What are we learning from the election results?

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A few reflections on the morning after Election Day…and the path forward.

What are we learning from the election results?

(1) It is a much closer race than any side expected or wanted. We are a deeply polarized country; some say that is not a good thing.

(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; it creates anxiety. Yet, it is our democracy at work.

(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, 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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