

Bush One Vote Away From Victory

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WASHINGTON D.C. — President Bush's campaign declared victory in the 2004 presidential election at 5:45 a.m. EST Wednesday.



"I want to thank all of you for staying up so late with us and good morning," White House Chief of Staff Andy Card told haggard supporters at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington. "We are convinced that President Bush has won re-election with at least 286 Electoral College votes."

Although Iowa, Nevada and New Mexico had not yet made their results officials, Card said the GOP camp was counting those states in its column. Card also declared victory in Ohio, despite claims by John Kerry's campaign

that the fight is not yet over in The Buckeye State.

Polls closed Tuesday night in all 50 states and the nation's capital in a race that was called one of the most hotly contested in American history. But Iowa, New Mexico, Nevada and Wisconsin were too close to call at 6 a.m. EST on Wednesday. As of that time, Bush had 269 electoral votes; Kerry had 242. The victor needs 270 to win. An electoral tie would throw the race to the GOP-led U.S. House of Representatives to decide.

Bush won Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Kerry won California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington.

1. How many more states has Bush won thus far in the election?
2. What trends or patterns by region (Southeast, etc.) do you notice in states won by Bush? Kerry? In your opinion, how might this be explained?
3. Assuming Bush had the projected 286 Electoral votes, how many would Kerry have?
4. How many more popular votes has John Kerry received thus far over Ralph Nader?
5. Why do you feel this presidency race is already being referred to as "one of the most hotly contested in American history?"
6. Iowa (7), Nevada (5), Wisconsin (10) and New Mexico (5) have not yet been projected. Assuming Kerry won all of the above, what would the electoral count become AND who would be President.
7. Why is it dangerous to rely solely upon projected results?
8. Has the election turned out as you projected? Explain

Bush (R) 58,351,066 269

Kerry (D) 54,836,382 242

Nader (I) 390,688 0

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