

TENNESSEE

Winner: Republican
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After analyzing the demographics of the great state of Tennessee, I have concluded that my prediction for the 2008 general presidential election will go to the Republicans. I predict Tennessee will be sharply divided and both the Republicans and Democrats will campaign fiercely, but Republicans will back John McCain and ultimately continue their pattern over that last two elections and continue to be a southern, red state.

Tennessee's demographic breakdown, at the US congressional level, shows that over the last fourteen years, Tennessee has voted Republican congress-men and women into office (The Green Papers). At the state level, Tennessee has been closely divided and voted for a Democrat as Governor for the last two election cycles and a Republican Governor for the two elections previous to those (House of Representatives). This clearly shows just how split Tennessee has been over the last decade. At the Presidential level, Tennessee has also been a state to have divided party lines. Over the last nine presidential elections, Tennessee has voted in a Republican a majority six times (Leip, David). With the exception of William Clinton's nation-wide popularity, I believe Tennessee is rooted in the conservative Bible belt, and will continue to vote Republican.

The only issue that concerns my prediction in Tennessee is the State Senate and the State level House of Representatives. Here Tennessee has voted in straight Democratic candidates over the last six years (StateVote2000). Like many other southern states Tennessee has a tendency to elect a Democratic state and local level government and a Republican at the national level. If this pattern continues, Tennessee should be colored

red this November.

In conclusion, according to my analysis and direct demographic figures for over the last fourteen years I believe Tennessee will vote Republican in the 2008 Presidential election.

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