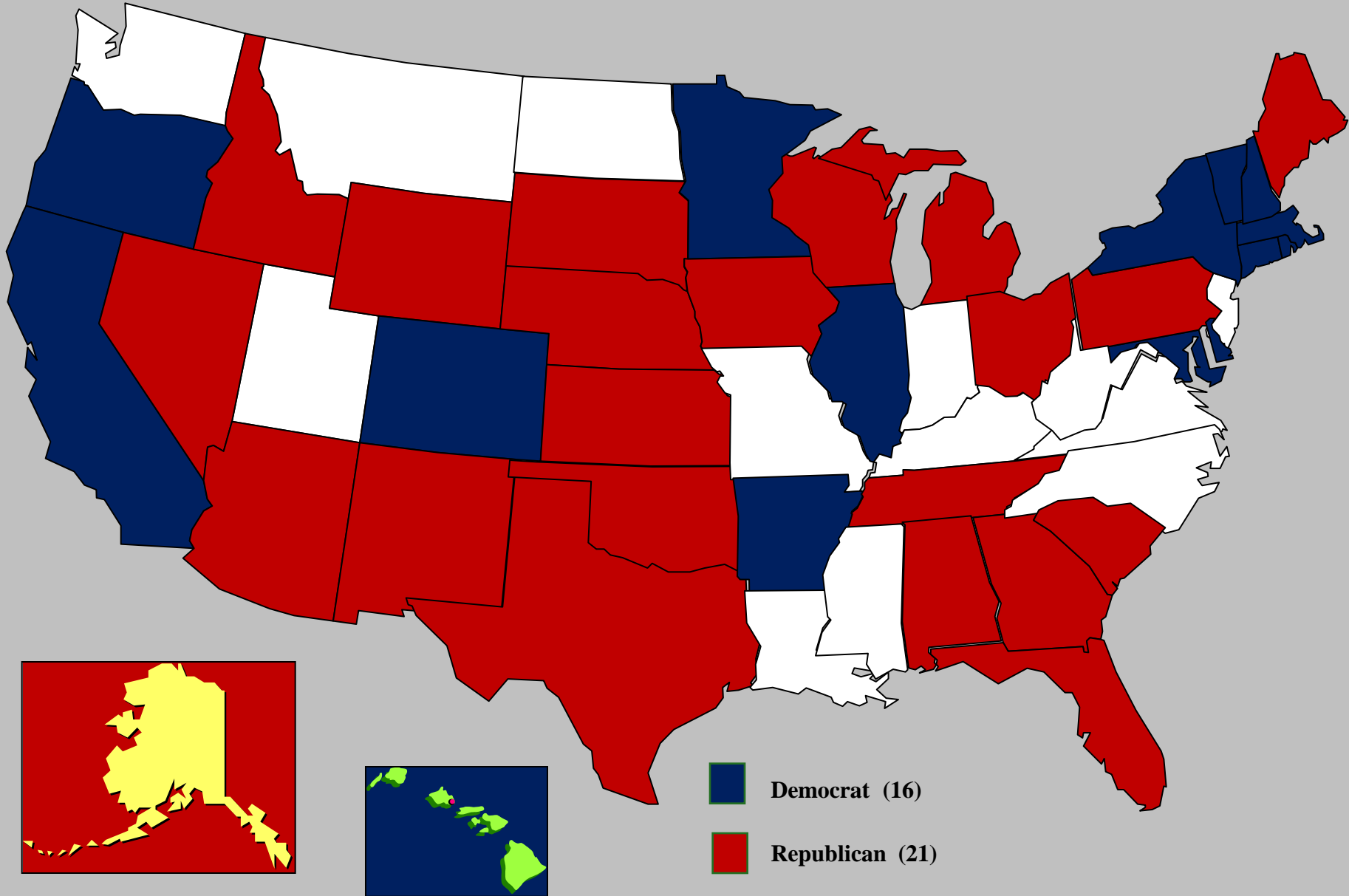
2014 State Elections

- **Republicans gained a net of 3 Governorships**
- **Republicans picked up between 300 and 350 state legislative seats giving them about 4,100 of the 7,383 seats in state legislative bodies or 56%.**

