

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Winner: Democrats

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Presidential elections tend to draw lots of attention from the public as well as the media. It is common knowledge that they are watched closely by far more people than the presidential primaries. What makes the general elections so interesting is the surprise factor. In other words, unless the state has a history of favoring a particular party throughout the years during general elections, victory is up for grabs for any candidate who has put some solid effort into trying to obtain a favorable result at the polls. It is that very same surprise factor that has characterized New Hampshire in the last couple of years, thus making it a so-called “swing” state.

New Hampshire’s general election’s voting records, however, in no way depict the state as the swing state it has come to be known as starting in the 1990s. Given the state’s status as one of the first, along with Iowa, to hold a presidential primary and considering that up until 1988, every single candidate who had won the presidential primary there had succeeded in gaining his party’s nomination and eventually the presidency, one can easily conclude that New Hampshire is a fairly good predictor of who might be our next commander in chief. (Why? New Hampshire)

1992 however, marked the beginning of a new era. It would leave its mark in history by proclaiming itself as the year in which a future president had not won during the state’s primaries. From that point on, New Hampshire has become an unpredictable state in terms of general elections. As long as statewide elections refer though, the state remains very predictable, favoring the Republican side throughout the years. However, since now both houses of the state are controlled by the Democratic party, thanks to the 2006 elections, there is an obvious shift in political views taking place.(Political Library)

Out of the past five elections, three have been won by the Democrats and two by the Republicans. It would be reasonable to assume that the next presidential elections will be a victory for the Democratic side. If statewide elections are any good indicators of a political change, along with the fact that there is strong Democratic support on the north east region of the United States, the Democrats should be able to obtain the four electoral votes corresponding to the state.

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