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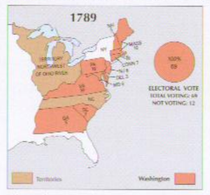
In the elections prior to 1804, each elector voted for two candidates for President. The candidate who received the largest number of votes, if that number was a majority, was declared President, and the candidate who received the second largest number of votes was declared Vice President.



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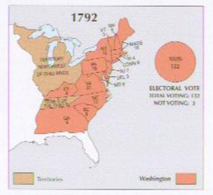

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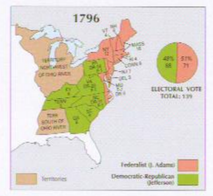
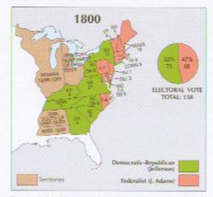
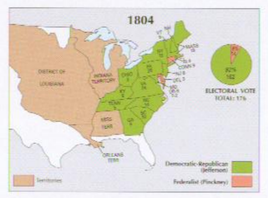
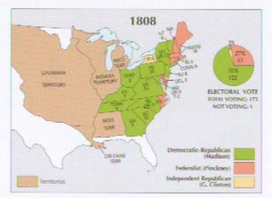
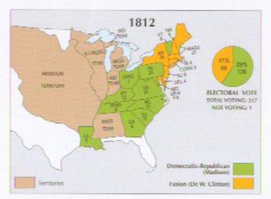


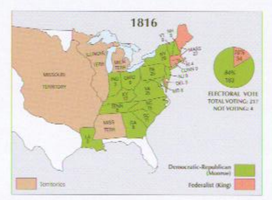


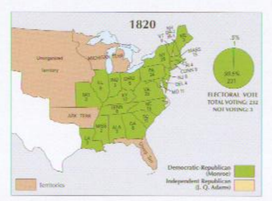
Democratic-Republican candidates Jefferson and Burr each received 73 electoral votes. The election was decided in the House of Representatives, where Jefferson was chosen President.

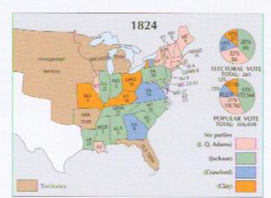




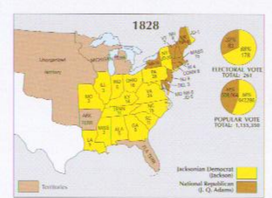


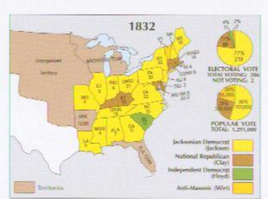


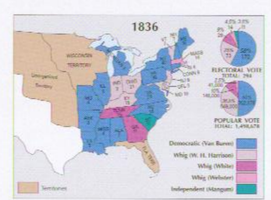


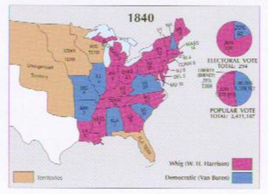


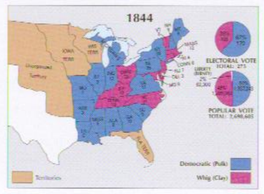
Because none of the candidates had a majority in the electoral college, the election was decided in the House of Representatives, where J.Q. Adams was chosen President.

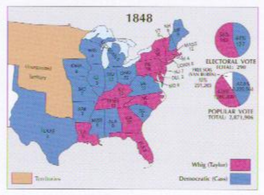


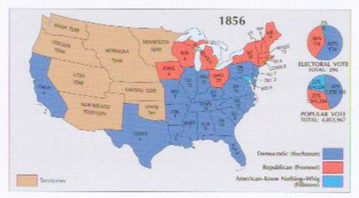


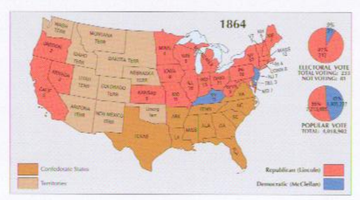


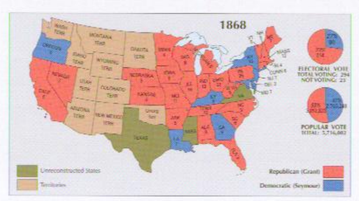


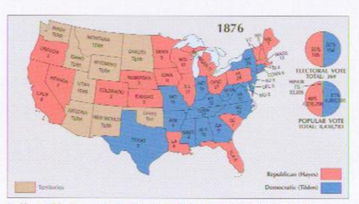












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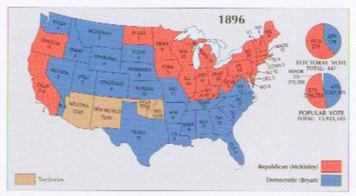