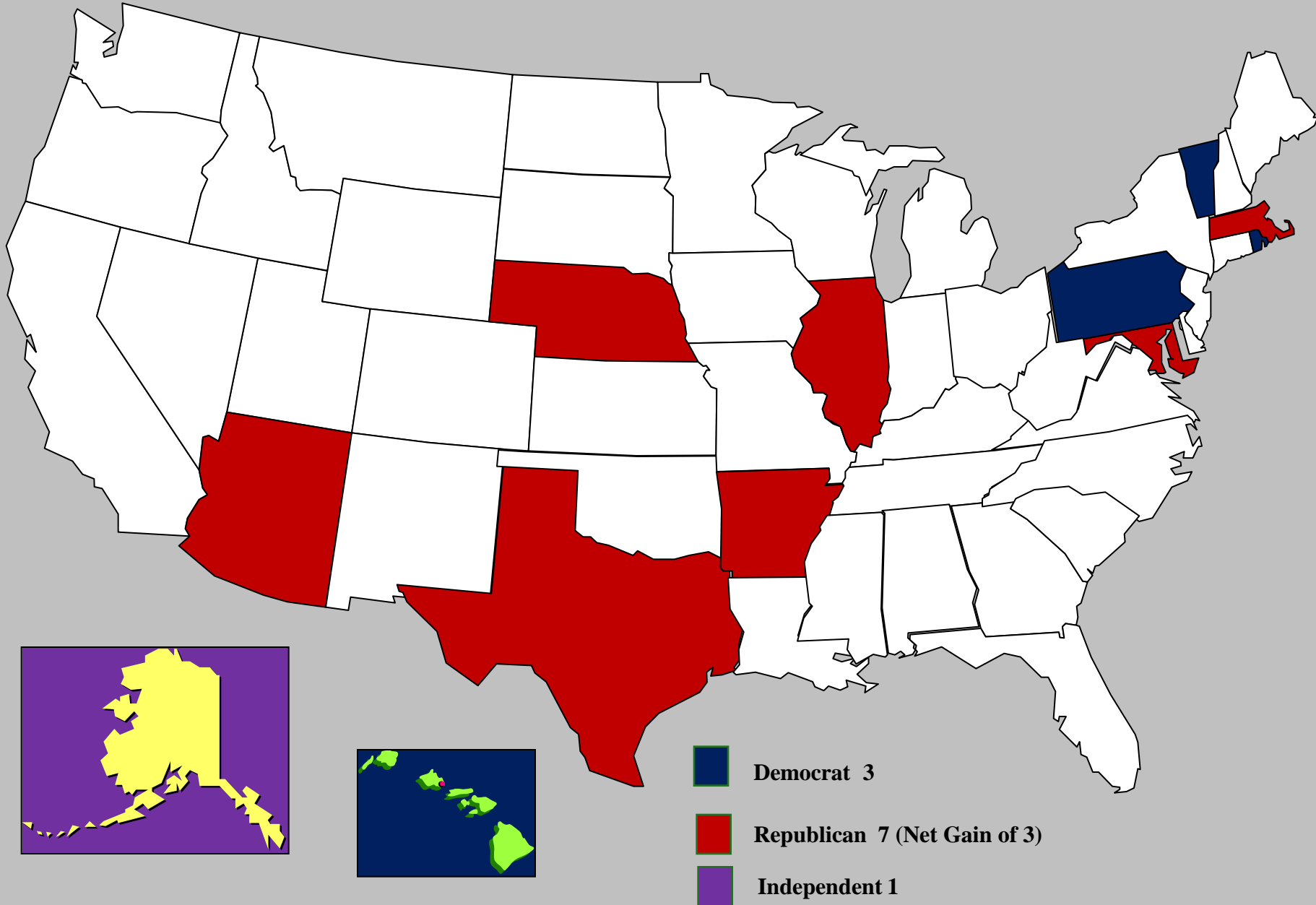
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