# 2026 Election Night Watch Guide

*A HistorianSpeaks companion for Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026*

**Poll closings (local time; confirm with your state):** most states close 7:00–8:00 PM. If you are in line when polls close, **stay in line**.

## Watch live, free

• Roland Martin Unfiltered — youtube.com/@RolandSMartin

• Black Star Network — blackstarnetwork.com

• PBS NewsHour — youtube.com/@pbsnewshour

• C-SPAN — youtube.com/@cspan

• AP results — apnews.com/hub/elections

• Call the Map printable county guide — callthemap.com/election-night-guide

## Voting help

• 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683), Election Protection

• 888-VE-Y-VOTA (Spanish) · 888-API-VOTE (Asian languages) · 844-YALLA-US (Arabic)

• NAACP LDF 2026 voter hub — voting.naacpldf.org/voting-rights/2026

# Races We're Watching

*Full coverage at historianspeaks.org/youtube#election-watch*

• **Black women for the U.S. Senate:** Stratton (IL), Bradshaw (TN), Thomas (OK), Nixon (FL), Fleming Bruce (SC, write-in)

• **Mississippi Senate:** Scott Colom vs. Cindy Hyde-Smith

• **Michigan Senate:** Abdul El-Sayed vs. Mike Rogers

• **Governors:** eight Black candidates on the short list

• **Redrawn maps after *Louisiana v. Callais*:** Justin Pearson and others

• **Control of the House and Senate**

# City by City

*Results paired with the Black press*

| City | Official results | Black press |
|---|---|---|
| New York | NYC Board of Elections | Amsterdam News |
| Atlanta | Georgia results | The Atlanta Voice |
| Washington, DC | DC Board of Elections | Washington Informer |
| Memphis | Shelby County | Tri-State Defender |
| Chicago | Chicago Board of Elections | Chicago Defender |
| Detroit | Michigan results | Michigan Chronicle |
| Columbia/Charleston | SC Election Commission | Carolina Panorama |
| Jacksonville/Miami | Florida results | South Florida Times |
| OKC/Tulsa | Oklahoma Election Board | Black Wall Street Times |

# What Comes Next

*Our coverage does not end tonight.*

Voter mobilization is not just an Election Day priority; it is a civic responsibility. HistorianSpeaks will keep covering voting rights long after the returns are in.

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