Trump's Landslide Win EXPLAINED

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Glenn Greenwald (GG): Sorry. Let's get to the results themselves just to get that out of the way first. From AP News, this is today at 4:15 p.m. Eastern time. So just a couple hours ago. This is the latest popular vote for the entire country. Donald Trump has just over 72 million votes, which is 51%. Kamala Harris has just over 67 Million votes. So right now, Trump is leading the popular vote by 5 million. It's possible, though unlikely, that that will be significantly eating into California, which takes a long time to count votes and other West Coast states, too. But it seems very unlikely that Kamala Harris will surpass Donald Trump in terms of the overall number of Americans who voted for him and not her. So Democrats don't even have their petulant whining about the unfairness of the Electoral College to fall back on to this time, even though she has a huge lead in a couple of gigantic states that are very blue, like California and New York. Trump, a man that managed, at least as of now, to get 5 million more votes and then she got. And interestingly, even in the bluest of places, Trump made amazing gains into Democratic strongholds, including in New York City, where Trump had the best showing of any Republican presidential candidate in this century. Now, as for the electoral vote itself, this is a very conservative count. There are at least two states that Trump is almost certainly to win, which are Wisconsin and Arizona that are not counted in this. I believe Nevada is another. In all of which he's headed, in all of which people who know those states best acknowledge he has no chance of winning. But the electoral count currently stands for Donald Trump 292. Kamala Harris 224. And of course, 270 is the magic number needed, which means Trump is unquestionably the victor. He is now the president elect and will become the 47th president on January 20th. And one thing to note is that on January 6th, which as you probably heard, is the date which the Constitution requires Congress to meet and certify the outcome of the elections, presiding over that ceremony to certify Donald Trump as the winner, will be the president of the Senate, who just so happens to be the vice president as well, Kamala Harris. So she'll be presiding over the session where she's declared the loser certified officially and Donald Trump is declared to be the winner.

Now, one of the most remarkable things is that we kept hearing about swing states, this group of seven swing states, which was Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Arizona and Nevada. And Trump won all seven. All seven. We kept hearing how

the pollsters had this as a tie. That it was impossible to basically decide who won. And yet again, the pollsters clearly underestimated by a significant amount Trump's electoral support. So here you see what was previously called the blue wall, which is Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania. Right up there, those three states. Trump won those three states in 2016, which is what led to his victory. Biden took those back in 2020 by very small margins. And then Trump just rampaged through them. It used to be called the blue wall. Trump is obviously turning that into a red wall. Here you see the entire Southeast, which we've been hearing, has demographic changes. It's no longer reliably red. North Carolina, which essentially voted for every single Democratic candidate where every Democratic candidate up and down the ballot, including for governor, for attorney general, various congressional seats – all of the statewide races were won by Democrats, and yet Trump handily defeated Harris there as well. And there you see Georgia, where Trump famously lost by 12,000 votes in 2020. And he won Georgia by significant amounts, making incredible headways in Georgia and North Carolina, in the counties that are rural, overwhelmingly black voters. So if you compare those counties, those rural counties that are often red to Trump's 2020 and 2016 performance, rural African-American counties significantly increased their support for Trump.

And by far, what made the Southeast so successful for Trump as well as Pennsylvania and Michigan, is the huge swing in Latino voters. Miami-Dade is the southernmost county in Florida, and it has always had, of course, a large Cuban population and now has other Latino citizens as well, from Venezuela, from other places as well. Miami-Dade is always democratic because Hispanics have always voted traditionally for Democrats. And there's a big Jewish population in Miami-Dade. This is the first time, as long as I can remember, I grew up in South Florida, when Miami-Dade was actually won by the Republican candidate. And there's a particular county in Florida where it's overwhelmingly Puerto Rican. And of course, we heard from the media and from various celebrities and pundits that Trump had enraged Puerto Ricans, that they were going to rise up and destroy his candidacy, along with Latinos generally on November 5th because of that joke told by a comedian at the Madison Square Garden rally. Trump overwhelmingly won that district filled with Puerto Rican voters with a much greater margin than he won in 2016 and 2020. You can't find any evidence at all that that incident on which the media obsessively focussed for days because they really thought they had something to hurt Trump had even the slightest impact. Latino voters, if you had to identify one specific demographic group most important to Trump's victory, you would choose them. Despite the anger of Bad Bunny, or whatever his name is, and Jennifer Lopez and Ricky Martin, because of some joke, told by the comedian at Madison Square Garden – evidently Latino voters and Puerto Rican voters, when they think about who should be the next president, have a lot more on their mind than whether some comedian, not even Trump, but some comedian at a Trump rally, told an offensive joke about Puerto Rico. I'm sure they didn't like the joke, although some of them might have and some of them didn't care. But the idea that this was what the election would turn on, that huge numbers of Latino voters were going to go and vote based on their dislike of this joke is such a demeaning perception of how Latino voters in the United States and Puerto Rican voters in the United States think, how they vote. And it's such a reflection of the media class who has no material concerns. And therefore focuses on issues like this because they have nothing else that they actually care

