

**NEVADA**  
**Winner: Republican**

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When studying past elections in Nevada, it is impossible to deem this state to be neither a red state, or Republican, nor a blue state, or Democratic. In today's political world, we allow these such states to be known as "purple;" children learn at an early age that by mixing the colors blue and red create purple, this stands true in the political arena when a does not show a significant preference to either political party. However, when studying data from prior elections held within Nevada, the statistics point towards a Republican victory in November's election this year.

Most people carry the idea that Western states are more liberal, this however is not the case with Nevada. With the exception of Las Vegas, Nevada is a very rural state; a factor that leads to a more conservative voting pattern with citizens (Baumgartner and Francia, 2006). For instance, the greater part of the population is white (81.7%), slightly above the national average; this becomes another factor contributing to Nevada voting Republican in November, with lack of a large minority population, there are fewer citizens likely to vote Democratic. It is true that Nevada has not voted straight Republican since 1990, however, an overwhelming majority of its elections have come out in favor of the Republican party. One must also take into account, however, that there is a larger number of Republican and "right wing" voters than there are Democratic and "left wing" voters in Nevada; yet another factor donating support for the Republican ticket.

Past elections in Nevada shows us that the state has voted Republican in the past two presidential elections by a simple majority and in the 1998, 1994 elections, the Democrats won with only 43.9% and 37.4%; not a very promising average to give them hope this election. Likewise, the entirety of the Nevada State Senate is Republican and has been in the past four elections and in addition to this; Nevada has elected a Republican governor in the last three elections (2006, 2002, and 1998). Also, Nevada's election results to the U.S. House give preference to the Republican ticket; out of the past nine elections, Nevada has voted Republican in seven of them with a significant majority.

Needless to say, on the basis of past election results, census data, and common knowledge, it is a safe bet that Nevada will be supporting the Republican candidate, whoever it may be.

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