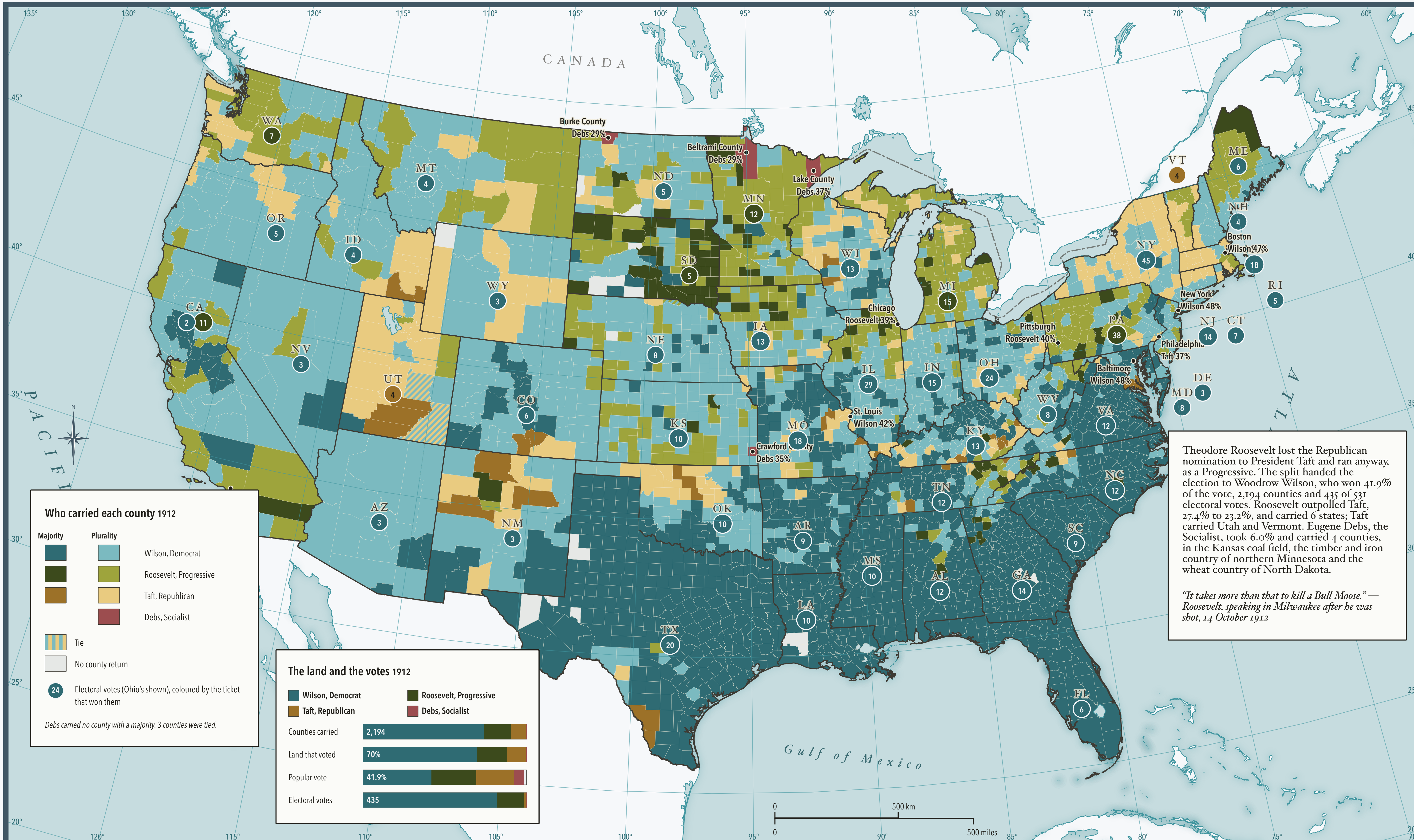
THE BULL MOOSE ELECTION · 5 NOVEMBER 1912



Theodore Roosevelt lost the Republican nomination to President Taft and ran anyway, as a Progressive. The split handed the election to Woodrow Wilson, who won 41.9% of the vote, 2,194 counties and 435 of 531 electoral votes. Roosevelt outpolled Taft, 27.4% to 23.2%, and carried 6 states; Taft carried Utah and Vermont. Eugene Debs, the Socialist, took 6.0% and carried 4 counties, in the Kansas coal field, the timber and iron country of northern Minnesota and the wheat country of North Dakota.

"It takes more than that to kill a Bull Moose." — Roosevelt, speaking in Milwaukee after he was shot, 14 October 1912

Sources: county returns from Wikipedia's state results tables (each citing the state canvass; Connecticut and Rhode Island summed from towns), with Amlani & Algara, County-Level Presidential Returns 1868–2020, Harvard Dataverse doi:10.7910/DVN/DGUMFI, for Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas, where Roosevelt and Debs are not separated by county; in Texas the winner of Gillespie, Kinney is from The Political Graveyard and the share is not known (shown as a plurality). Certified state totals and electoral votes from Wikipedia's national results table; county lines in force on 5 November 1912 from the Newberry Library's Atlas of Historical County Boundaries (generalized). Albers equal-area conic, standard parallels 29.5°N and 45.5°N. Haust atlas palette · 15 October 2026.

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