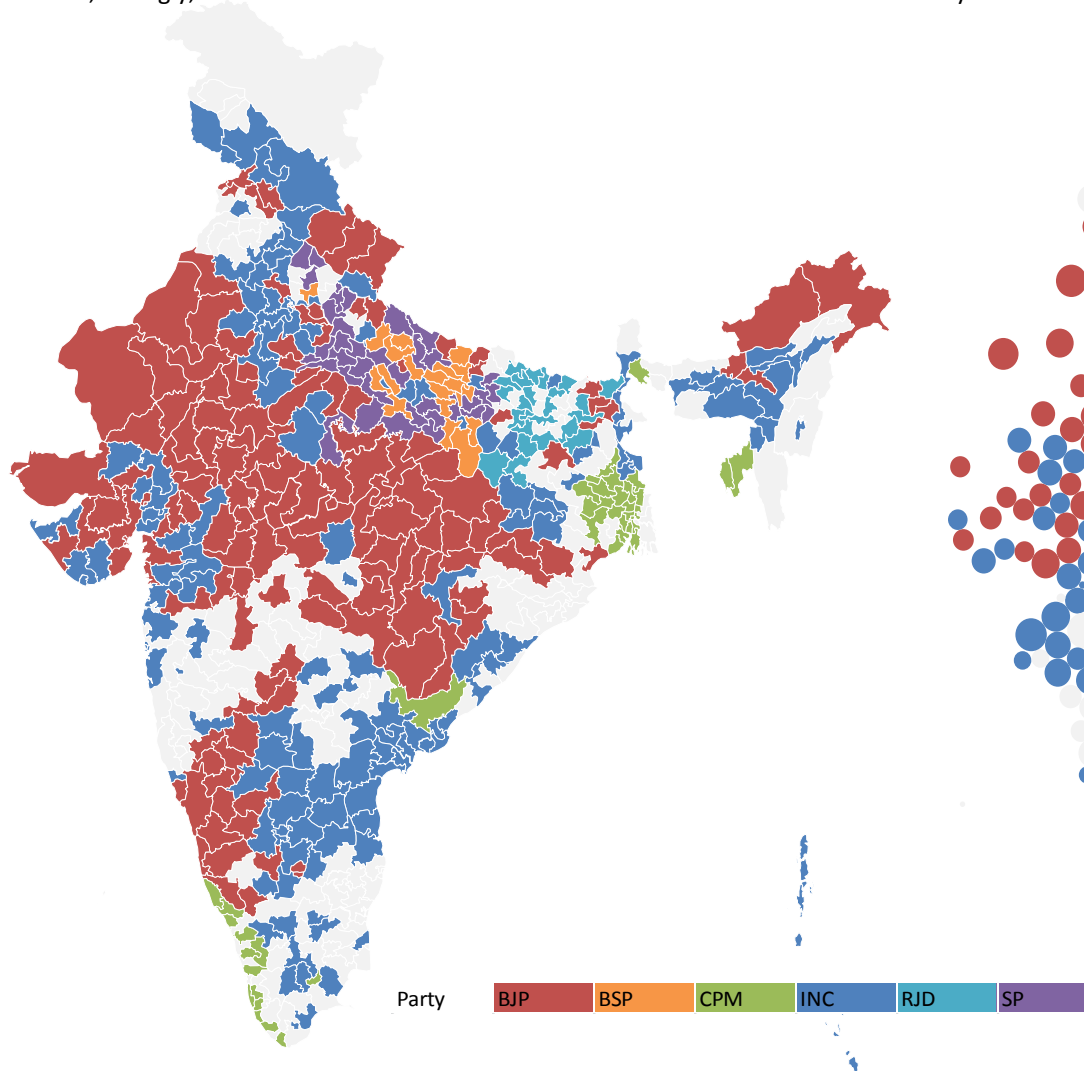


WINNING PARTIES IN THE 2004 GENERAL ELECTIONS

The Congress (INC) won 145 seats in the 2004 elections. BJP won 138, coming a close second. The constituencies where the top 6 parties won is shown below on a map.

Interestingly, on the map below, it appears that the Congress (INC) won more seats than the BJP, just looking at the mix of blue and red, making it easy to conclude, wrongly, that the BJP won the elections.



This is because geographic area is not representative of importance. No matter how large the area, each constituency still holds only one seat.

Gramener's visualisation server resizes maps into **cartograms**. Each circle is one constituency. The size is based on the number of voters (hence importance) while the colour represents the party. Now it's much easier to see that the INC had at least as many votes as the BJP.

