

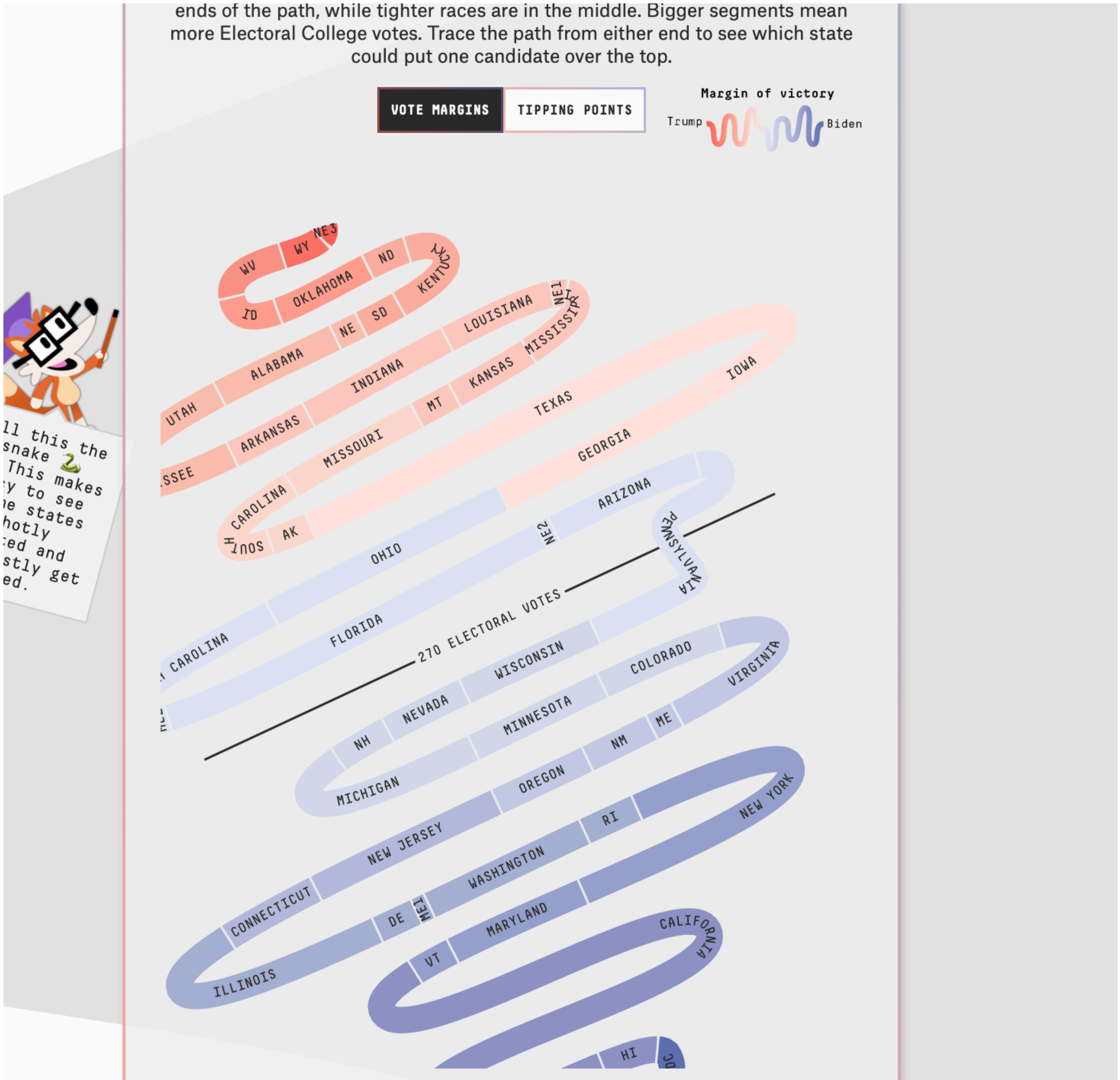
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Biden remains up 6–10 Nationwide

Lead has been steady and includes surprises like near-tie in Iowa. Nate Silver has PA as tipping point state, with AZ, NE2, FL, NC, and OH also Blue.

