

[DELAWARE]
Winner: Democrat

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Although Delaware is often considered a swing state and has many state level positions held by Republicans it is hard to dispute that it will vote Democrat in the presidential election. Previous elections, voter registration demographics and the loyalty of Delaware voters all point directly to a Democratic win in November.

It has been twenty years since Delaware has voted Republican in a Presidential election. This was the George Bush Sr/Michael Dukakis race and Bush won 55% of the vote. In every election since then the Democrats, Clinton, Gore and Kerry respectively, have come out on top and in all cases but one have received over 50% of the vote. Even when the country voted Republican as in the last two elections, Delaware's 3 Electoral College votes have gone to the Democratic party.

Voter registration in Delaware is another key clue to how the election in November will turn out. Of the states registered voters 44% are Democrats and only 32% are Republicans. This has a strong bearing on the election because before the voting even begins it is easy to assume that the Democrats have more votes simply by studying the parties to which the voters are associated with. It is the 23% of independent voters that have the ability to sway the election for the Republicans but have not done so in the last six-teen years. The demographics of the state also point to a Democratic win because 20.7% percent of registered voters, a solid one fifth, are African American, 6% are Hispanic and another 4% make up other minority groups. This is a good sign for the democrats because minority groups generally vote democratically.

Congressional and Gubernatorial elections also lead to a democratic win as the state has two Democratic senators and a democratic governor. In the last fifteen years the state has had only one of these three positions held by a Republican. This was a Republican Senator Bill Roth who lost as an incumbent of over twenty years to the Democratic candidate Tom Carper in 2000. The state does have a Republican Congressman, Mike Castle, but it is the only National government position held by a Republican in the state of Delaware.

On a local level the state senate has been controlled by the Democrats for the last fifteen years. The State House of Representatives is controlled by the Republicans but they have lost seats in every election since the year 2000 with elections being held every two years.

In judging the information at hand it seems nearly impossible that the Republicans could gain Delaware's 3 Electoral College votes come the 2008 Presidential Election.

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