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Facing polls showing a competitive race in as many as a dozen different states, Trump campaign senior adviser Jason Miller offered an optimistic outlook on the presidential contest Sunday, predicting that a group of battleground states in the southern U. S. that President Donald Trump needs to secure re-election would all remain red.

"We feel very good. We think that President Trump is going to hold all the Sunbelt states that he won previously, " Jason Miller said on ABC's "This Week, " referring, chiefly, to Arizona, Florida, Georgia and North Carolina, which represent a total of 71 electoral votes.

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As a result of such a potential sweep, Miller told Chief Anchor George Stephanopoulos that Democratic nominee Joe Biden would have to win four other competitive states -- Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin -- combined with the results of the many states considered safe, to prevent the president from reaching the 270 electoral votes needed to win. On "This Week, " Miller also referred to the potential for a "red mirage" -- the appearance of a Trump lead on Tuesday evening due to a quicker count of in-person Election Day votes. With Democrats more likely to cast ballots by mail, Biden supporters are concerned the president will preemptively declare victory.

More than 92 million Americans have already voted. That's well over half of the number that voted in 2016, Stephanopoulos noted. So given all that, what is your clearest path to 270 right now?

"If you speak with many smart Democrats, they believe that President Trump will be ahead on election night, probably getting 280 electoral (votes) somewhere in that range, and then they're going to try to steal it back after the election, " Miller said Sunday morning, misleadingly suggesting that early leads would guarantee Trump electoral votes and that all ballots arriving after Election Day are invalid.

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