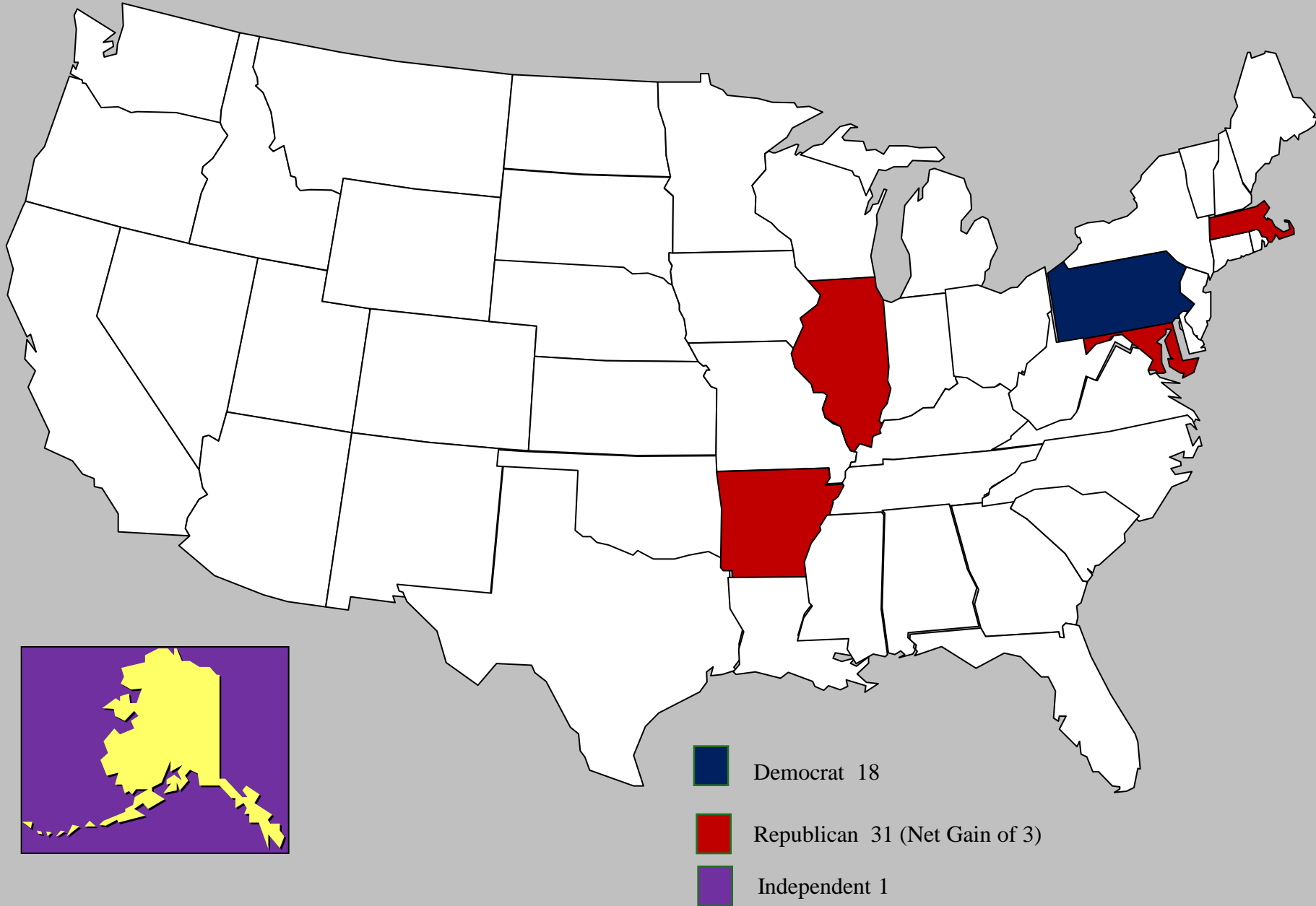
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