



**The Council  
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# **“Midwest Regional Roundup”**

**Midwestern Higher Education Commission  
November 10, 2020  
Virtual Meeting**

# 2020 Overview

# ***The Economy***

- **FY 20: Strong start; COVID turning point**
- **Historic swings in GDP**
- **Soaring unemployment; fall rebound**
- **September jobless rates: 3.5% (NE) to 10.2% (IL)**
- **Uncertain future as pandemic continues**

## ***The Fiscal Picture***

- **Sudden end to 10-year budget recovery**
- **Spending needs grow as revenues crash**
- **Daunting budget outlook**
- **Variables: budget adjustments; federal aid to states; continuing pandemic**
- **Long path to full recovery**

# 2020 Legislative Sessions

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- **COVID crisis**
- **New priorities**
- **Operational impact**
- **Election year dynamics**

# ***2020 - Top Issues***

- **Pandemic Response**
- **Social Justice**
- **Emergency Powers/Legislative Oversight**

# ***2020 – Top Issues***

- **Elections**
- **Suspended Legislative Sessions**
- **Issues Deferred**



## ***Select “Other Issues” – 2020***

- **Property Tax Relief (NE)**
- **Water Quality (MI, IN)**
- **Transportation/Infrastructure (KS)**
- **Industrial Hemp (SD)**
- **Broadband Access (NE, KS, OH?)**

## ***Select “Other Issues” – 2020***

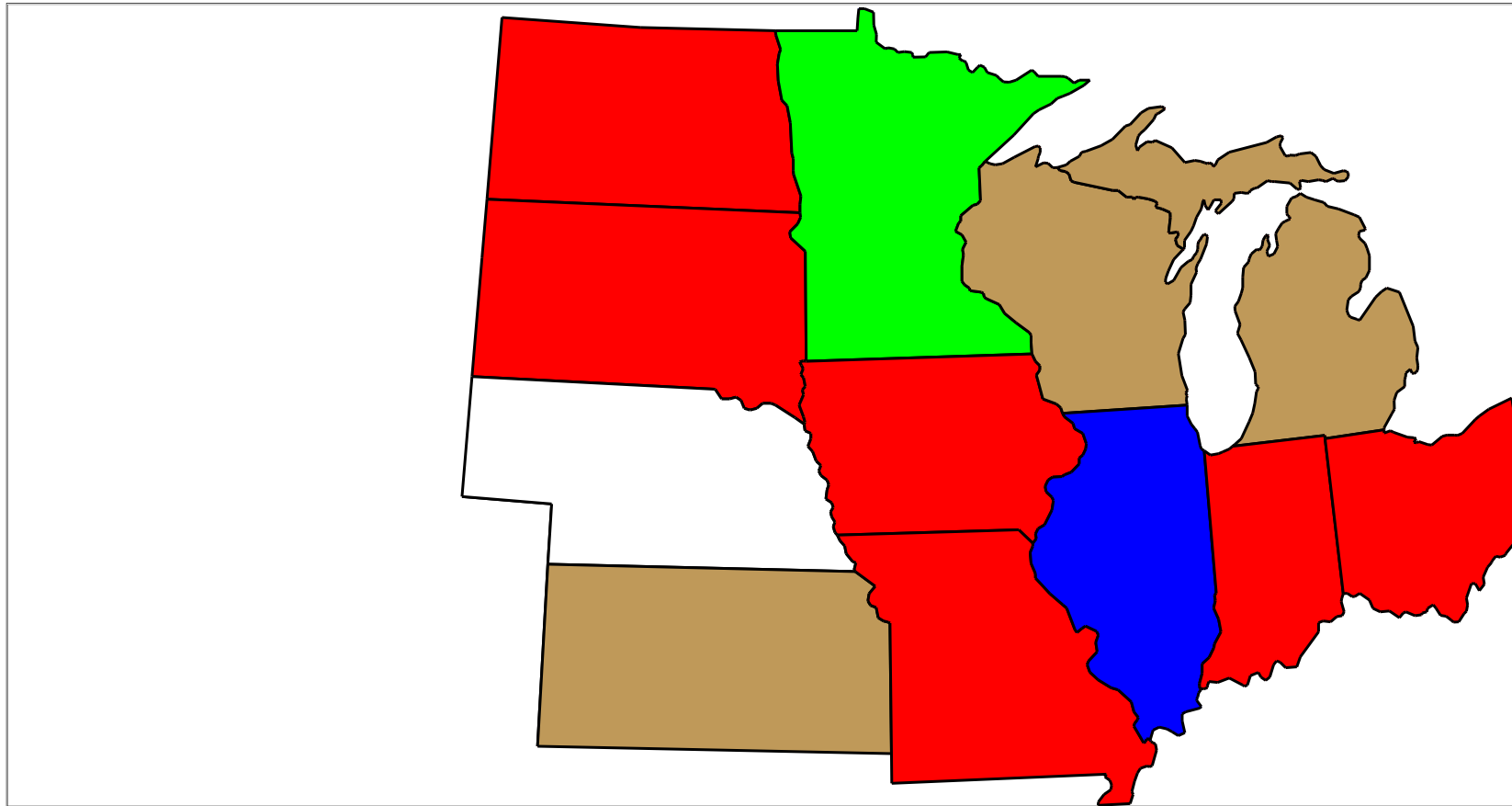
- **School Violence (IA)**
- **Insulin Affordability (MN)**
- **Foster Care (OH)**
- **Tort Reform (MO)**

