

KANSAS
Winner: Republican

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Kansas may not be considered part of the Bible Belt, but religion definitely plays a role in politics. Other demographics and past voting behavior also play a part in the Kansas elections, as well as Kansas itself. All of these factored in assure that Kansas will vote Republican in the 2008 election, all candidates aside.

Many parts of Kansas have high levels of Baptists communities, and studies have shown that moral issues often decide votes more than party (Berlet, Chip). Likewise, about forty-five percent of the population is registered Republican, and of the remaining population, almost half are undecided voters (State of Kansas: Voter). In addition to this, more than ninety percent of the registered voters are Caucasian (Kansas). With a large Evangelical vote in the Baptist areas, and a substantial majority of the voters being white, Kansas is the Republican's dream. Kansas is also a rural area. Studies have shown that rural areas tend to vote Republican (Crummy, Karen E.).

Kansas' previous elections also prove that Kansas will vote Republican in the 2008 election. Kansas has voted for a Republican president since 1988 (Leip, David). Likewise, all of the states senators are Republican (StateMaster.com) , and since 1990, most of the Representatives from Kansas have been Republican (Office of the Clerk). Even the state's House of Representatives have had a substantial Republican advantage since 2000 (State of Kansas: Election). All of these statistics simply reassure that Kansas will vote Republican in the up coming election.

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