# **★US ELECTIONS ★**

## THRD PARTIES IN 2012 ELECTIONS

#### Share of popular vote



## Third parties in 2012

- In no state did Obama or Romney win less than 50% of the popular vote, so third party candidates did not influence the election outcome.
- Gary Johnson's highest state % was in New Mexico, where he had been Governor 1995-2003 – 3.5%.
  - Elsewhere he only got above 2% in Montana, Alaska and Wyoming
- Jill Stein of the Green Party only got above 1% in Maine and Oregon

## **HOUSE RACES 2012** – winner securing less than 50%

District	Result	Winner	2nd placd	3rd place (and others)
<b>Arizona 1</b> (new seat)	New seat - Democratic gain	Ann Kirkpatrick (D) 48.8%	Jonathan Paton (R) 45.1%	Kim Allen (L) 6.0%
Arizona 9 (new seat)	New seat - Democratic gain	Kyrsten Sinema (D) 48.5%	Vernon Parker (R) 44.8%	Powell Gammill (L) 6.6%
Colorado 6	Republican re- elected	Mike Coffman (inc.) (R) 48.7%	Joe Miklosi (D) 45.1%	Kathy Polhemus (I) 3.9% Patrick Provost (L) 2.4%
Indiana 2 (open race due to retirement)	Republican gain	Jackie Walorski (R) 49.0%	Brendan Mullen (D) 47.6%	Joe Ruiz (L) 3.4%
<b>Louisiana 3</b> (redistricted seat with two incumbents)	Running for re- election in Dec 8 run-off	Charles Boustany (R) 44.7%	Jeff Landry (R) 30.0%	Ron Richard (D) 21.5% Bryan Barrilleaux (R) 2.54% Jim Stark (L) 1.2%
Massachusetts 6	Democrat re- elected	John Tierney inc. (D) 48.3%	Richard Tisei (R) 47.3%	Daniel Fishman (L) 4.5%
Michigan 1	Republican re- elected	Dan Benishek inc. (R) 48.2%	Gary McDowell (D) 47.5%	Emily Salvette (L) 3.2% Ellis Boal (G) 1.2%
New Hampshire 1	Democratic gain	Carol Shea-Porter (D) 49.7%	Frank Guinta inc. (R) 46.0%	Brendan Kelly (L) 4.3%
<b>New York 24</b> (redistricted)	Democratic gain	Dan Maffei (D) 48.4%	Ann Marie Buerkle inc. (R) 43.8%	Ursula Rozum (G) 7.9%
Utah 4	Democrat re- elected	Jim Matheson inc. (D) 49.3%	Mia Love (R) 48.1%	Jim Vein (L) 2.6%

## **SENATE RACES 2012** – winner securing less than 50% + 1 Independent win

State	Result	Winner	2nd placed	3rd place (and others)
<b>Arizona</b> (GOP incumbent retired)	Republican hold	Jeff Flake ( R) 49.7%	Richard Carmona (D) 45.74%	Marc Victor (L) 4.4%
Indiana Republican incumbent defeated in primary	Democratic gain	Joe Donnelly (D) 49.9%	Richard Mourdock (R) 44.4%	Andy Horning (L) 5.8%
<b>Montana</b> Jon Tester (D)	Democratic hold	Jon Tester (D) 48.7%	Denny Rehberg (R) 44.8%	Dan Cox (L) 6.5%
<b>Nevada</b> Republican apptee following Republican retirement	Republican hold	Dean Heller ( R) 45.9%	Shelley Berkley (D) 44.7%	David Lory Vanderbeek (Ind American) 4.9% None of these candidates 4.5%
<b>Maine</b> (Republican incumbent retired)	Independent gain (caucusing with Democrats in Senate)	Angus King (I) 52.9%	Charlie Summers (R) 30.7%	Cynthia Dill (D_ 13.1%

## **GOVERNORS' RACES 2012** – winner securing less than 50%

State	Result	Winner	2nd placed	3rd place (and others)
Indiana Governor Republican term-limited retiree	Republican hold	Mike Pence ( R) 49.5%	10hn (Fregg (1)) 46 6%	Rupert Boneham (L) 4%
<b>Montana</b> <b>Governor</b> Democratic term-limited retiree	Democratic hold	Steve Bullock (D) 49.1%	Rick Hill ( R) 47 2%	Ron Vandevender (L) 3.7%