# 2020 Elections

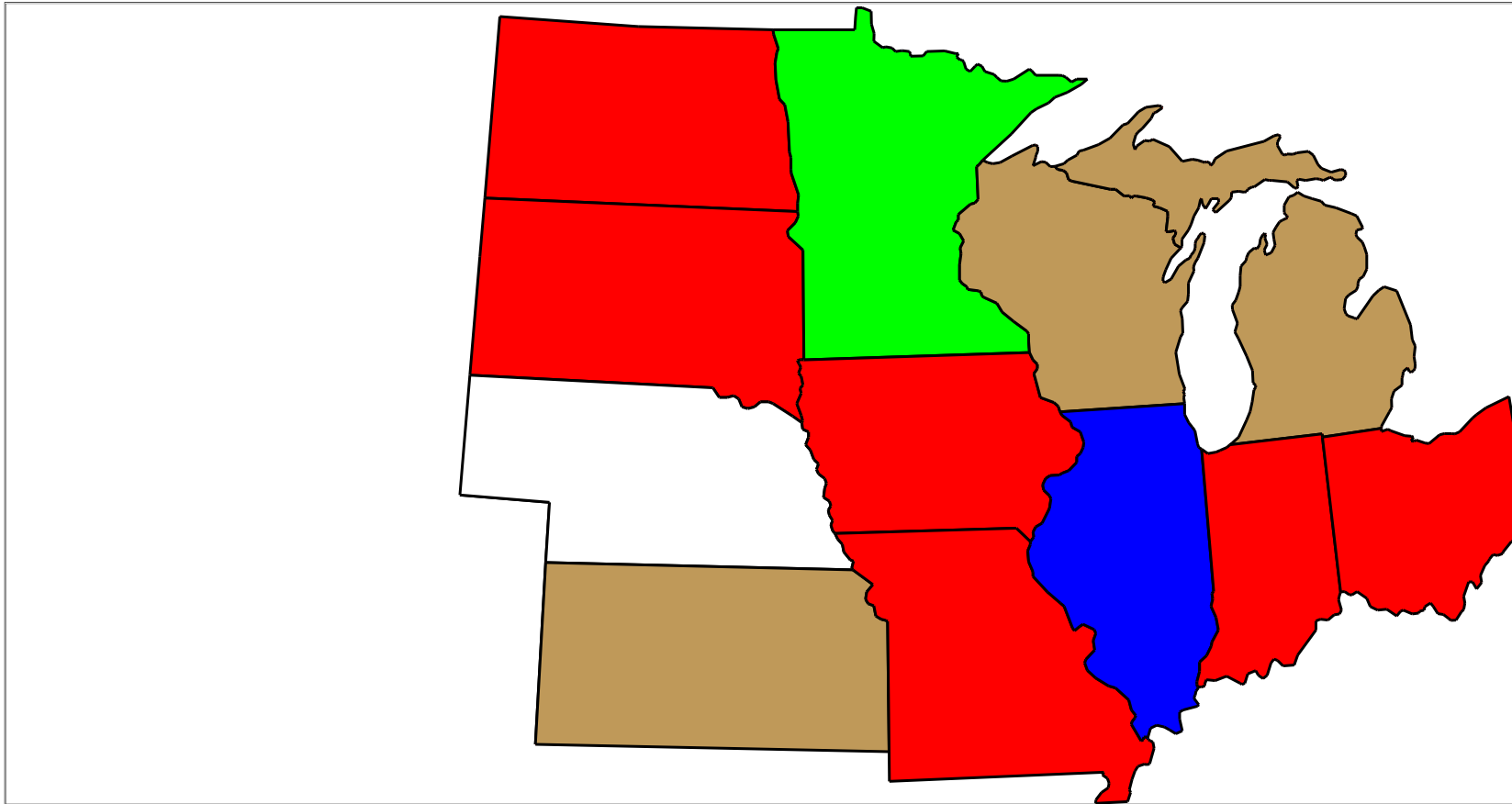
## ***2020 Elections***

- **Gubernatorial races: 11 states, including just 3 in Midwest (IN, MO, ND)**
- **Legislative races: 44 states; every chamber in the Midwest except the MI Senate**
