## From bluish bellwether to ruby red: Chronicling Missouri's rightward shift

Democrats used to be competitive in statewide elections in Missouri. Missouri's electoral votes haven't gone to a Democrat since 1996. But Missouri voters chose Democrats Jay Nixon for governor and Claire McCaskill for U.S. Senate as recently as 2012, and Democrat Nicole Galloway was elected state auditor in 2018. Since then, Democrats' fortunes have sharply declined in Missouri, following a nationwide trend of more states becoming single-party strongholds.



