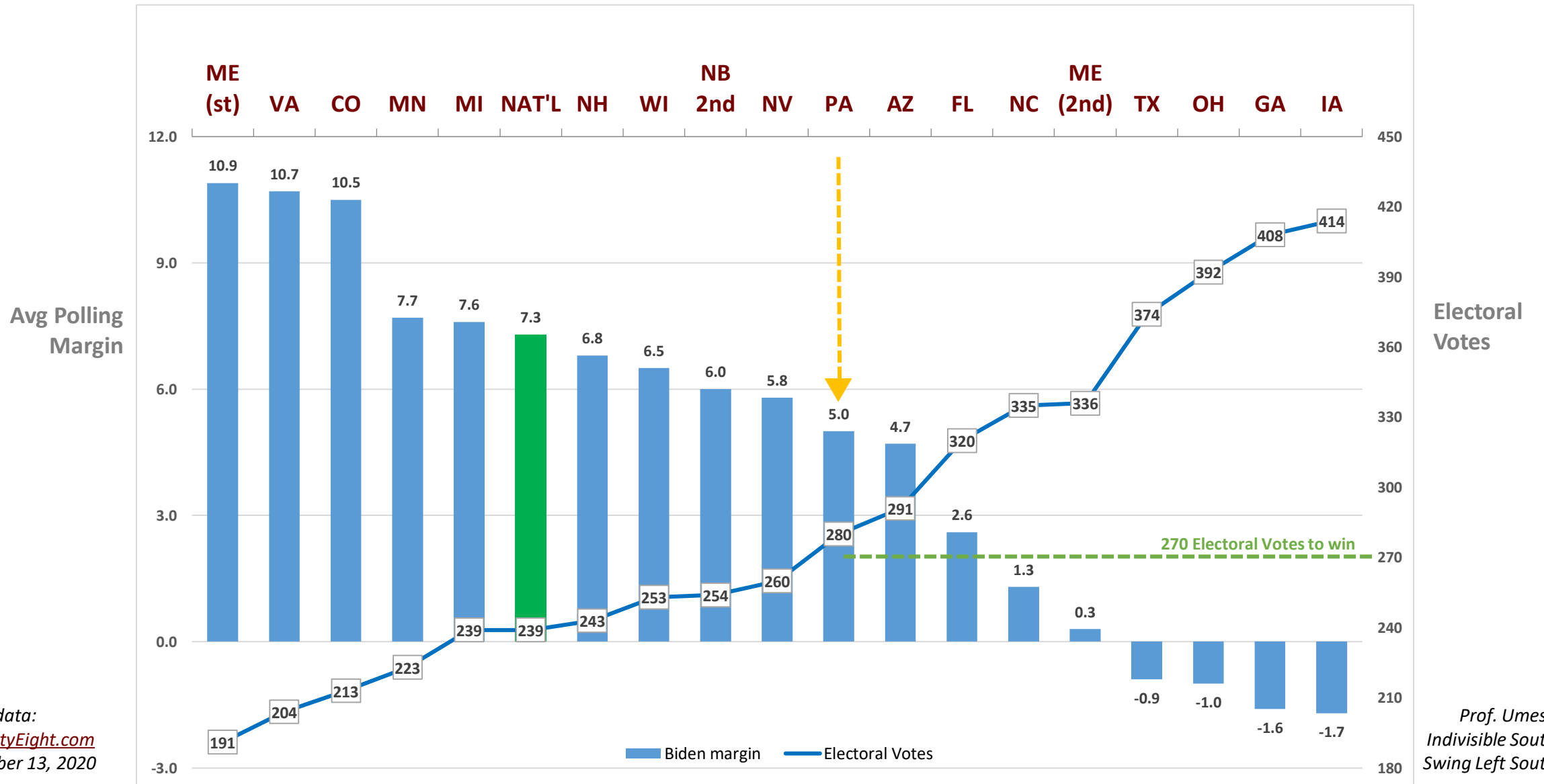


Many paths to 270 Electoral Votes for Joe Biden

Battleground states shown in order of average polling margins



Source data:
FiveThirtyEight.com
 September 13, 2020

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Notes on the Presidential Race

September 13, 2020

Polling margin: Joe Biden's national polling margin as of Sept. 13, 2020 is +7.3%. This margin was +9.2% on Aug. 23; the race has tightened by two points as expected.

Tipping point: Pennsylvania, polling at +5.0% for Biden, is now the tipping point state. Next in line is Arizona, with Biden ahead by +4.7%.

