What are we learning from the election results?

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A few minutes ago, after the last votes were counted, the first results from the House came in.

(1) The presidential vote shows that the race continues as expected. There are some states that remain to be counted, and there are still some states and the US Supreme Court that could take action to resolve the outcome.

(2) We all are taking a dose of patience and waiting for all votes to be counted. I know this is a lot to ask; however, with the unprecedented volume of mail-in votes and the legal challenges that have emerged, it is important that every vote be counted. We must respect the outcome and ensure that our democracy is upheld.

(3) The USA is a union of states. Each state has their own rules and they are being followed and respected following the basic premise, “If you voted, your vote should be counted,” regardless of who you voted for.

(4) Let me say this again: this is a very close race. This means we all have friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers, who voted differently than we did. We all need to do our best to respect that difference, be tolerant and constructive, build on it to become more agreeable going forward.

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