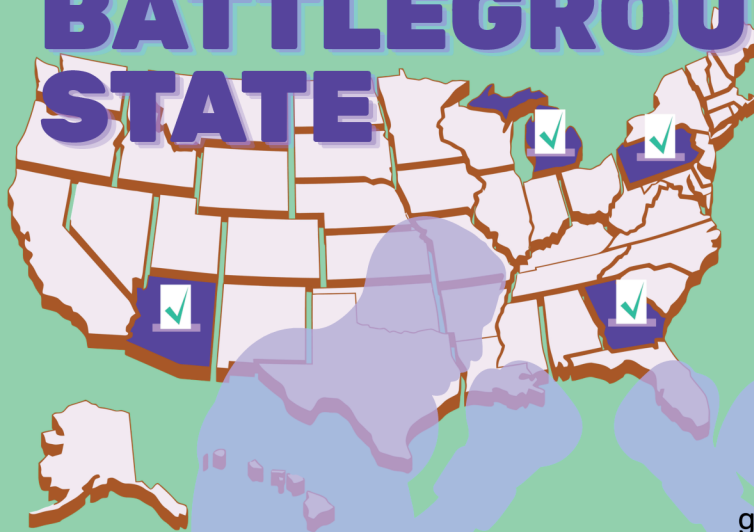


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A battleground state, also known as a swing state, is a U.S. state where Republicans or Democrats could win, and where the results are not predictable.

These states can get a lot of attention because their voters could potentially decide the outcome of a presidential race. Candidates often visit these states more, spend more money on ads, and focus on issues important to people living there. States that are considered battleground states are Pennsylvania, Michigan, Georgia, and Arizona, as recent elections there have been very close. These states matter because small changes in votes can shift who gets their electoral votes and becomes the President.

Discussion Question:

Do battleground states give some voters more influence in choosing the president than others?

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