

**“Razor-Thin” Margins in the
U. S. Presidential Elections of 2020 and 2016
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2020 (as of December 8):

	Margin B/T	%	Lib. Party (1)	EC
AZ	10,457	0.3%	51,465	11
GA	11,779	0.2%	62,229	16
WI	20,682	0.6%	38,491	10
	42,918		152,185	37 (2)

Switch 21,459 (50%)

ALL 7,059,873 0.03% (3)

(1) Libertarian Party

(2) Imagining a switch of all three states from Biden to Trump: Each would have wound up with 269 Electoral-College votes, which would have meant that the presidential election would be decided in the House of Representatives, where each state delegation has one vote, and where a majority of states (26) have Republican-majority (<https://projects.propublica.org/represent/states>) congressional delegations. Thus a switch of just 21,500 votes from Biden to Trump, divided proportionally in these three states, would have given the victory to Trump, despite Biden’s seven-million-vote plurality in the popular vote.

(3) $42,918 \div 155,505,798$ total Biden + Trump popular votes (actual margin 0.02.76%)

2016:

	Margin T/C	%	J. Stein	EC
MI	10,704	0.2%	51,463	16
PA	46,765	0.7%	49,485	20
WI	22,177	0.8%	31,006	10
	79,646		131,954	46
ALL	2,875,075	0.06% (4)		

(4) $79,646 \div 128,824,833$ total Clinton + Trump popular votes (actual margin 0.06.2%)