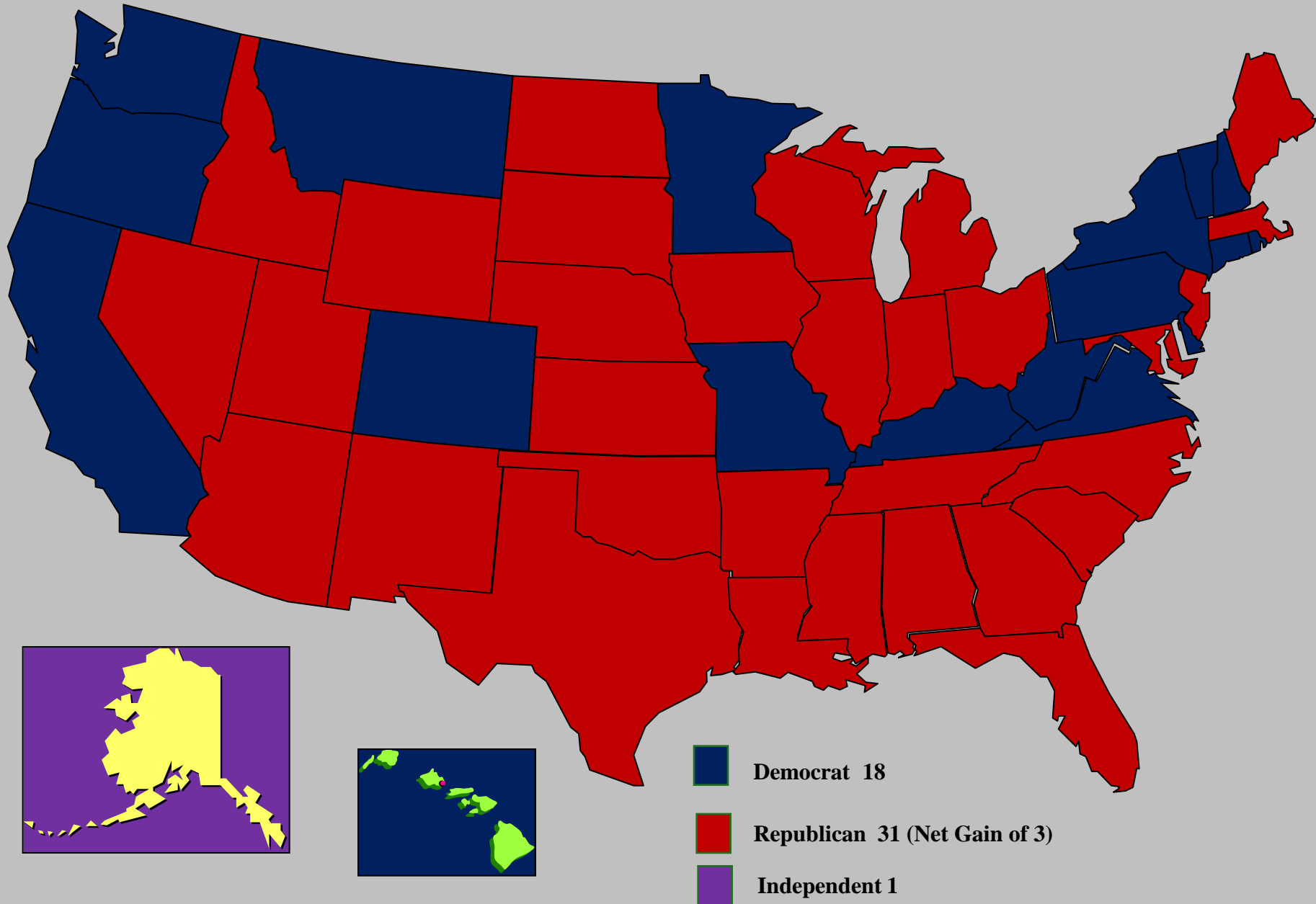
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