



WATCHING THE RETURNS

(Time varies)

OBJECTIVE

Students monitor the election returns to stay politically active.

MATERIALS

U.S. Map handout

GET READY

- ✓ Copy one *U.S. Map* handout for each student.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Ask the students to take the maps home and watch the election returns on television or find them in the newspaper.
- ✓ Instruct them to choose a color for each presidential candidate (preferably blue for a Democratic candidate and red for a Republican candidate) and to color the states accordingly as they learn the results from television, the radio, or newspaper.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ *What happened when you went to the polls?*
- ★ *Did you have any problems? Any surprises?*
- ★ *Did the election turn out as you thought it would?*
- ★ *How do you feel about it today?*
- ★ *Were the election returns exciting to watch?*
- ★ *If you were planning an election returns show for kids how would you make it more exciting?*

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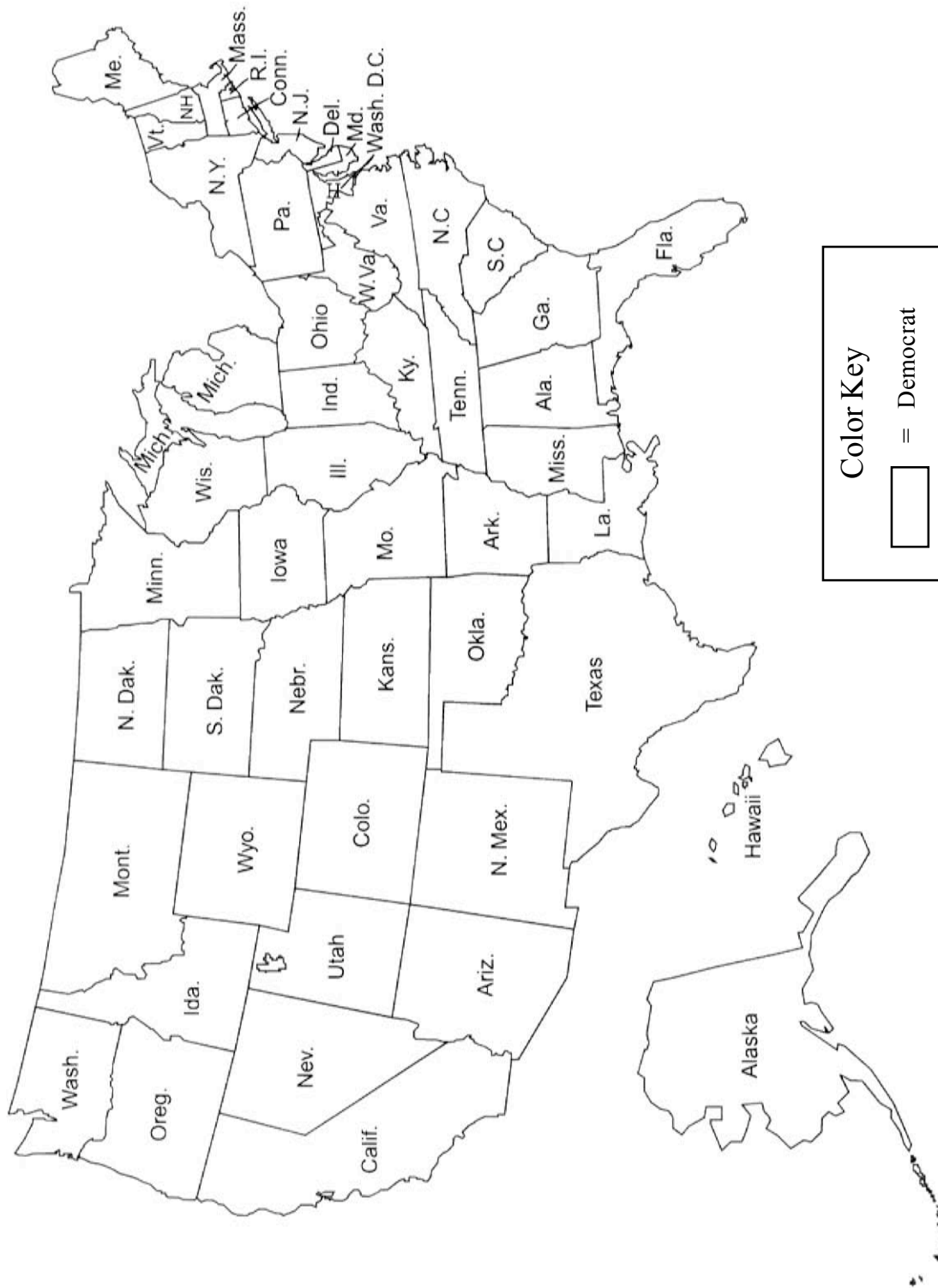
Help the students write the correct number of electoral votes in each state. For gubernatorial or other state elections, copy a state map showing counties. Follow instructions above.

VOTE QUOTE

“Politics is just another word for your future.”
– Unknown



U.S. MAP



Color Key

<input type="checkbox"/>	= Democrat
<input type="checkbox"/>	= Republican
<input type="checkbox"/>	= Other