- **Ballot measures: >120 in 35 states; 18 in 8 Midwestern states**
- **(Also a presidential race . . . )**

# *Partisan Control in Midwestern States 2019/20*



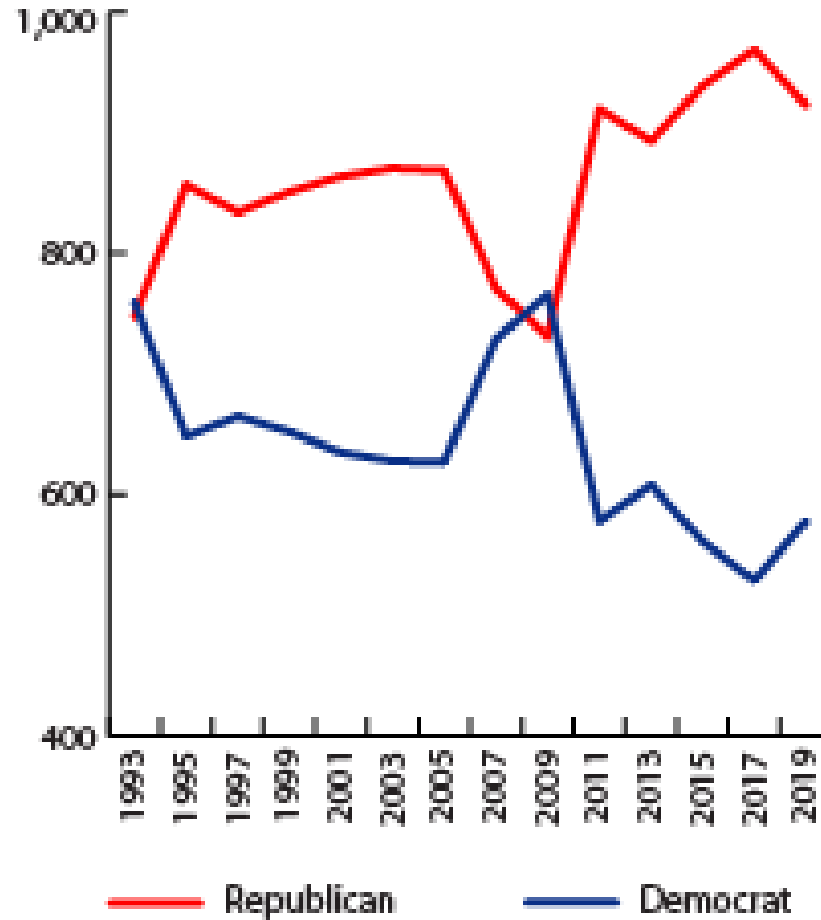
# *Partisan Control in Midwestern States 2021*



