

# Opinion: How Calif. became a very blue state

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Demography, it's been said, is destiny – and the outcome of California's election this month proves it again.

California's political evolution over the last four decades, from a mostly red state to a purple state and finally to a very blue state, corresponds to its powerful demographic trends, driven largely by equally powerful economic forces.

During that period – spanning Jerry Brown's two governorships and four others in between – the state's economy moved from industrialism to a post-industrial mélange of technology, trade and services.

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