

WISCONSIN
Winner: Democrat

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When predicting Wisconsin's outcome of the 2008 Presidential Election, it was no big shocker that I chose the Democratic Party. For the past two centuries, Wisconsin has chosen a Democratic President. I believe that their past election statistics, state make-up and their consistence will prove a Democratic Victory come November.

As of 2006, Wisconsin has a population of 5,609,705. And among these residents, 91% are white, making it a majority white state. This is where Democrats seem to really flourish. But over the past 20 years, Wisconsin has seen a downfall in voter turn out. As of 2002, of the voting population aged 18-29, the rate has gone down from 38% to 24% and those 30 and older have gone from 68% to 56%. Currently the voter turn out is at 65%, which is not bad and seem to be trying to escalate in the upcoming election. Another aspect of Wisconsin is its median income of the state, which is above poverty level. Currently the percentage of 18-29 year olds who have received a BA is at 44%. I think this is the cause for the economic state of the state. Although this is considered to be at Democrats disadvantage, it seems it doesn't really have an affect in Wisconsin.

It has been proven through the data I have collected that Wisconsin has been very consistent in their voting. Since 1988, Wisconsin has given their vote to the Democratic candidate and by a clear margin. For example, in 1988, Wisconsin voted for the Democratic nominee, Dukakis. Although he did not win the election, he won by a 51 % majority over Bush. And again in 1996, Wisconsin voted for the Democratic candidate Bill Clinton by almost 49%. This is proof that Wisconsin is proving itself Democrat but not only with regards to the presidency, but to all elected offices.

Both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives have been electing Democratic candidates for years. When conducting my research, I noticed that not only were the Democratic candidates being successful, but also they were winning by vast majorities of at least 47%. I don't think you can be a more "blue" state to me. Even the governor's and senator's of the state are Democrat. I'm starting to believe they are born and bred. Although I did notice that Republicans seem to hold more seats in the House and in the Senate.

Conclusively, the eleven electoral college votes that Wisconsin holds, although awarded proportionally, will be in favor of the Democratic Party.

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