

Cook Changes Presidential Ratings For 7 States

The Cook Political Report: August Electoral College Ratings Changes

State	Previous Rating	New Rating
Colorado	Lean Democrat	Likely Democrat
Florida	Lean Democrat	Toss Up
Maine- 02	Likely Democrat	Toss Up
Nevada	Lean Democrat	Toss Up
New Hampshire	Toss Up	Lean Democrat
Utah	Solid Republican	Likely Republican
Virginia	Lean Democrat	Likely Democrat

Total Electoral College Projection:

Solid D: 190	Toss up: 76	Solid R: 136
Likely D: 32		Likely R: 27
Lean D: 50		Lean R: 27
Total D: 272		Total R: 190

270 electoral votes needed to win

Analysis

- As the race stands, Trump could sweep the entire sweep the entire “Toss Up” column and still lose, though Trump is trailing in the polls in each of the “Toss Up” seats.
- Charlie Cook says he is “generous” to keep Arizona and Georgia in the “Lean Republican” column, since Trump holds miniscule leads in the polls in those states

Source: The Cook Political Report, August 15, 2016.