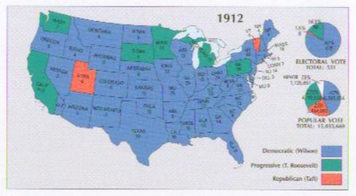

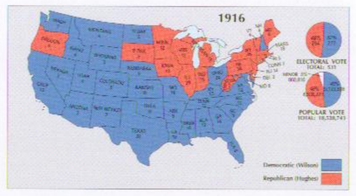

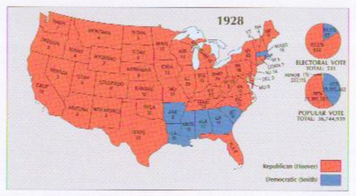

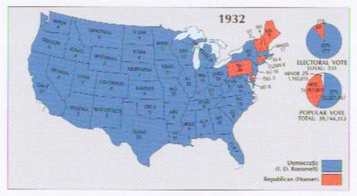

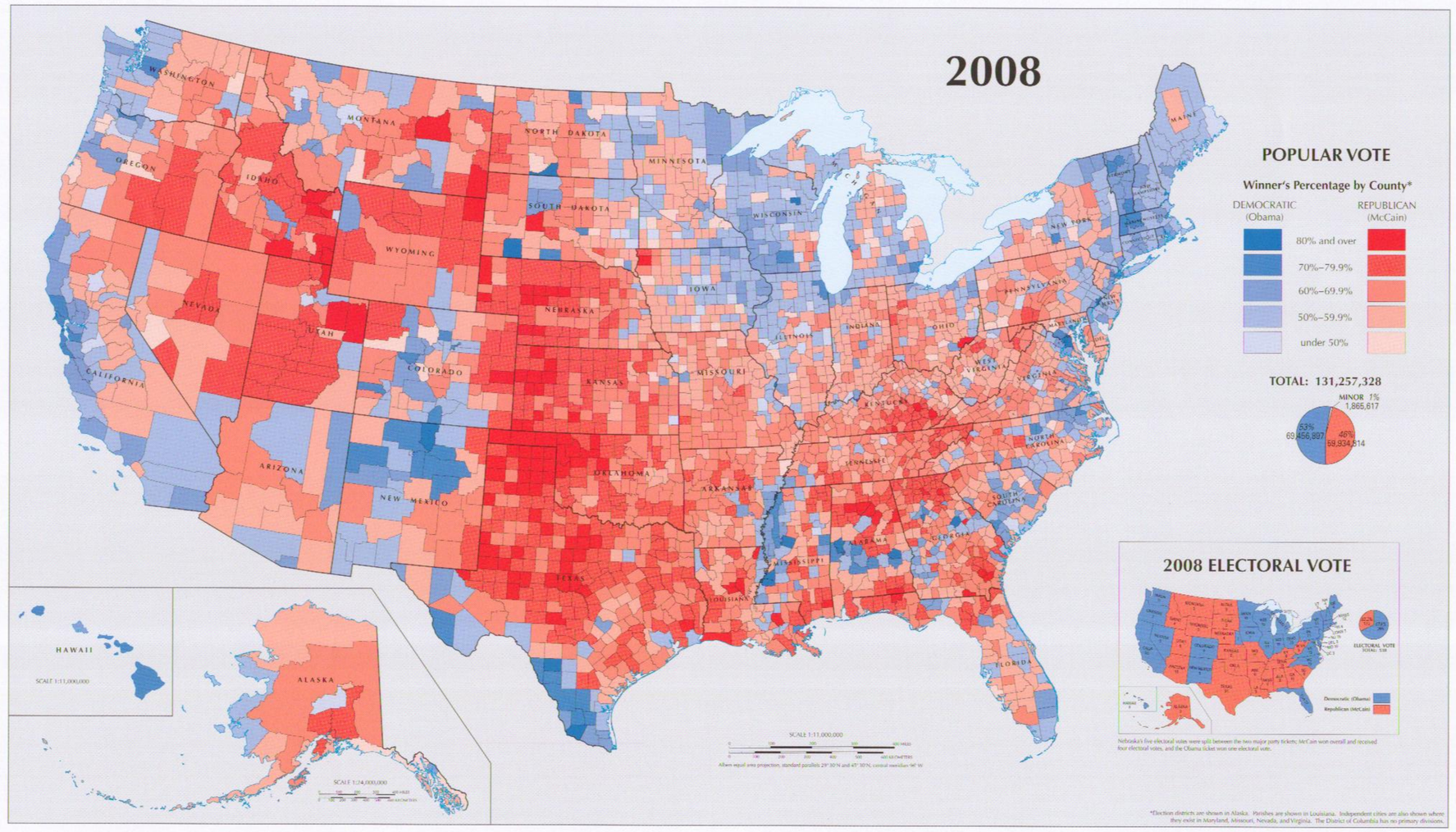

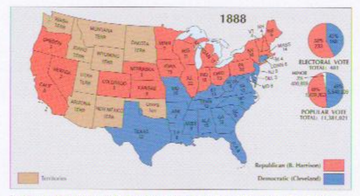

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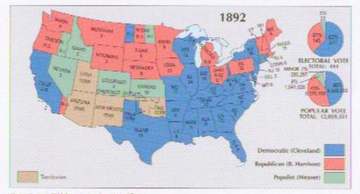

