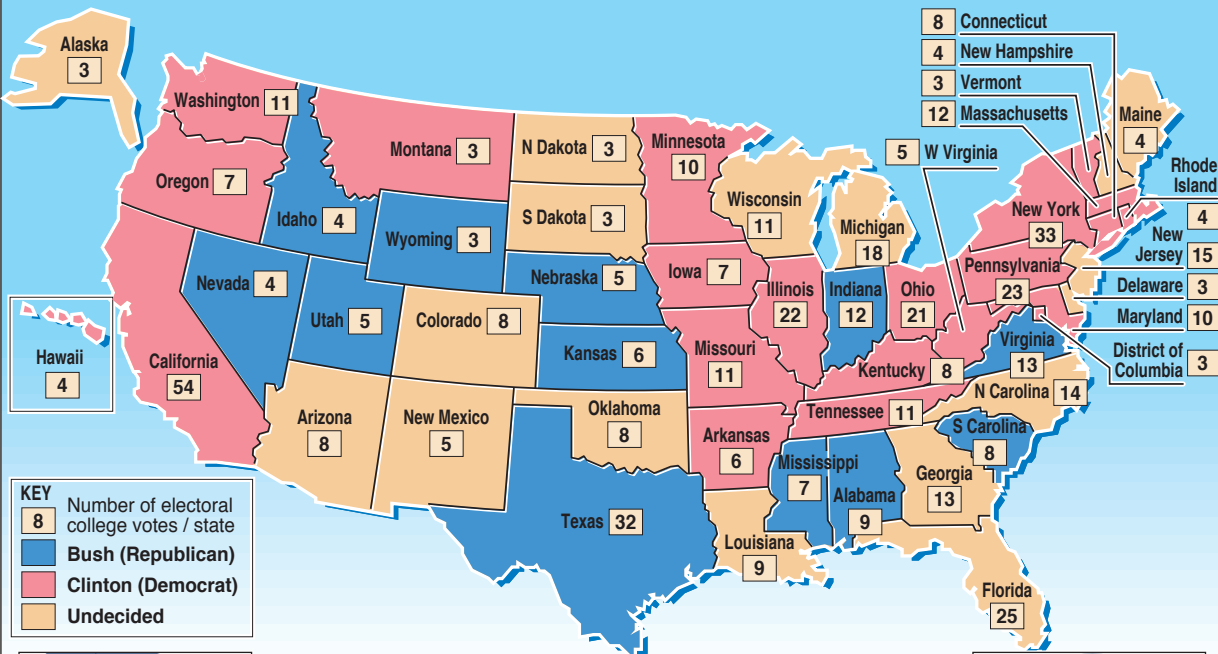


# U.S. ELECTION Contest for the White House

In the final days of the campaign, Bill Clinton appears well ahead but latest poll figures suggest that many voters are still undecided and that George Bush has made significant gains in the last few days. Tuesday's contest could be one of the closest elections since 1976 when Carter beat Ford by 27 states to 24



Ross Perot is unlikely to win a single state but his vote could influence the outcome in up to 15 states, including Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Michigan and Florida

270 votes needed to win

Bush leads - 5

Bush inclined - 103

Clinton leads - 258

Clinton inclined - 18

Perot could influence - 83

Too close to predict - 71

