

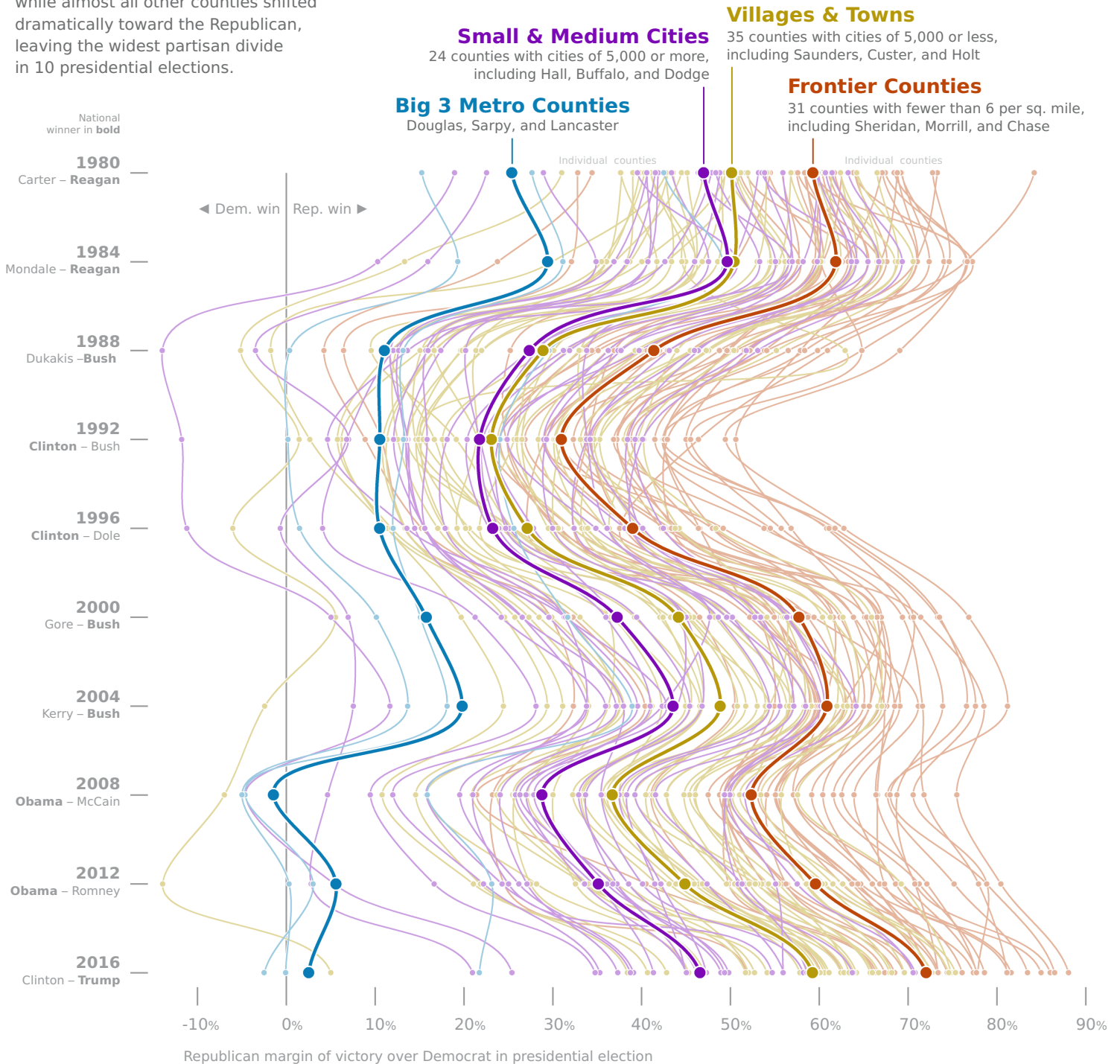
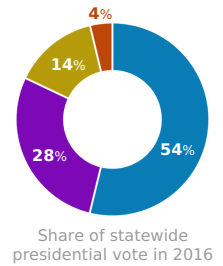
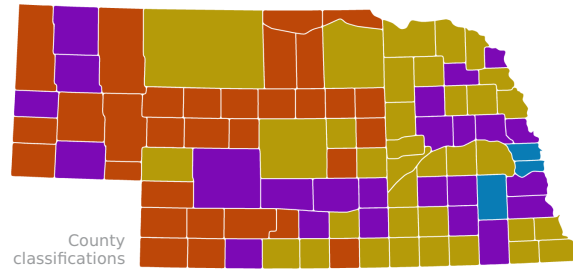
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Nebraska's Rural-Urban Partisan Divide

The **partisan divide** between Nebraska's largest metro areas – Omaha and Lincoln – and the rest of the state has been growing.

Even so, from Reagan to Obama, the state's urban and rural voters shifted mostly in the same direction with each presidential election.

But 2016 was different. The metro counties shifted toward the Democratic candidate, while almost all other counties shifted dramatically toward the Republican, leaving the widest partisan divide in 10 presidential elections.



DATA SOURCES: *Official Report of the Board of State Canvassers* (1980-1996), *General Election Official Results* (2000-2012), *General Election Unofficial Results* (2016), Nebraska Office of Secretary of State. Data collection and visualization by Shane Pekny.