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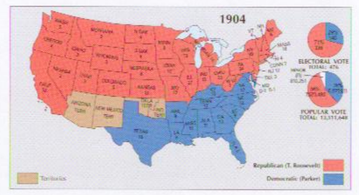

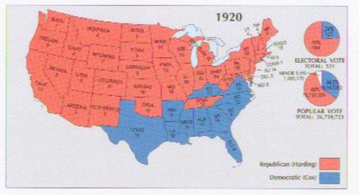

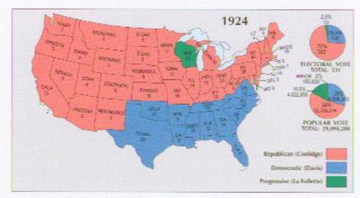

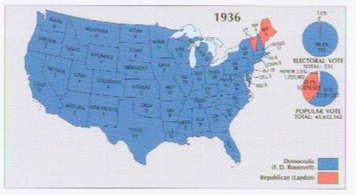

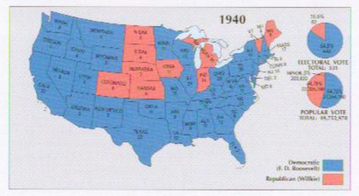

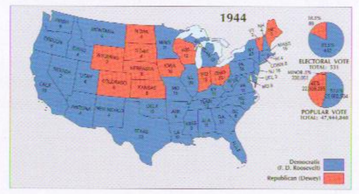

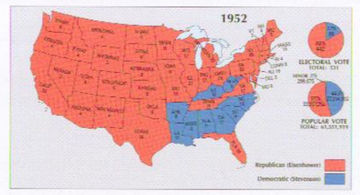

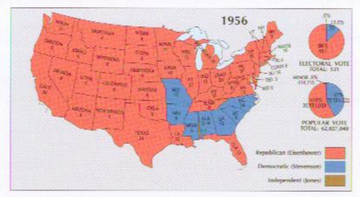

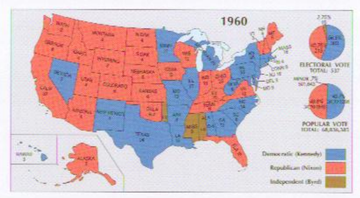

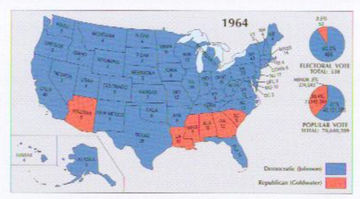

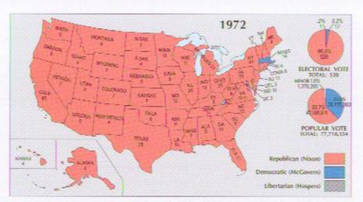

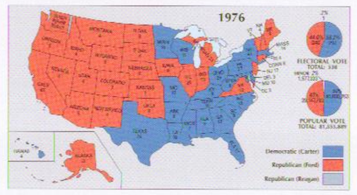

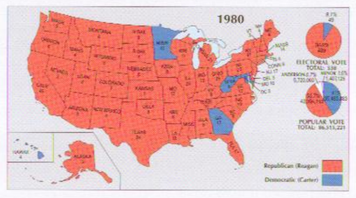

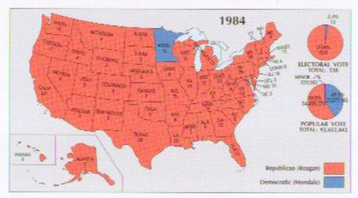

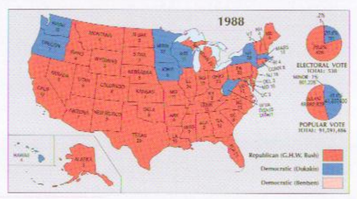

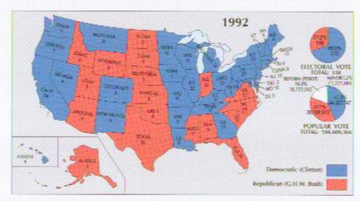

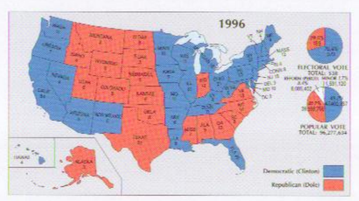

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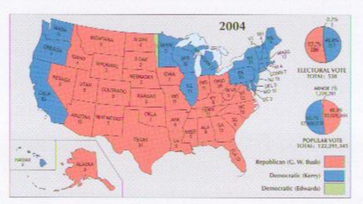

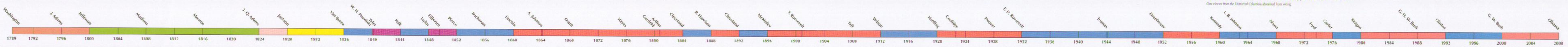

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