

CALIFORNIA
Winner: Democrat

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After intense research, it is predicted that the state of California will vote Democratic in the general election. Based on the information gathered concerning the voting history of the Presidential elections, U.S. Senate and House, Governor and other local government positions, it is suggested that the democratic candidate will win in November. It has previously been assumed that the state of California has always been a blue state but according to the researched percentages, it is clear that while democrats are predicted to win, it may not be as easy and as obvious in 2008.

According to the past presidential votes since 1992 California has voted democratic; however from 1936 to around 1992 the state has been recorded as swaying between the republican and democratic candidates, (Dave Leip, 2004). Also, while the democratic candidate has won the last fourteen years, all the percentages are very close. Even with this into consideration, when looking at the voting history of the state in other leadership positions and as a whole, it becomes evident that California will still select the democratic candidate come November.

Other positions throughout California have also run fairly tight between the republicans and democrats. For example, the lowest percent that the democrats have won by is only 46.7%, (Dave Leips, 2004). This would leave republicans still competitive for these positions. In this House, the competition between parties is less intense and has faded over the past couple of years; however it has been a struggle for the democrats. For example, in 1996 the republicans had 25 representatives but in 2006 they hold held 20 positions, (Bill Jones, 1994). This would suggest that the democrats have narrowed the gap and are gaining more control.

In researching that state of California I find it very interesting that most media is focusing on who has the lead between the democratic candidates. There is hardly enough information on the republican candidate or even any polls suggesting he may have a chance. With the republican candidate being as moderate as he is, it can be suggested that the California race will be an extremely close one. However, even though the history of California has been to sway between the red and the blue I think there is enough evidence to support that the state will still follow its' lead the past fourteen years and go blue.

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