about. So excuse me. That's the map. You can see here that Arizona is still not called. Nevada is called for Trump on this map. So that's why you see now Trump at 301 electoral votes. So he's over 301 votes. I think the last one we looked at did not have Nevada called and I don't think it had Wisconsin called. So this one has Wisconsin called, it has Nevada called. Trump is almost certainly likely to win in Arizona and therefore he'll be close to 310 Electoral College votes, which can only be described, especially together with his 5 million vote margin as a landslide victory, as a blow-out.

All right. Let's look at this article from USA Today. Now, this is what I find so amazing, is that if you talk to any media person who works in corporate media and ask them what they've most often said negatively about Donald Trump, what they believe most about him, they will tell you that he's racist. That's the thing that offends them the most. He's a white supremacist. In fact, he wants to wage war on Latinos. He wants to come and deport Latinos. Of course, his argument is, he wants to deport Latinos who illegally enter the country, not Latino citizens who are legalised here. But the media doesn't make that difference. They think Latinos mean illegal immigrants that Trump will come and deport. And yet, no matter how often the media told them and black voters and Muslim voters and Asian voters that Trump is a white supremacist, they increasingly did not listen and tuned it out. Here's USA Today: *Shifting loyalties of these voters helped power Donald Trump to election win*. Quote, "A realignment among Latino voters – and a smaller shift among black voters in key swing states helped catapult Donald Trump to his victory over Kamala Harris as the Republican nominee, expanding his support by peeling off voters from two core Democratic constituencies. While Harris spent much of her campaign attacking Trump as a dangerous former president out for revenge and power, polling consistently showed voters preferred Trump over Harris to address their top priority: rising costs and inflation." Now, let's just stop there for a second. Obviously, if you are somebody who is in the middle class or the working class or the working poor – and just go and interview people and they will tell you this, automatically – what they're most concerned by is their ability to buy the goods they need for their family. There's been massive inflation under the Biden-Harris administration. There's been rising costs in a way that did not exist for Donald Trump. And so when the media is telling them Donald Trump is an authoritarian, Donald Trump is a Hitler-like figure. Donald Trump wants to do away with the regulatory agencies. Donald Trump had a comedian who told a bad joke. Any of these things, they don't matter. They matter to people who don't care about rising costs and inflation. The national pundit class of the United States is very wealthy. They go on television. They have big op ed contracts with major media outlets. They live in upper middle class or upper class neighbourhoods in Washington and New York. They live in a way similar to a tiny percentage of people in the United States. How could they possibly understand or identify with the perception that most Americans have? They obviously can't and don't.

Polls have shown over and over that the top priority of Americans is not abortion. It is not preserving democracy. It's rising costs and inflation and immigration. It's not Ukraine. It's none of those things that the media focuses on most. It's certainly not the influence of Russia and interference in our democracy. But you have this massive gap, which we've talked about many times before, that is really quite dangerous, between elite culture and its members on

