

**Georgia**  
**Winner: Republican**

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In accordance with recent election analyses, it is apparent that the State of Georgia will grant the Republican nominee for President, John McCain, a victory in November. The state's demographics, recent polling data, and election history on the national and sub-national level are strong indicators of Georgia's Republican lean. We can be confident this is true regardless of which candidate wins the Democratic Party's nomination.

Though the State of Georgia does not register voters by party, the demographic makeup of the state gives us insight into how its citizens tend to vote. Georgia has an African-American community of less than 30 percent, and a Hispanic community that makes up less than 8% of the entire population (US Census Bureau 2006). Though this is slightly above the national mean of 25%, most of these minorities are centralized in the urban areas in and around Atlanta, thus minimizing the overall effect of the vote. Though minorities almost always vote Democratically, the numbers are too small in Georgia for it to make a large impact on the election.

Examining recent elections in Georgia also show the State's Republican voting trends. In the past five Presidential election cycles, the Democratic candidate has only won the majority of votes in the state once. This was Bill Clinton in 1992, and he only drew 43 percent of the votes (Leip 2008). This is a small number in comparison to George Bush's 2004 victory, in which he received 58 percent of the votes cast within the state. At the congressional level, Georgia has been sending a majority of Republicans to the House of Representatives since 1994. The state has also elected two Republican Senators since 2002 (Leip 2008). The State Legislature came under Republican majority in 2002 and remains that way today. These voting trends indicate that voters in Georgia vote for Republican Candidates in increasing numbers each year.

In addition to historical analyses, recent polls indicate that John McCain is positioned to win Georgia in November. A poll conducted by Rasmussen Reports indicates that John McCain holds a majority over both Democratic contenders. Compared with Hillary Clinton, McCain wins 54% of the vote to Clinton's 34 percent (Rasmussen Reports 2008). When facing Barack Obama, McCain draws 53 percent to Obama's 40 percent (Rasmussen Reports 2008). A separate poll conducted by SurveyUSA also has McCain ahead by double digits; 56-35 percent on top of Clinton, and 54-41 percent ahead of Obama (Georgia Politics Unfiltered 2008). These polls show the comfortable lead that the Republicans enjoy in the State of Georgia.

Through the analyses of statewide demographics, recent elections, and polling data, it is apparent that the Republicans are stationed to take Georgia's 15 Electoral College Votes in November.

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