

Tutorial 7 HT

Research Methods for Political Science - PO3110

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When we run a logistic regression, we estimate the natural logarithm of the odds.

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If we want to get the (predicted) probability of voting for trump, we need to rewrite the formula again.

$$\frac{P(\text{Vote Trump})}{P(\text{Not Vote Trump})} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\beta_0} + e^{-\beta_1 \times \text{partyid}} + e^{-\beta_2 \times \text{education}}} \quad (4)$$

Data: <https://tinyurl.com/anes16sav> Codebook:
https://www.electionstudies.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/anes_pilot_2016_CodebookUserGuide.pdf

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Interpret Odds Ratio in Logistic Regression:

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