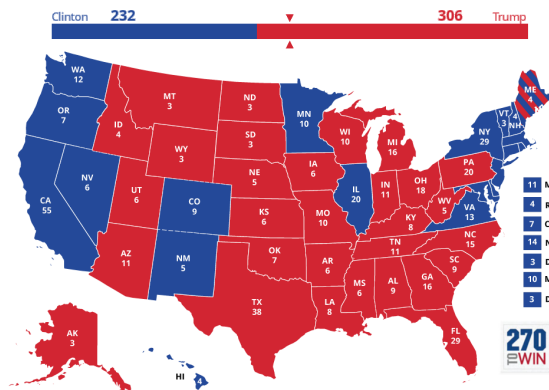
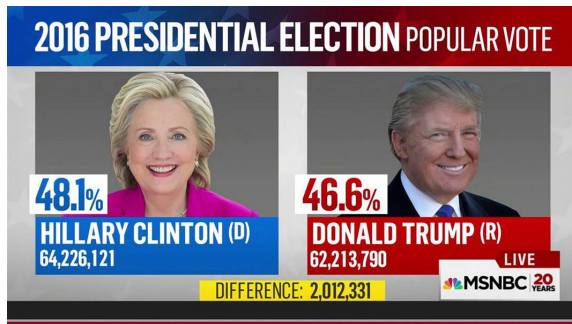


The People vs The Electoral College



For the **fifth time in U.S. History** (and the second time this century) a presidential candidate has won the White House even while **losing the popular vote**. Donald Trump won 304 electoral votes to Hillary Clinton's 227. That result has come about despite the fact that Clinton received nearly 2.9 million more popular votes than Trump in November's election. This mismatch between the electoral and popular votes came about because Trump won several large states by very narrow margins, gaining all their electoral votes in the process, even though Clinton claimed other large states by much wider margins. **Trump's share of the popular vote**, in fact, **was the seventh-smallest winning percentage since 1828**, when presidential campaigns began to resemble contemporary ones. Actually, the very nature of the way the U.S.A. elects its presidents tends to create a **gap between the outcome in the Electoral College and the popular vote**. The last time a popular-vote loser won the presidency in the Electoral College was – try to guess? Yes, you've probably guessed right: it was in **2000**, when **George W. Bush** edged out Al Gore 271-266 even though Gore had won some 537,000 more popular votes nationwide.

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