2020 Election Results in UIO Areas

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On November 7, Democratic Presidential nominee Joe Biden and running-mate Kamala Harris surpassed the required 270 electoral votes to win the oval office after <u>securing Pennsylvania</u>, electing them as President and Vice President-elect of the United States. Highly anticipated election results came days after Election Day on November 3 as the nation saw historic voter turnout and mail-in ballots. Counting is still being done to determine some winners of the Senate and House of Representatives seats up for election.

Three states containing <u>Urban Indian Organizations (UIOs)</u>—<u>Michigan, Wisconsin</u>, and <u>Arizona</u>—flipped from red states to blue states during this Presidential election compared to the 2016 election, allocating 37 electoral votes to Joe Biden. Previous blue states containing UIOs—Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Minnesota, Illinois, New York Massachusetts, and Maryland—all remained blue states while previous red states—Montana, Utah, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Missouri—all remained red states.

Pre-election, Republicans held a 57-43 majority of the upper chamber. The Senate is currently at a deadlock with Republicans and Democrats each holding 48 seats. Of the 35 Senate seats up for election for the 117th Congress, 31 have been called. Republicans have so far won 18 seats—losing 1, and Democrats have won 13 seats—gaining 1. Senate control cannot be determined until January, as Georgia has entered a run-off for both of its Senate seats. Georgia's GOP incumbent Senator, David Perdue, and Democrat opponent, Jon Ossoff, will face each other again in January along with Republican Kelly Loeffler and Democrat Raphael Warnock. Arizona and Colorado, both containing UIOs, flipped their Senate seats from red to blue with the election of Mark Kelly (D-AZ) and John Hickenlooper (D-CO).

The Democratic party is expected to <u>maintain majority control in the House of Representatives</u>. So far, 411 of the 453 seats have been processed with House Democrats holding 215 seats—losing 5 seats from the 116th Congress, and Republicans holding 194 seats—gaining 6 seats. UIO area states where neither party has flipped a House seat so far are <u>Washington</u>, <u>Oregon</u>, <u>California</u>, <u>Nevada</u>, <u>Arizona</u>, <u>Utah</u>, <u>Montana</u>, <u>Colorado</u>, <u>South</u> <u>Dakota</u>, <u>Nebraska</u>, <u>Kansas</u>, <u>Texas</u>, <u>Missouri</u>, <u>Wisconsin</u>, <u>Illinois</u>, <u>New York</u>, <u>Massachusetts</u>, and <u>Maryland</u>. <u>New Mexico</u>, <u>Oklahoma</u>, <u>Minnesota</u>, and <u>Michigan</u> are states that contain UIOs where Republicans flipped one House seat and Democrats flipped 0 seats.

Some states are still processing ballots that can impact these current results.