## ***2020 Election Results***

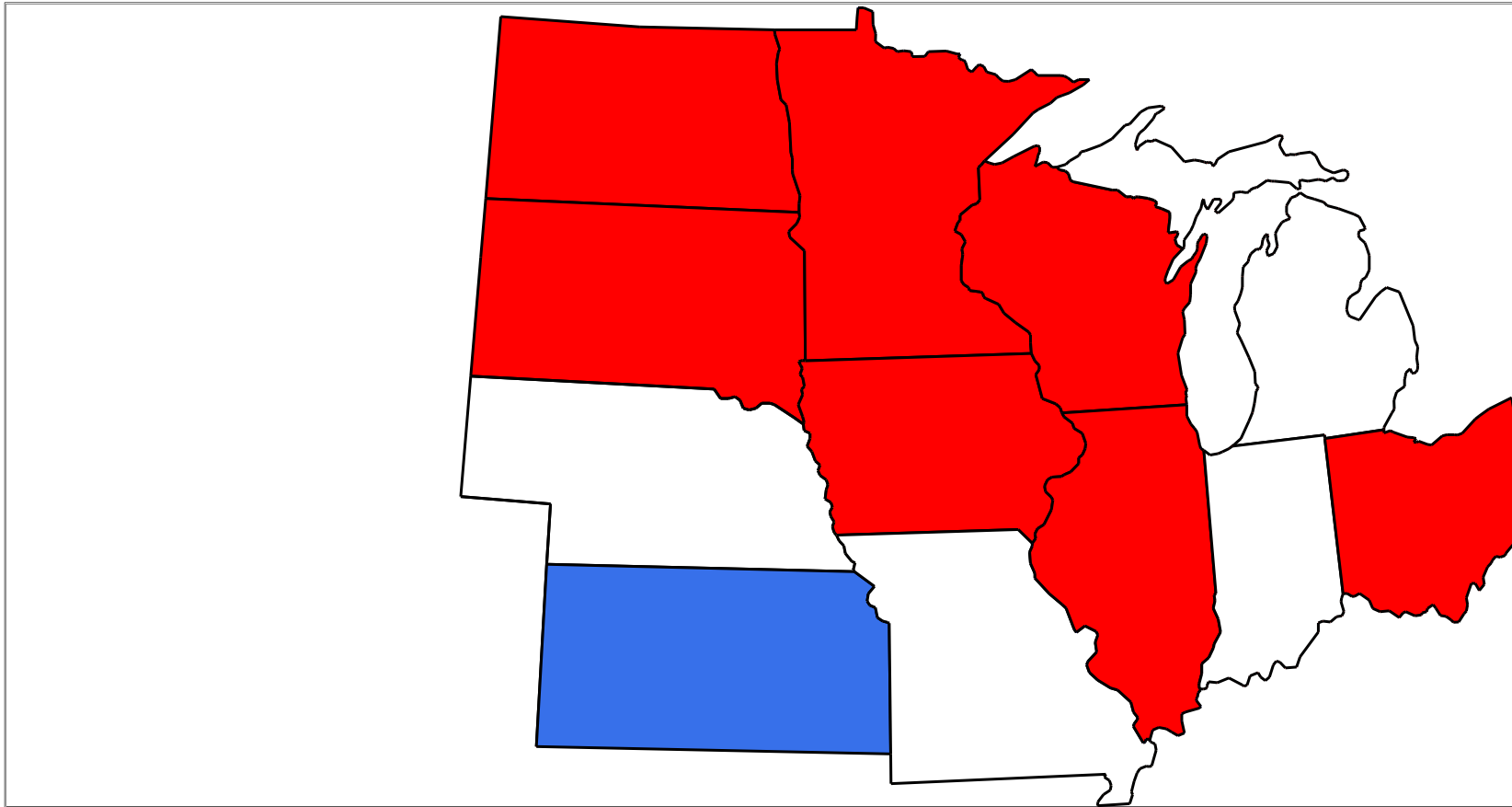
- **No partisan control swings in Midwest**
- **R's still control 19 of 22 partisan chambers and more than 60% of total seats; MN remains the nation's only divided legislature**
- **No change in gubernatorial mix: 3 Republican incumbents win re-election**