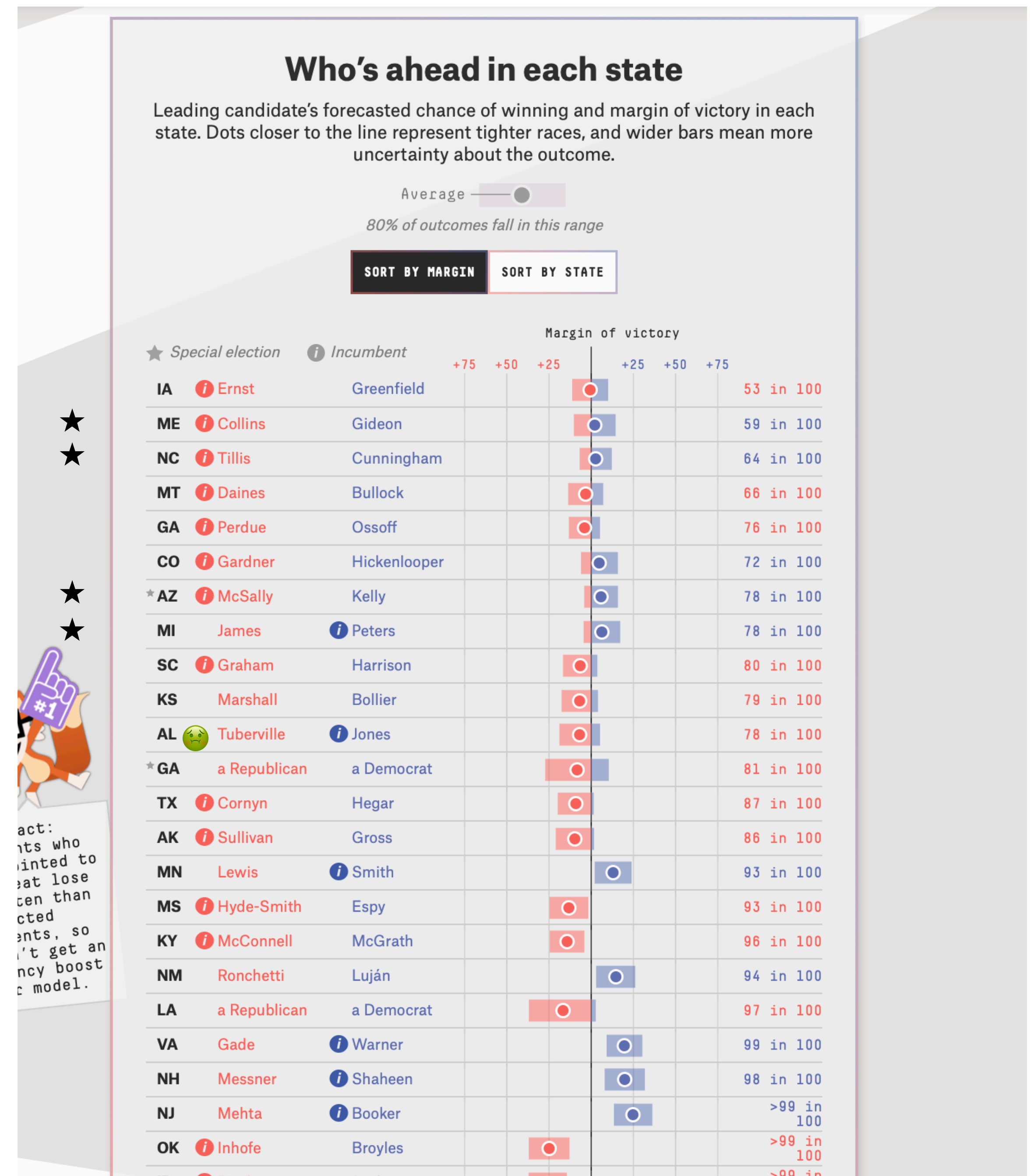


538's Snake Chart

Senate

Expectation is D tie+VP/takeover

- Loss in Alabama
- Flip in AZ, CO, ME, NC
- On the radar: IA, MT, GA₁, SC, AK, KS, GA₂, TX
- ActBlue has raised over **\$300,000,000** since RBG's passing
- Senate races should all be financially competitive



F.U.D.

No longer even trying to win with votes

- Shifting the Overton window on how you become President
 - Trump says “peaceful transition” if they throw out ballots.
 - Republicans *pretend* to disagree, but—
 - Moscow Mitch McConnell says there will be a peaceful transition for whoever is elected “on November 3rd”. Plan: declare premature victory
 - Lindsey Graham says he will accept whomever SCOTUS picks as President. Plan: see if Roberts Court is corrupt enough to throw out late-arriving ballots or allow R legislatures to substitute elector slates.

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The fake voter fraud stories are already beginning

- US Attorney makes disgraceful claim that Trump military ballots were discarded in Pennsylvania. Multiple violations of pre-Barr DoJ policy.
- Turns out to be much ado about nothing. Special military ballots were received without the secrecy envelope that *Republicans* had insisted not be waived, and were discarded according to the protocol they had demanded. (Not clear that this protocol can be applied to special Federal military ballot, but this is arcana.)
- Conservative county. Probably a R clerk, who was a contractor just hired to handle the election.

Expect many more phony stories fed to gullible press.

First line of defense

Biden wins big

- Key state is Florida! Just like 2000.
- Major Electoral Vote prize. Trump must-win, Biden can survive without (but see next slide). Familiar with mail votes and allows them to be counted early. Unless the state is *extremely* close, we will know Florida by 9:00 PT.

Second line of defense

- Day 50 of Minsk protests
- 100,000 in the streets
- 40,000 in other cities



Biden wins?

Roberts' choice

- If Biden wins by a small margin, does SCOTUS invalidate enough ballots to bring us to Belarus?
- On the other hand, if Biden wins big, how does he discourage Court “reform” (packing)?
- Perhaps the Hayes–Tilden compromise this time involves not Reconstruction, but Obamacare.