the one hand, who live increasingly in cloistered and closed systems of information, that is completely removed from how the vast majority of the country lives. And that's why when people say and we're going to show you some examples, I just can't understand how this happened, these people must be stupid and racist – they're being sincere. They don't understand it because they don't have the same concerns as the people who went to the polls. The article goes on, quote, "Although Trump didn't win a majority of either group, he won support from about 13% of black voters nationally and 45% of Latino voters, according to CNN exit polls. In the 2020 election, Trump won just 8% of black voters and 32% of Latinos. In a major shift, Trump won Latino men 54%-44% over Harris –" he had a ten point win among Latino men, overall nationally, over Kamala Harris, according to NBC exit polls. Although they shouldn't say that, exit polls can be a little sketchy soon after the election. They tend to be directionally correct. We should wait a couple of weeks until we have harder core, more definitive numbers. But this is clearly the story. Based on an analysis of Latino heavy counties and Trump's increased performance of them. So "Trump won Latino men 54%-44% over Harris" an 11 point win "after they backed President Joe Biden 59%-36% over Trump in 2020." Joe Biden had a 23 point lead over Trump when it came to Hispanic men. Trump not only erased that lead in 2024 but got an 11 point lead himself over Harris. Despite running in large part on a campaign to deport illegal immigrants, which made so many pundits confused for reasons that I will show you. Then it went on: "Trump won 20% of Black male voters against Harris. One out of every five Black men in the United States voted for Donald Trump instead of Kamala Harris, similar figures that the Republican nominee got in the 2020 election against President Joe Biden. In Pennsylvania, an even greater 24% of Black men supported Trump." That's one out of every four Black men in Pennsylvania voting for the Republican candidate against a candidate who's by descent, half Black and a half Indian, which makes it even more amazing that one out of every four Black men in Pennsylvania voted for Trump, "while 73% of Black men supported Harris, according to a CNN exit poll. That was more than double the amount of black men who supported Trump in the state in 2020. Trump won blue collar voters who lack college degrees 55%-42%, while Harris won more affluent voters with college degrees, 57%-40%. In 2020, Trump won voters who lack college degrees by a narrow 50%-48% over Biden.". Excuse me, I have a cold, so you have to excuse me as I cough. I mean, you don't have to excuse me, but I'd appreciate it if you did. So what you see here is a realignment based on race. But it's really an alignment based on class more than anything else. And this is what the smug Republicans like J.D. Vance and Josh Hawley have been predicting for a long time – that the future of the Republican Party is a multiracial, working class coalition. And you're starting to see that come into effect. And again, since elite media discourse divides people up, never by class, only by every other demographic identity, race and gender and sexual orientation, when media outlets talk about diversifying the newsroom, as they always do, they talk about diversifying the newsroom in every way except class. And that's why they cannot comprehend this class realignment based on the perception, the accurate perception, that Democrats have become the party of affluent elites and don't care about the working class at all. And white working class voters originally migrated to Trump. But increasingly, Latino and Black voters are as well.

Here from The New York Times, today: *Early Results Show a Red Shift Across the US.* Quote, "Of the counties with nearly complete results, more than 90% shifted in favour of former President Donald Trump in the 2024 presidential election, according to a Times analysis of election results reported as of early Wednesday. From the Wall Street Journal, this was yesterday as well: *How Different Groups Voted in the 2024 Election.* "Key shifts in the electorate." And it reads, quote, "Young voters made up 16% of the electorate and continued their shift toward the right." Think about how amazing that is. Young voters, who for decades have been left-wing voters or liberal voters attached to the Democratic Party, specifically when it comes to young men, are rapidly shifting toward the right away from the Democratic Party. Men, ages 18 to 29, voted decisively for Donald Trump. And here you see the shift. And it actually includes women as well. You have in 2018, 33% lead. A 33 point lead for women ages 18 to 29. 2020, 32%. 2020 goes down to 21%. And then 2024, 18%. So from just 2018 to 2024, you've had a 15 point shift of young women away from the Democratic Party toward the Republican Party. And then here, men ages 18 to 29 are far more profound. You had a Democratic lead of 19 points in 2018. 15 points in 2020. It was reduced to one point in 2024. And then Trump won male voters ages 18 to 29, the Gen-X vote by 14 points. And he got them to the polls. That's an extraordinary shift in how voting typically works. It then goes on, quote, "Immigration was the second most important issue for voters, increasing to 20% from 3% in 2020. Of those voters who said immigration was the most important, 88% went to Donald Trump." And here you can see this as well, where people who say, what is the most important issue? Immigration – 23% said it in 2018. It went down to 3% in 2020, only 9% in 2022 and back up to 20% in 2024. And obviously that was a major part of Trump's campaign. He convinced people that that is one of their top issues, and overwhelmingly those people voted for Trump.