# *Partisan Composition of Midwestern State Legislatures (1993-2019)*

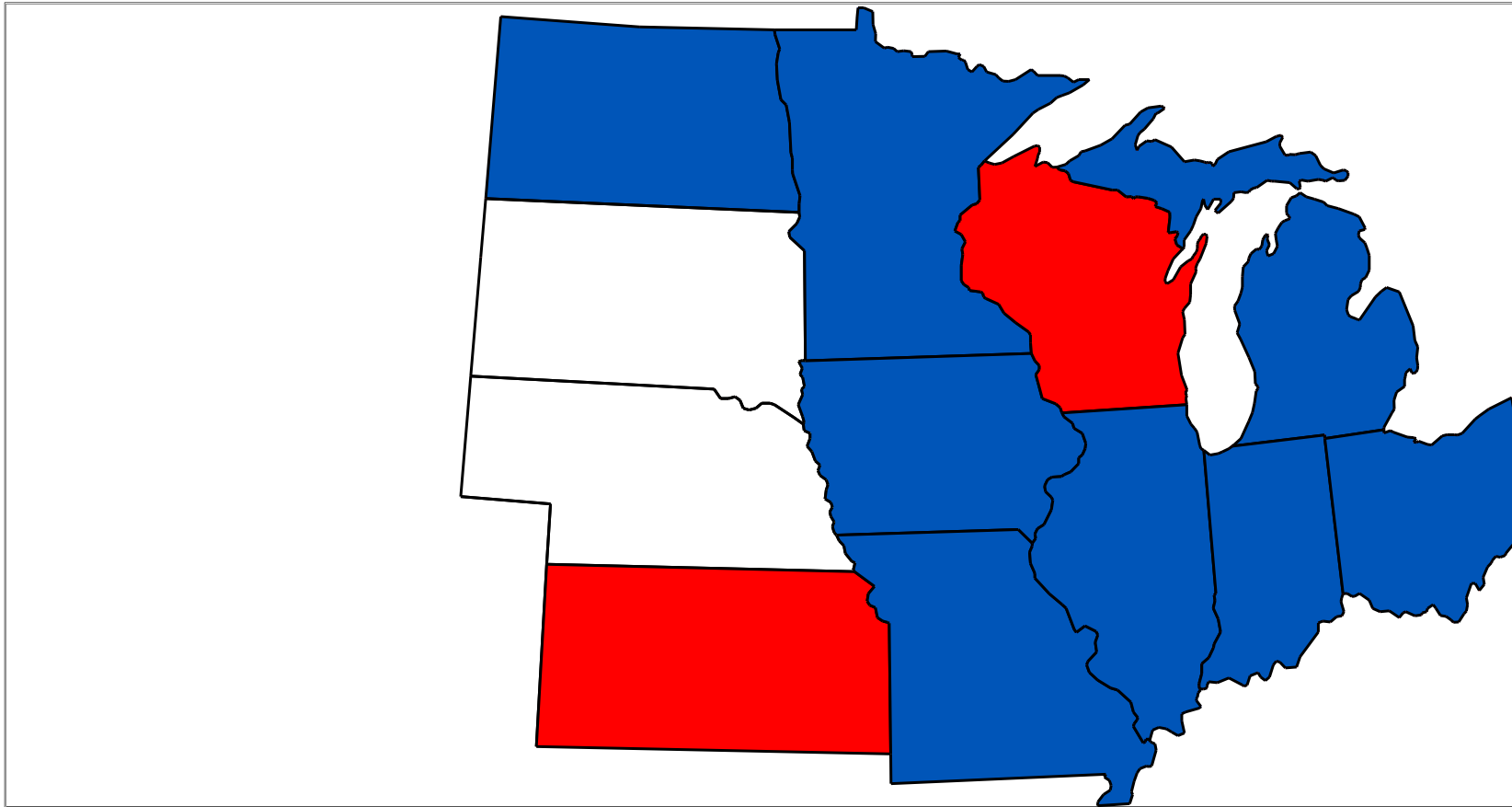




# *Partisan Seat Gains in Midwestern State Legislatures (2016 Elections)*



## *Partisan Seat Gains in Midwestern State Legislatures (2018 Elections)*



# Midwestern State Partisan Control 2021 Legislative Sessions

State	Governor	Governor	House	Senate
Illinois	J.B. Pritzker	D	D	D
Indiana	Eric Holcomb	R	R	R
Iowa	Kim Reynolds	R	R	R
Kansas	Laura Kelly	D	R	R
Michigan	Gretchen Whitmer	D	R	R
Minnesota	Tim Walz	D	D	R
Missouri	Mike Parson	R	R	R
Nebraska	Pete Ricketts	R		NP
North Dakota	Doug Burgum	R	R	R
Ohio	Mike DeWine	R	R	R
South Dakota	Kristi Noem	R	R	R
Wisconsin	Tony Evers	D	R	R

# **2021 Legislative Session Preview**

# ***Key Issues – 2021***

- **Pandemic Response**
- **Budgets/Taxes**
- **Social Justice**
- **Education Funding**
- **Broadband Access (IN, MI, ND, OH)**

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- **Redistricting (KS, OH)**
- **Workforce Development (IN, MI)**
- **Disaster Preparedness (NE)**
- **Corrections/Criminal Justice (ND, OH)**
- **Others: Pensions, Infrastructure, Marijuana, Ethics, Telemedicine, Sports Betting, . . .**



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**Thank You, MHEC!**

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