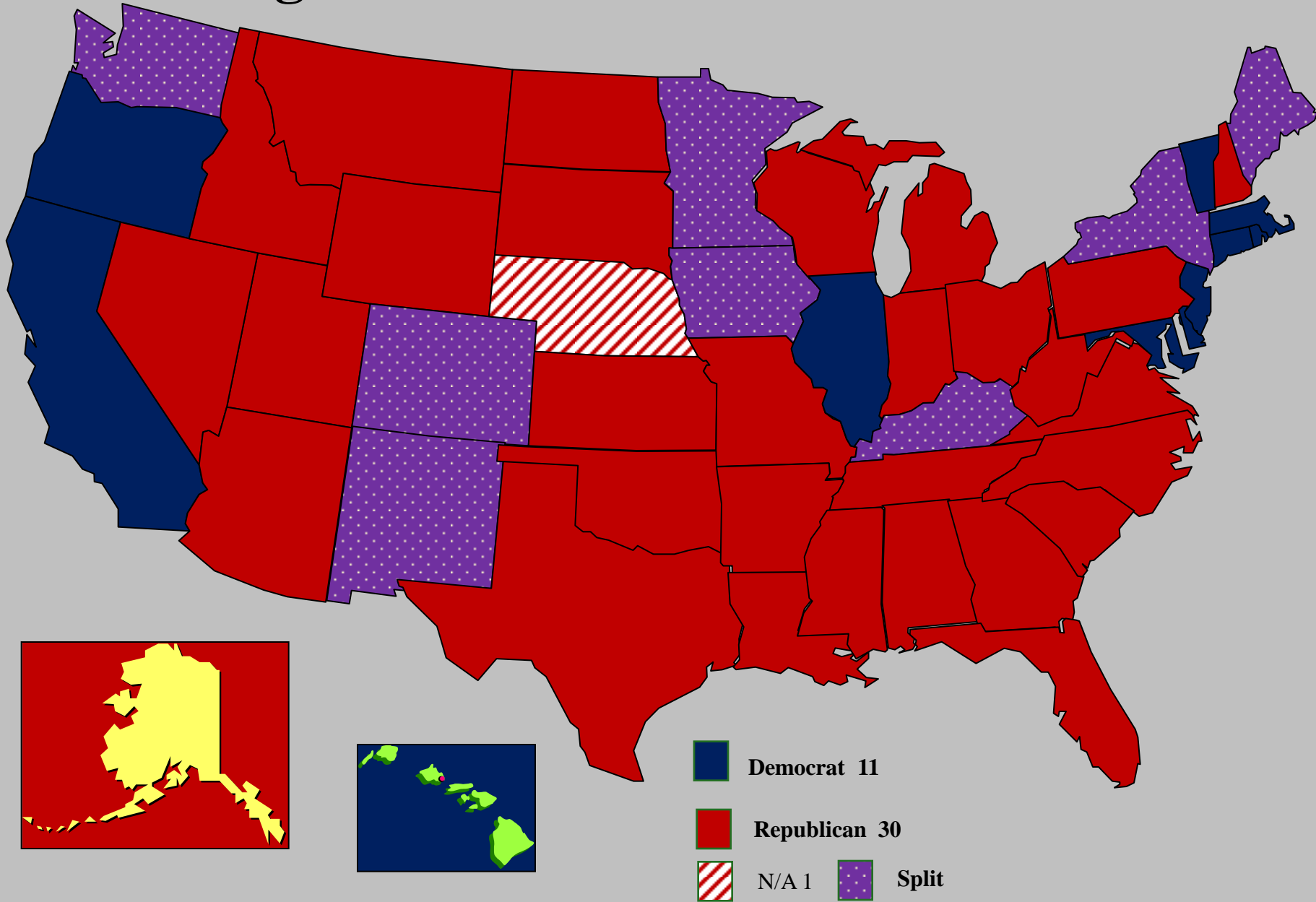
Party Switches Governors 2015



