Exploring the 2021 Canadian Elections

Aryaman Sharma

```
#### Preamble ####
# Purpose: Read in data from the 2021 Canadian Election and make a graph of
# the number of seats each party won.
# Author: Aryaman Sharma
# Email: aryaman.sharma@mail.utoronto.ca
# Date: 9 January 2024
# Prerequisites: Know where to get Canadian elections data.
#### Workspace setup ####
# install.packages("tidyverse")
# install.packages("janitor")
library(tidyverse)
library(janitor)
# Simulate Data
simulated_data <-
  tibble(
    # Use 1 through to 338 to represent each division
    "Riding" = 1:338,
    # Randomly pick an option, with replacement, 338 times
    "Party" = sample(
      x = c("Liberal", "Conservative", "Bloc Québécois", "New Democratic",
            "Green", "Other"),
      size = 338,
      replace = TRUE
  )
simulated_data
```

```
# A tibble: 338 x 2
   Riding Party
    <int> <chr>
        1 Conservative
 1
2
        2 Liberal
3
        3 Other
4
       4 Green
        5 New Democratic
5
6
        6 Conservative
7
        7 Green
8
       8 Liberal
9
        9 Other
10
       10 Bloc Québécois
# i 328 more rows
  # Get Actual Data
  raw_elections_data <-
    read_csv(
      file = "table_tableau11.csv",
      show_col_types = FALSE
    )
  # raw_elections_data
  # Clean Names
  cleaned_elections_data <-</pre>
    clean_names(raw_elections_data)
  # Select the two columns
  cleaned_elections_data <-</pre>
    cleaned_elections_data |>
      electoral_district_name_nom_de_circonscription,
      elected_candidate_candidat_elu
    )
  # head(cleaned_elections_data)
  # Rename Columns
  cleaned_elections_data <-</pre>
```

```
cleaned_elections_data |>
    rename(
      electoral_district_name = electoral_district_name_nom_de_circonscription,
      elected_candidate = elected_candidate_candidat_elu
    )
  head(cleaned_elections_data)
# A tibble: 6 x 2
  electoral_district_name
                                      elected_candidate
  <chr>
                                      <chr>>
1 Avalon
                                      McDonald, Ken Liberal/Libéral
2 Bonavista--Burin--Trinity
                                      Rogers, Churence Liberal/Libéral
3 Coast of Bays--Central--Notre Dame Small, Clifford Conservative/Conservateur
                                      Jones, Yvonne Liberal/Libéral
4 Labrador
5 Long Range Mountains
                                      Hutchings, Gudie Liberal/Libéral
6 St. John's East/St. John's-Est
                                      Thompson, Joanne Liberal/Libéral
  # Separate Name and Party
  cleaned_elections_data <-</pre>
    cleaned_elections_data |>
    separate(
      col = elected_candidate,
      into = c("Other", "party"),
      sep = "/"
    ) |>
    select(-Other)
  cleaned_elections_data
# A tibble: 338 x 2
  electoral_district_name
                                                              party
  <chr>
                                                              <chr>
1 Avalon
                                                              Libéral
2 Bonavista--Burin--Trinity
                                                              Libéral
3 Coast of Bays--Central--Notre Dame
                                                              Conservateur
4 Labrador
                                                              Libéral
5 Long Range Mountains
                                                              Libéral
6 St. John's East/St. John's-Est
                                                              Libéral
```

```
7 St. John's South--Mount Pearl/St. John's-Sud--Mount Pearl Libéral
8 Cardigan
                                                               Libéral
9 Charlottetown
                                                               Libéral
10 Egmont
                                                               Libéral
# i 328 more rows
  # List of Unique Parties
  cleaned_elections_data$party |>
    unique()
[1] "Libéral"
                                      "Conservateur"
[3] "Bloc Québécois"
                                      "NPD-Nouveau Parti démocratique"
[5] "Parti Vert"
  # Recode Party Names from French to English
  cleaned_elections_data <-</pre>
    cleaned_elections_data |>
    mutate(
      party =
        case_match(
          party,
          "Libéral" ~ "Liberal",
          "Conservateur" ~ "Conservative",
          "Bloc Québécois" ~ "Bloc Québécois",
          "NPD-Nouveau Parti démocratique" ~ "New Democratic",
          "Parti Vert" ~ "Green",
    )
  head(cleaned_elections_data)
# A tibble: 6 x 2
  electoral_district_name
                                      party
  <chr>>
                                      <chr>>
1 Avalon
                                      Liberal
2 Bonavista--Burin--Trinity
                                      Liberal
3 Coast of Bays--Central--Notre Dame Conservative
4 Labrador
                                      Liberal
5 Long Range Mountains
                                      Liberal
6 St. John's East/St. John's-Est
                                      Liberal
```

```
# Make a new .csv file containing the cleaned data
  write_csv(
    x = cleaned_elections_data,
    file = "cleaned_elections_data.csv"
  # Read the cleaned data
  cleaned_elections_data <-</pre>
    read_csv(
      file = "cleaned_elections_data.csv",
      show_col_types = FALSE
  # Make a data table mapping party to number of seats
  cleaned_elections_data |>
    count(party)
# A tibble: 5 x 2
 party
  <chr>
                 <int>
1 Bloc Québécois
                    32
2 Conservative
                   119
3 Green
                     2
4 Liberal
                   160
5 New Democratic
                   25
  # Plot the data table as a bar graph (played around with the themes here)
  cleaned_elections_data |>
    ggplot(aes(x = party)) +
    geom_bar() +
    theme_classic() +
    labs(x = "Party", y = "Number of seats")
```

