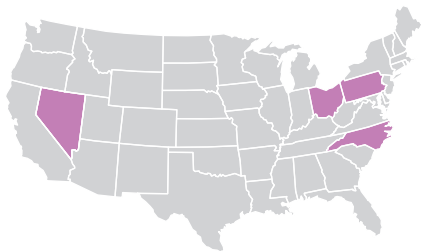


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ST reports from the swing states

Voters in all 50 states will have their say on Nov 8, but the result will likely hinge on the handful of states where the outcome remains uncertain. The results in states such as Texas (reliably red) and California (true blue) are foregone conclusions, so the candidates will focus their efforts on states that are up for grabs. Each of these states is unique, has vastly differing demographics and faces its own set of issues.



The Straits Times correspondents will be heading out to some of the closely fought states – North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Nevada and Ohio – to get a sense of the mood on the ground and the issues at play.