Range of potential polling bias as of Sept. 13:

- *If the polls are uniformly biased against the GOP by 3 points, Trump would win Florida, North Carolina, and the Maine 2nd district. Biden still wins the Electoral College 291-247.*
- *If the polls are uniformly biased against the Democrats by 3 points, Biden would win Texas, Ohio, Georgia, and Iowa. Biden wins the Electoral College 414-124.*

Gap in the Popular Vote vs. the Electoral Vote:

Current models show a 2.3% gap, meaning that Biden must gain at least 2.3% beyond winning the popular vote to win the Electoral Vote. In 2016 this gap was even larger: Clinton won 3% more of the popular vote but still lost the Electoral Vote.

Probability modeling: The FiveThirtyEight.com model on Sept. 13, 2020 shows a 75% probability for a Biden win, a two-point improvement over the 73% August 23 probability. (For every 100 times the model is run, Biden wins 75 times, Trump wins 25.) In comparison, the 2016 Clinton win probability was 71% on Election Day, four points lower than Biden's current number.

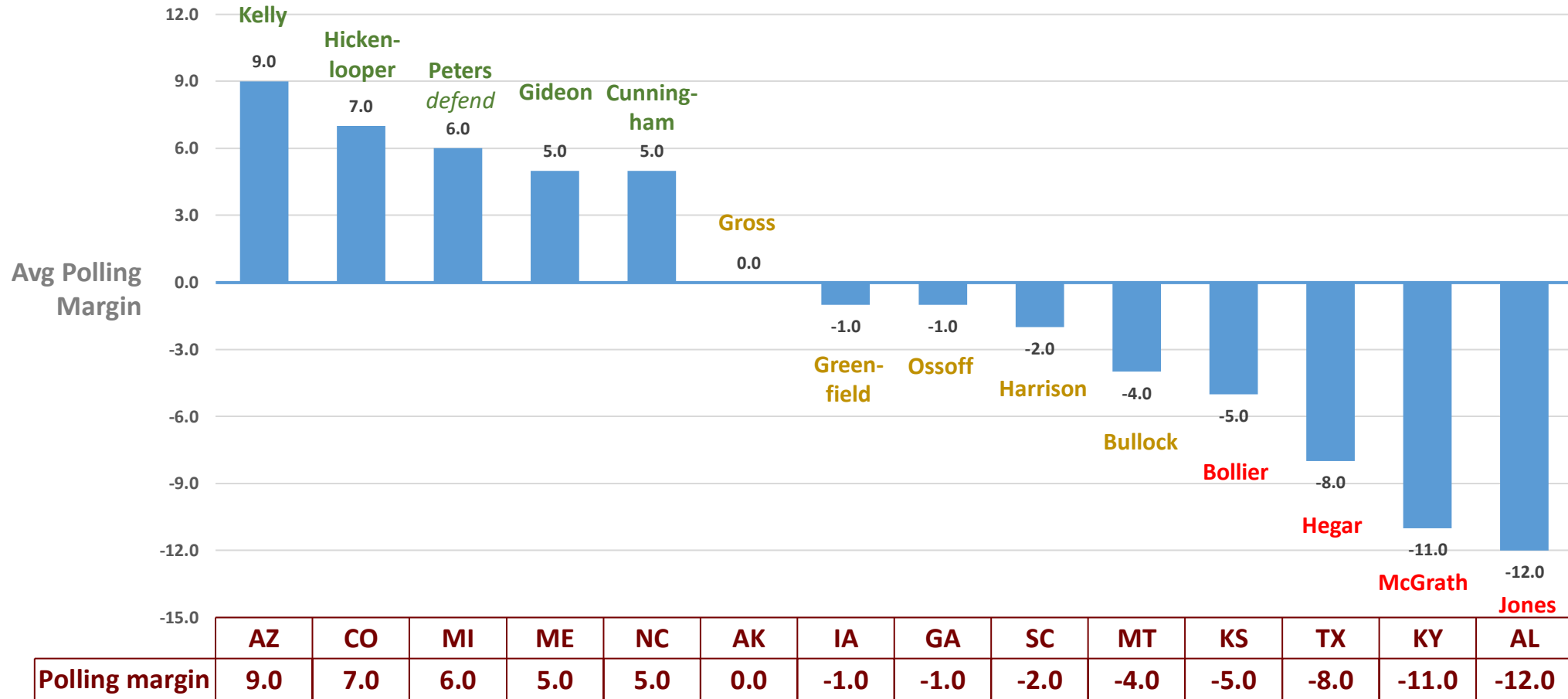
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Senate: 50 seats net + VP as tiebreaker

4 or 5 more seats may be in play, but polling is sparse



Democrat ▾ 278

169 Republican ▾



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