From the Washington Post: *How counties are shifting in the 2024 presidential election.* Quote, "Former President Donald Trump won the presidency after widespread gains across the country delivered him victory over Vice President Kamala Harris. Most of the nation's 3000 plus counties swung rightward compared with 2020." Think about how extraordinary that is. "Most of the nation's 3000 plus counties swung rightward compared to 2020. The Republican shift appeared across rural border communities in Texas, the wealthy suburbs of Washington, D.C., and even reliably Democratic counties in New York City. Trump widened his margin in rural areas while Harris underperformed, compared with Biden and safely blue cities. This combination and a rightward lurch in major suburbs and mid-sized metros, amounted to a Trump victory in every battleground state where a winner had been projected so far." Now, they're using "moved to the right" as shorthand, obviously, for moving away from Democrats to Republicans. I don't really think it has to do with ideological categories of left versus right at all. At all. In some ways, you can argue actually that Kamala Harris ran a more conservative campaign in terms of just being very traditional, very pro-establishment in her advocacy, whereas Trump is kind of all over the place a lot of the time. It really has nothing to do with ideology. It has to do with the perception of which candidate is going to represent status quo interests we may hate – and that was obviously Kamala Harris – and which candidate they think will be at war with the establishment. And for good reasons, that is Donald Trump.

Here's The Washington Post showing exit polls from the 2024 presidential election, specifically how men and women voted. So let's move to the actual charts. Here, again, these are exit polls, so they're likely to change, but not significantly. Among men, Trump won 55%-42%. And among women, the Democrats won 53%-45%. Now, there was supposedly a huge gender gap where women were favouring Kamala Harris by over 20 points in a lot of these polls. And while there was some gender gap, Trump only lost women voters by eight points. But he won male voters by 13 points. And you see that same trend repeating itself in the swing states, which is a good reason why Trump won them all. Here is how voters from different age groups voted. And again, 18 to 29 Democrats did get the majority of young voters, 54%. But Trump got 43% of them. The Millennials, 33 to 44, Democrats got one point more than Trump. So it was basically tied. Gen X of 45 to 64, Trump had a ten point lead. And then for older voters, it was basically tied as well. Here is by race and ethnicity. And I think this is one of the most interesting and significant changes that is so at odds with the narrative the media has been peddling for so long now, with so much malice, so much toxicity, so much destruction. Here is white voters who make up 71% of all voters. Trump won white voters by 57%-41%. So a 16% difference. Black voters were 85% for Democrats, 13% for Trump. But again, if you look at Black men, that amount was much higher. And then here's Hispanic and Latinos, which make up 12%, a bigger percentage of the voting population than Black people for the first time, I think ever, in an election. And the Democrats only won by six points with Hispanic and Latino voters. Just an incredible statistic. And then you have other non-white voters here, probably Muslims and Arabs, some of whom were Indians, some of whom Trump won by 12 points. So you just see this kind of explosion of non-white support for Trump. Millions and millions and millions of non-white Americans voted for somebody whom the corporate media has been saying for as long as I can remember is a racist and a white supremacist.

Here you see the alignment according to class, which correlates to education. For people with no college degree, Trump won that by 56%-42%, a 14 point difference. For college graduates, that's reversed by the Democrats, who won by 13 points. So increasingly, the Republican Party is becoming the party of the working class, the Democratic Party becoming the party of the professional, white, affluent class. We've seen these trends for a long time, but I don't think they are quite as severe as we have in this election. And then here, just to break it down a little bit further. White, non-college graduate women – among white, non-college graduate women – so you have women who are not college educated, Trump won by 63%-35%. So for all this talk about this gender gap – this gender gap was much more of a class based gap. It is true that the Democrats were far more popular among affluent, highly educated women. But for women who are struggling, who live in the working class, and who live in the middle class, they migrated to Trump and delivered a 32 point victory, 35%-63%. Actually, it's a 27 point victory. And so you see this breakdown as being much more about class. Here's the Democrats winning white college graduate women by 16 points. White non-college graduate men, Trump has a gigantic margin, 69%-29%. And then white college graduate men, Trump even won those by three points. This is the realignment in American politics that we are increasingly seeing. Obviously, we're seeing it in more substantive ways with Liz Cheney and

the Neocons traipsing around the country with Kamala Harris. But it really is on this level of who feels served by and coddled by and embraced by the ruling class and who does not. And that is the strength that Donald Trump has tapped into. That is the populist anger that he has so successfully been able to channel.

Here is just an interesting stat about Wisconsin, a major reason why Trump won in Wisconsin. Usually the assumption is Democrats are competitive in Wisconsin because of Milwaukee, which has a very large Black population. But according to Newsweek, *Donald Trump's Black Support Soared, Doubling in Wisconsin.* "NBC News, which polled voters in ten key states, said Trump's support among Black voters in Wisconsin stands at around 21%, while Harris is at 77%. This is up from 2020, when Trump won just 8% of black voters in the Badger State." That alone is sufficient to allow Trump to win Wisconsin.

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