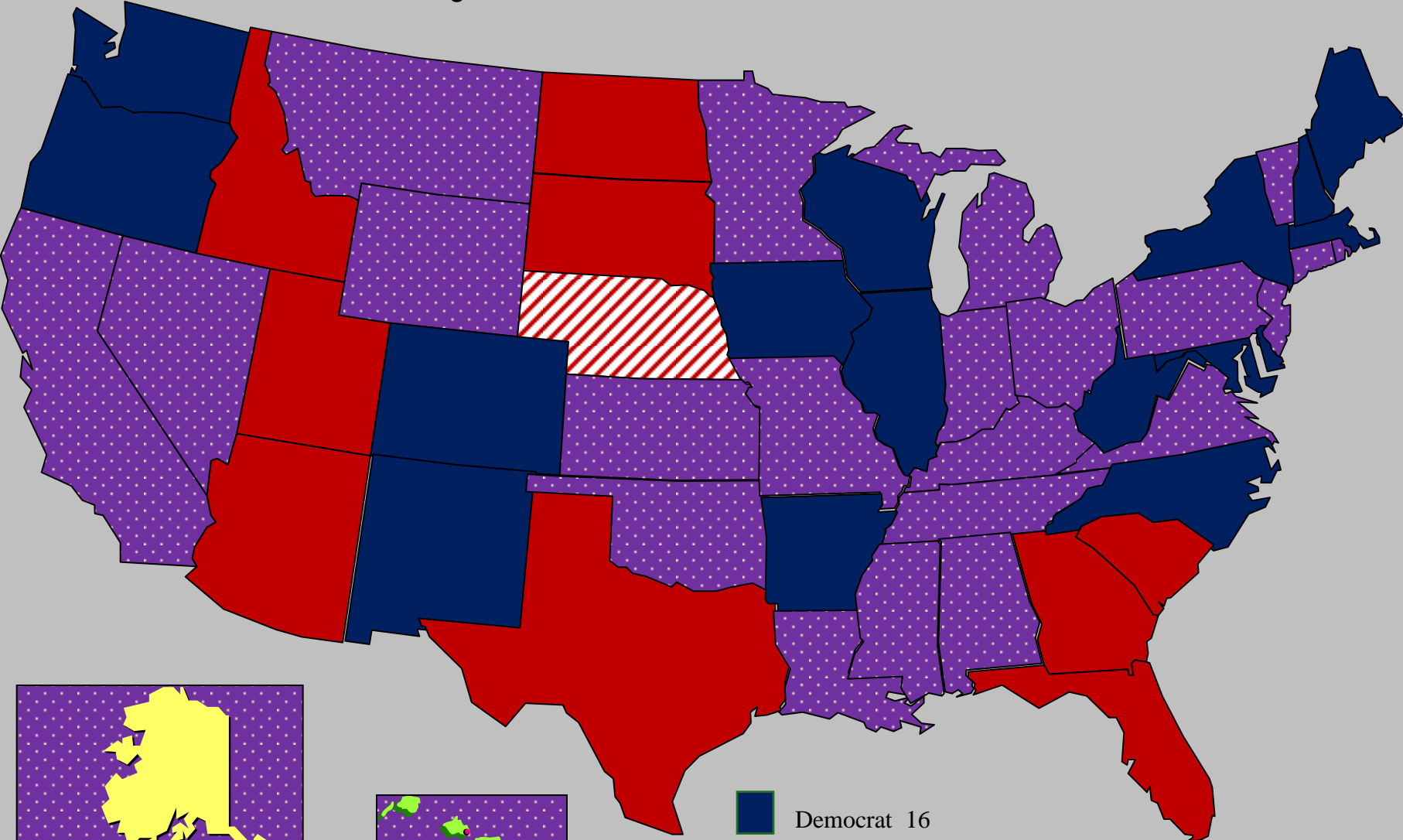
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Legislative Control of States 2015

