



Thrills and spills on rollercoaster night that rocked United States

We won! Republican supporters celebrate at an election night rally in New York as more states are announced for Donald Trump



First glimmer of victory in Florida ... then Trump storms to White House

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DONALD TRUMP demolished America's traditional political landscape in a few hours of unprecedented drama last night. Here is how it happened:

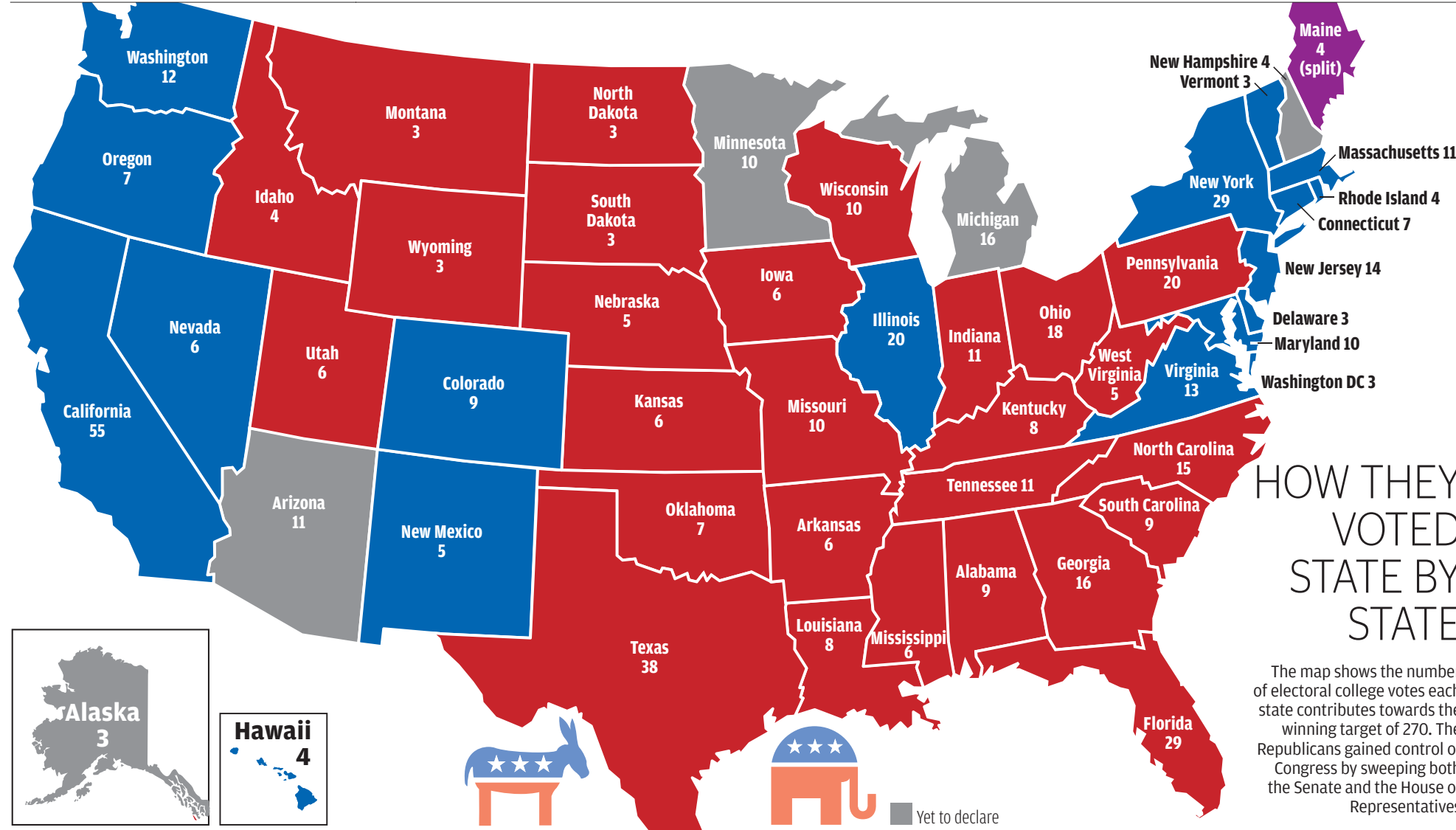
MIDNIGHT (UK TIME)
The first projected results come in and

as expected Mr Trump wins Indiana and Kentucky, while Hillary Clinton gains Vermont. Half an hour later, West Virginia is called for the Republican. The first firm glimmer that Mr Trump could storm to victory comes at about 12.30am, when it emerges that the two candidates are neck and neck in Florida. Before then, the bookies' odds had remained firmly stacked against him.

