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Who will win the presidential election? Clues to look for as election results come in

“The final results are going to be months, because they have to be audited and they have to be canvassed and they have to be signed off on. But when will the American public know who they can confidently think is going to be our next president? That all depends on the margin, right?’ Noah Praetz, president of The Elections Group and previous director of elections for Cook County, [told NBC Chicago](#). ‘But I’ll tell you this, my sense is that most of the swing states are going to be able to have counted preliminarily at least all of their ballots, certainly by midday Wednesday. Arizona is a bit of an outlier, but they rely a lot more on mail balloting and those things just take a little bit longer than doing volume. So I think Wednesday would be a good time to have a sense of things.’”

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