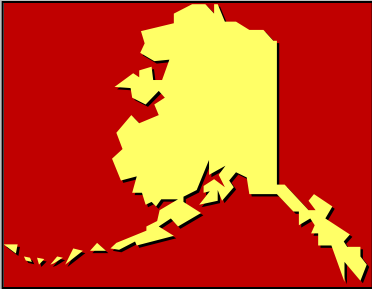
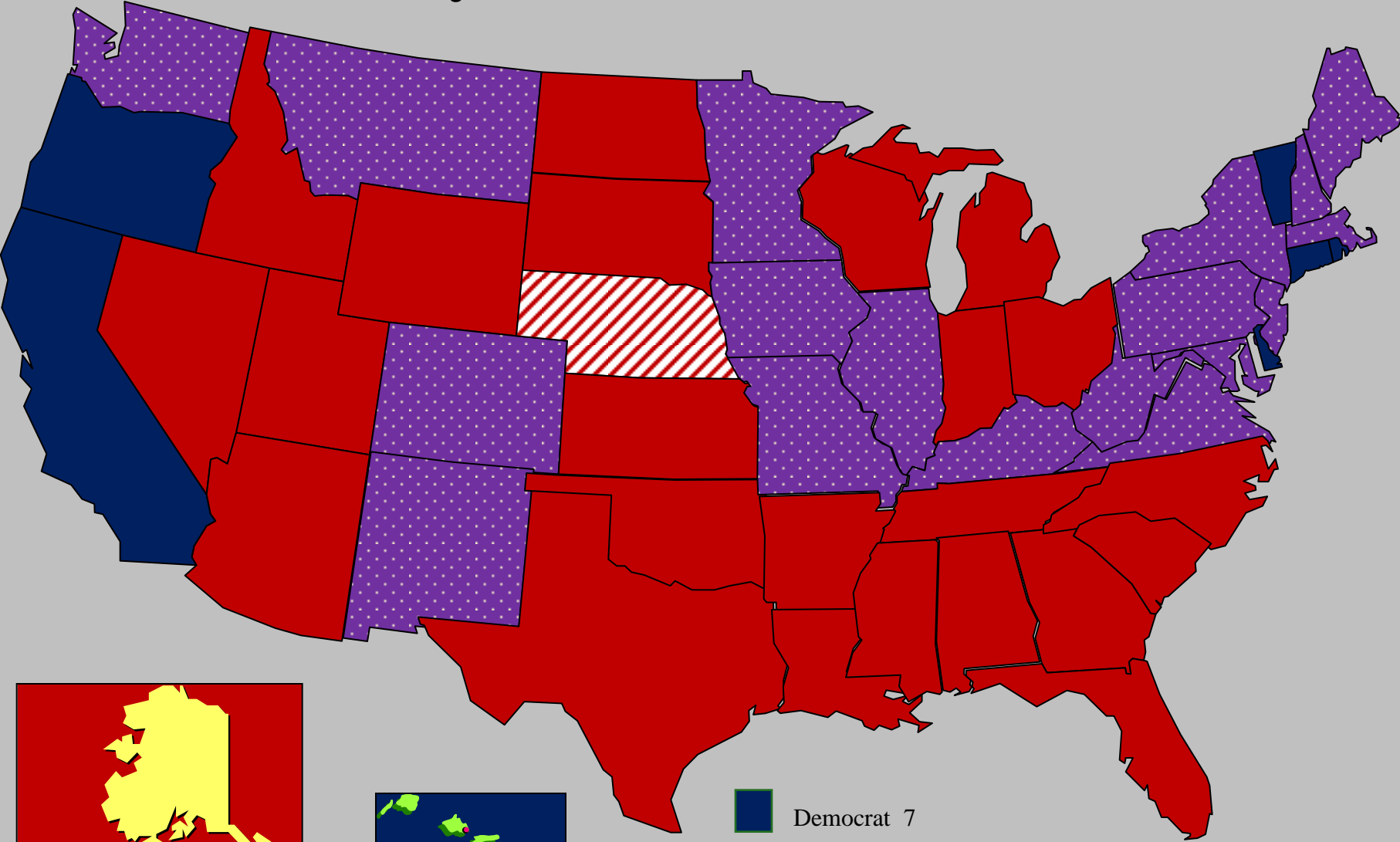


