

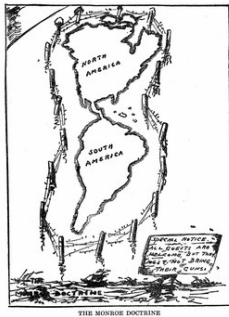
"The great rule of conduct for us, in regard to domestic nations, is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible.

Europe has a set of primary interests, which to us have none, or a very remote relation."

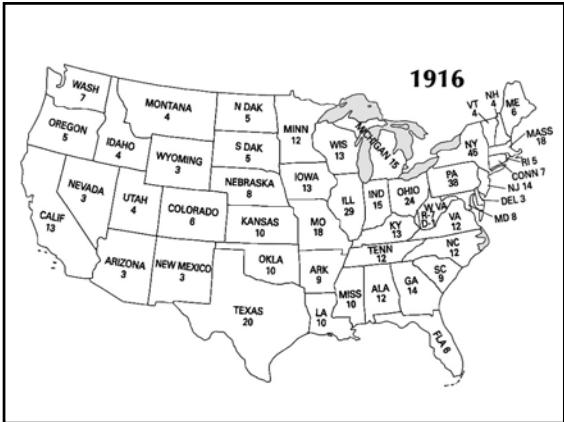
George Washington
Farewell address, September 1796

U.S. Isolationism

- Washington, Jefferson warn against "entangling alliances"
- 1823: Monroe Doctrine
- 1898: Spanish-American War results in first instance of American "colonialism"
- 1915: RMS *Lusitania*
- 1916: Voters to dictate policy at the polls



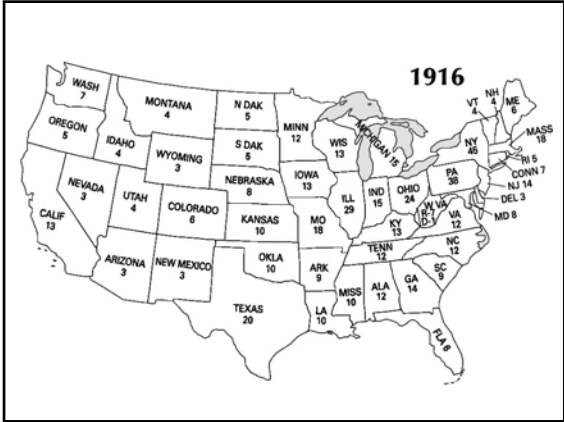


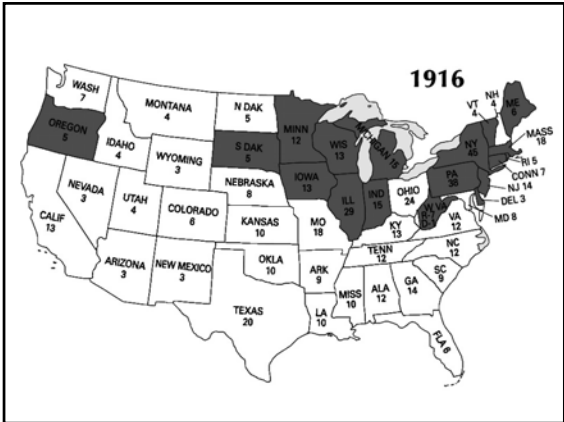


Election of 1916

- GOP had split in 1912
- Moderate tapped to head the ticket
- **Charles Evans Hughes**
- Sitting Supreme Court Justice, once governor of New York
- Reformer; ambivalent about entering war
- "The President is sleeping."



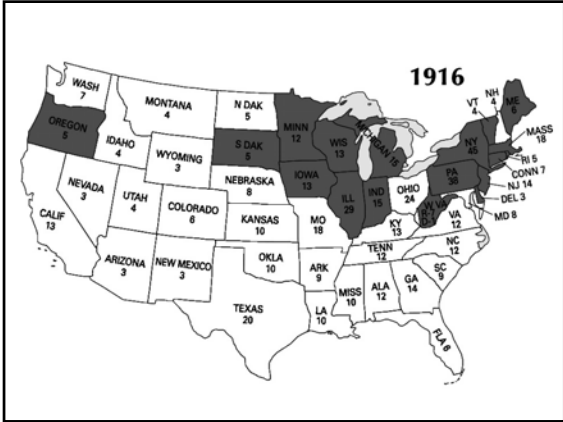


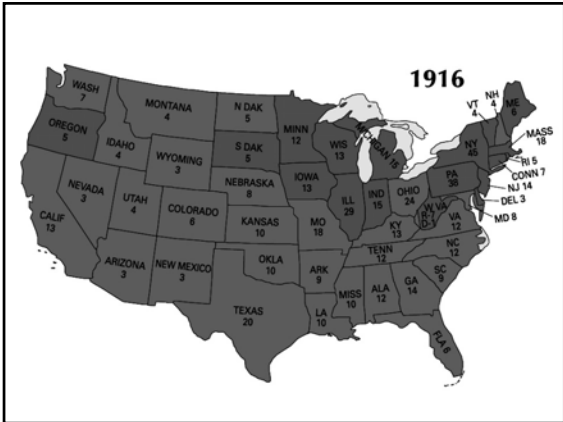


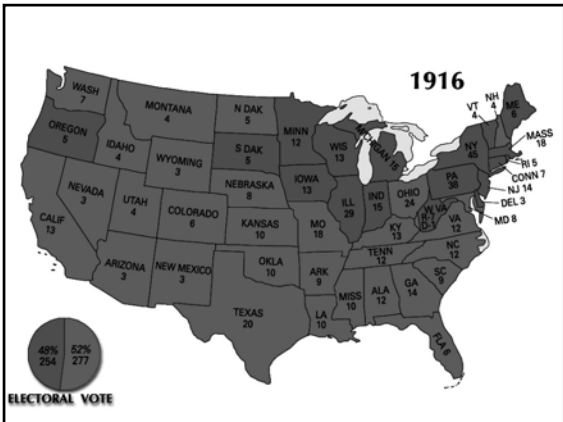
Election of 1916

- Democrats nominate incumbent U.S. President
- **Woodrow Wilson**
- Great War in Europe dominates campaign rhetoric
- "He kept us out of war."









"We have been deeply wronged upon the seas, but we have not wished to wrong or injure in return..."

Woodrow Wilson
Second inaugural address, 1917



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