1AM
Mrs Clinton takes Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Washington DC, while Mr Trump wins in Oklahoma. He quickly follows this up by seizing South Carolina, Tennessee and Alabama by 1.30am. By this time the tycoon has also nudged ahead in Florida, with 60 per cent of precincts counted. Alarm bells start to ring for Democrats in Virginia, where Mr Trump holds a surprise nine-point lead. The Democrats win Rhode Island but Mr Trump clinches Mississippi.

2AM
Mrs Clinton notches up a win in Barack Obama's home state of Illinois, though this is followed by Trump victories in Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Wyoming and Nebraska. The Democrat takes her home state of New York, but Mr Trump is victorious in Arkansas, where her husband Bill was governor for more than a decade before winning the 1992 presidential election. Mr Trump is already projected to have a lead of 123 electoral votes against Mrs Clinton's 97, with a thick red Republican stripe being painted down the middle of the US map. Now, markets are waking up to the possibility of a Trump win – the Mexican peso tumbles and the Dow Futures index plunges 300 points at about 2.20am. Ukip interim leader Nigel Farage declares: "Market moves suggest Brexit may be happening again." Shortly after 2.30am, the New York Times slashes Mrs Clinton's chances of winning the White House to 50 per cent, and the Dow Futures is down by more than 400. Mrs Clinton retains Connecticut, with Mr Trump clinching Louisiana. Sensing results moving in his direction, at 2.45am the Republican puts out a picture of him giving a thumb's-up, with his wife Melania.

3AM
Montana falls to the billionaire businessman. New Mexico goes to his rival, but he gains Missouri. In a dramatic development shortly before 3.30am, Mr Trump is projected to take one of his key swing-state targets, Ohio, sparking jubilant scenes among his supporters. But Democrats are in funeral mood at Mrs Clinton's New York rally. Some are already drifting away while others are in tears. Her route to the White House is now closing fast, with grim news from Iowa, Wisconsin and Michigan, with even the latter two – states the polls predicted Mrs Clinton had a good chance of taking – looking close. She does hold on to Virginia and wins in Colorado – where voters could cast their ballot without



Clinton 58,645,995	votes (48%)	270 to win	58,735,977 votes (48%) Trump
218			276
Democrats		Senate	Republican
47			51
Democrats		House of Representatives	Republican
192			236

Rust Belt turns tables in 'working-class revolution'

Daniel Bates AT THE TRUMP VICTORY RALLY...

DESPAIR turned to delight in the ballroom of the Hilton Midtown Manhattan as Donald Trump's triumph became clear. When he was declared the winner, supporters threw their red "Make America Great Again" caps into the air and shouted: "Donald! Donald!"

With polls pointing to Mr Trump losing, he appeared to have hedged his bets with a small event – the room was big enough for only about 500 people, a far cry from the vast Javits Centre which housed Hillary Clinton's party.

But by 9pm the mood brightened and the crowd began to swell with women in cocktail dresses and men in suits. There were no Republican grandees – former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani was one of the few big names.

By 10pm Mr Trump was gaining momentum. As the battleground states of Florida and Ohio tilted towards him, the crowd began cheering. The mood fell when Mrs Clinton won Virginia – a woman next to me put her head in her hands and said: "Oh no!" But Mr Trump rallied, taking Ohio, and the crowd went into raptures at about 11pm when he won Florida and North Carolina. The

race came down to the Rust Belt states and at 2.40am Fox News called it for Mr Trump. Jesse Singh, who moved to the US from India 30 years ago, said Mr Trump won because he "wasn't a politician". He said: "That's what I like about him the most. He talks like the average person and he's a strong leader."

Steve Hantler, a Trump campaign volunteer and retired car worker from Michigan, said: "I have only known Mr Trump since the Republican convention but I have seen someone who recognises that there is a political class in Washington that's taking care of themselves and not the public. It will take someone as strong and as much of an outsider as he is to break up the political class, and I'm talking the Republicans and the Democrats."

John Fredericks, Virginia chairman of the Donald Trump for President campaign, said: "Working-class Americans are coming out in record numbers. This is a working-class revolution. Nobody saw it coming, the elites in the media eating their cheese and drinking their champagne never talk to real voters. Working-class Americans have been sold down the river by the establishment, by the Wall Street slavery class and Donald Trump is their advocate."

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getting out of their car at one drive-through polling station.

4AM
Mr Trump is on a roll, picking up the huge prize of Florida as well as North Carolina – a battleground state having voted Democrat in 2008 and Republican in 2012 – Idaho, Georgia and Utah. Mrs Clinton claims California, Hawaii, Oregon, and Washington state.

5AM
The Republican takes Iowa, the Democrat Nevada.

6AM
At about 6.30am, Mr Trump clinches Pennsylvania in one of the final blows to the Clinton campaign.

7AM
Shortly before 7.30am, Associated Press calls Wisconsin for Mr Trump – and names him the new president. About 10 minutes later, Mrs Clinton is reported to have phoned him to concede. Shortly afterwards, he emerges on stage with his family, having pulled off a victory which shocked the world.



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