Party Control of States 2010



-  Democrat 16
-  Republican 9
-  Divided Government 24

Party Control of States 2015



-  Democrat 7
-  Republican 23
-  Divided Government 18

How will the 2014 elections impact state human services?



113th Congress

Only 9 days left on schedule before Congress adjourns

Must finish all business by January 3rd at noon

Appropriations – current concurrent resolution expires on Dec. 11th

Immigration

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Not one Republican running for the Senate said they wanted to come to Washington, DC to work with President Obama on solving problems.

Even Democrats for the most part ran away from Obama's policies (and to some degree President Obama)

114th Congress

- **A “Determined Majority” in the House always wins**
- **In the Senate for the most part 60 votes are needed to break a filibuster**
- **But 66 votes are needed to overcome a veto along with 295 votes in the House**
- **President Obama will still have the power to limit what Congress can do, but Congress will now be better positioned to control the national dialog and agenda**

Will there be a “trouble makers” caucus in the Senate?

Senator Ted Cruse (TX)

Senator Dan Sullivan (AK)*

Senator Tom Cotton (AR)*

Senator Cory Gardiner (CO)*

Senator Rand Paul (KY)

Senator Ron Johnson (WI)

Senator Mike Lee (UT)

Senator Joni Ernst (IA)*

Senate Committee Leadership

Finance Committee
Budget Committee
Appropriations
HELP Committee
Agriculture

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Orrin Hatch (UT)
Jeff Sessions (AL)
Thad Cochran (MS)
Lamar Alexander (TN)
Pat Roberts (KS)

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Ron Wyden (OR)
Patty Murray (WA)
Barbara Mikulski (MD)
Tom Harkin (IA)
Debbie Stabenow (MI)

House Committee Leadership

Ways and Means Committee—Paul Ryan* (D-WI)

Budget Committee—Tom Price* (R-GA)

Appropriations—Harold Rogers (R-KY)

Education & Workforce—John Kline (needs waiver)

Agriculture Michael Conaway* (TX)

Human Service Programs

Budget and Sequestration

Appropriation Caps Defense/Non-defense

Human Service Programs

- **Child Welfare Finance Reform**
- **Social Service Block Grant**
- **TANF**
- **Child Care Development Block Grant**
- **SNAP**

Human Service Programs

Affordable Care Act

- **30 Hour Work Week (used to determine the number of full time employees)**
- **Employer mandate requires certain size employers to pay a penalty if minimal health insurance is not provide to employees**
- **A-87 Extension--cost allocation waiver for integrated health and human service program eligibility system development.**

What to Watch For in 2015

Concurrent Budget Resolution

- **Not signed by the President**
- **Can include reconciliation instructions**
- **Limited to mandatory spending and tax revenues**
- **Neither Current Budget Resolution or Reconciliation bill can be filibustered**

What to Watch For in 2015

March 15, 2015

- **Extension of statutory debt ceiling**
- **“Doc Fix”**
- **Maybe a Continuing Resolution**

Questions?