

Activity 6: Suggested answers

| STATE GROUP A | COLOR | REASONING |
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| ARKANSAS | RED | HIGH % OF NCEW, GUNS, WRSA, RURAL. LOW % FOR SSM |
| LOUISIANA | RED | LOW % OF HISP, CE, FOR SSM, UNION, AND #AP |
| NORTH DAKOTA | RED | HIGH % OF NCEW, GUNS, RURAL. LOW % MINORITIES |
| TEXAS* | RED | LOW UNION. HIGH HISP BUT LOW TURNOUT |
| CALIFORNIA | BLUE | HIGH HISPANIC, ASIAN, AP, UNION, SSM. LOW GUN, RURAL |
| MAINE | BLUE | LOW GUNS, WRSA. HIGH CE, UNION, SSM |
| NEW JERSEY | BLUE | LOW GUNS, WRSA, NCEW. HIGH MINORITY, UNION |
| VERMONT** | BLUE | HIGH CEW, SSM, UNION. LOW WRSA AND GUNS |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | PURPLE | LOW TAX, MINORITY. HIGH TURNOUT, CE&NCEW |
| NEW MEXICO | PURPLE | HIGH HISP, GUNS. LOW TAX, UNION |

* Texas is becoming increasingly competitive

** Vermont tends to attract transplanted liberals from Mass and NY to its rural communities while NH doesn't. 1/3 NH of French Canadian decent.

| STATE GROUP B | COLOR | REASONING |
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| ARIZONA | RED | LOW TAXES, TURNOUT, UNION, BLACKS, CE |
| KENTUCKY | RED | LOW CE, HISP, SSM. HIGH RURAL, NCEW, GUNS, WRSA |
| NEBRASKA | RED | HIGH NCEW, RURAL. LOW MINORITY, UNION, AP |
| TENNESSEE | RED | HIGH NCEW, RURAL. LOW UNIONS, SSM |
| CONNECTICUT | BLUE | HIGH CE, SSM, TAXES, UNION. LOW GUNS, RURAL, WRSA |
| MARYLAND | BLUE | LOW NCEW, GUNS, WRSA, RURAL. HIGH BLACKS, SSM |
| NEW YORK | BLUE | LOW RURAL, NCEW, GUNS, WRSA. HIGH UNION, BLACK, HISP, TAXES |
| WASHINGTON | BLUE | HIGH HISP, ASIAN, SSM, UNION. LOW GUNS, WRSA |
| INDIANA | PURPLE | HIGH CE, NCEW, RURAL. LOW WRSA, SSM, UNION |
| IOWA | PURPLE | HIGH NCEW, CE, RURAL, SSM, UNION. LOW WRSA, MINORITIES |

| STATE GROUP C | COLOR | REASONING |
|----------------------|--------------|---|
| ALASKA | RED | HIGH NCEW, GUNS, RURAL. LOW TAXES |
| KANSAS | RED | HIGH RURAL. LOW MINORITIES, AP, UNION |
| MONTANA | RED | HIGH NCEW, GUNS, RURAL. LOW MINORITIES, SSM |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | RED | HIGH NCEW, RURAL. LOW AP, SSM, TAXES |
| WYOMING | RED | HIGH NCEW, GUNS, RURAL. LOW UNION, AP, SSM, TAXES |
| DELAWARE | BLUE | HIGH CE, SSM, TAXES. LOW GUNS, RURAL |
| MASSACHUSETTS | BLUE | HIGH CE, SSM, UNION. LOW RURAL, NCEW, GUNS, WRSA |
| OREGON | BLUE | LOW GUNS, WRSA, RURAL. HIGH TAXES, SSM, UNION |
| COLORADO | PURPLE | HIGH HISP, SSM, TURNOUT. LOW NCEW, BLACKS, WRSA, TAXES, 65+ |
| VIRGINIA | PURPLE | HIGH BLACKS, WRSA, RURAL. LOW NCEW, HISP, GUNS, UNION, 65+ |

| STATE GROUP D | COLOR | REASONING |
|----------------------|--------------|---|
| ALABAMA | RED | HIGH NCEW, RURAL, GUNS, WRSA. LOW HISP, AP, SSM |
| IDAHO | RED | HIGH NCEW, GUNS, RURAL. LOW MINORITIES, AP, UNION |
| MISSOURI | RED | HIGH NCEW, RURAL. LOW HISP, CE, AP |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | RED | LOW UNION, LOW HISP, AP, SSM. HIGH RURAL, GUNS, WRSA |
| WEST VIRGINIA | RED | HIGH, NCEW, RURAL, GUNS. LOW MINORITY, AP, SSM |
| HAWAII | BLUE | HIGH ASIAN, SSM, UNION. LOW RURAL, NCEW, WRSA |
| MICHIGAN | BLUE | HIGH CE, BLACKS, UNION, SSM. LOW GUNS, WRSA |
| PENNSYLVANIA | BLUE | HIGH CE, BLACKS, UNION. LOW GUNS, WRSA, NCEW |
| FLORIDA | PURPLE | HIGH MINORITY, 65+. LOW CE, NCEW, RURAL, UNION, TAXES |
| OHIO | PURPLE | HIGH NCEW, BLACKS, UNION, RURAL. LOW HISP, GUNS, WRSA |

| STATE GROUP E | COLOR | REASONING |
|----------------------|--------------|---|
| GEORGIA* | RED | HIGH RURAL, WRSA. LOW CE, HISP, SSM, UNION |
| MISSISSIPPI | RED | LOW CE, HISP, SSM, AP. HIGH RURAL, GUNS, WRSA |
| OKLAHOMA | RED | LOW CE, AP, SSM, UNION. HIGH RURAL, NCEW |
| UTAH | RED | HIGH NCEW, WRSA. LOW MINORITY, AP, SSM |
| ILLINOIS | BLUE | HIGH MINORITY, SSM, UNION. LOW GUNS, WRSA, RURAL |
| MINNESOTA | BLUE | HIGH CE, SSM, UNION. LOW WRSA |
| RHODE ISLAND | BLUE | HIGH CE, MINORITIES, SSM, UNION. LOW WRSA, GUNS, RURAL |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | BLUE | HIGH CE, BLACK, UNION. LOW GUNS, WRSA, RURAL |
| WISCONSIN** | BLUE | HIGH CE, SSM. LOW GUNS, WRSA |
| NEVADA | PURPLE | HIGH MINORITY, UNION, GUNS, SSM, NCEW. LOW TAXES, 65+, WRSA |
| NORTH CAROLINA | PURPLE | HIGH BLACKS, RURAL, WRSA. LOW SSM, NCEW |

*Georgia is rapidly becoming a purple state as 80% of the new arrivals from 2000-2010 were non-white. It has voted Republican in the last four elections.

**Wisconsin has elected a Democrat each time in the last seven Presidential elections.