

Providing A Clear Vision on Data Analytics Since 2020







Theory

- Our theory:
 - A Single demographic category is an effective predictor of which political party wins
 - Education
 - Median Income
 - Race
 - Median Home Value
 - Employment
 - Age



Describe data sets used

- Data sets used
- 2016 Indiana election results by county Harvard Dataverse as maintained by the MIT Election Data and Science Lab
 - All 92 counties
 - 2016 Presidential Election between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump
- 2016 annual American Community Survey (ACS) conducted by the U.S. Census
 - Used API
 - There were approximately 20,000 variables available to select
 - Data was available by country, state, county, and other geographic categories
 - We selected six
 - Methodology

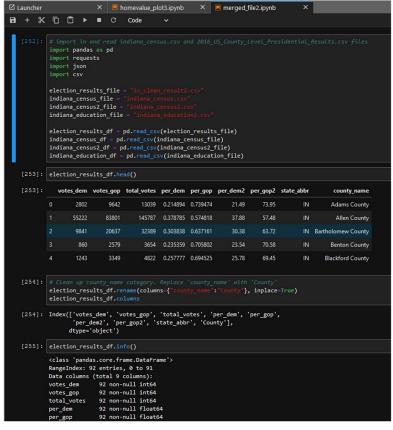


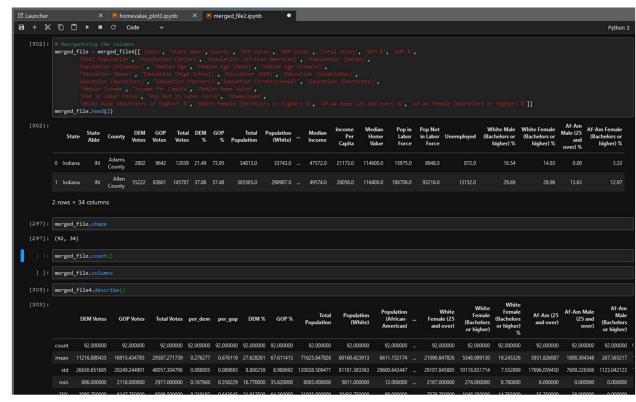
Data Acquisition and Cleanup

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# Census API Key
         from config import census api key
         c = Census(census_api_key, year=2016)
         import pandas as pd
In [3]: census_data = c.acs5.get(("NAME", "B01003_001E", "B02001_002E", "B02001_003E", "B02001_005E", "B03001_003E",
                                     "B25077 001E", "B15003 002E", "B15003 017E", "B15003 018E",
                                    "B15003 021E", "B15003 022E", "B15003 023E", "B15003 024E", "B15003 025E"), {'for': 'county:*'})
In [4]: census_complete=pd.DataFrame(census_data)
         census_complete=census_complete.rename(columns={"B01003 001E":"Total Population",
                                                             "B02001 002E": "Population (White)",
                                                             "B02001 003E": "Population (African-American)",
                                                            "B02001 005E": "Population (Asian)",
                                                            "B03001_003E": "Population (Hispanic)",
                                                            "B25077 001E": "Median Home Value",
                                                            "B15003 002E": "Education (None)",
                                                            "B15003 017E": "Education (High School)",
                                                            "B15003" 018E": "Education (GED)",
                                                            "B15003_021E": "Education (Associates)",
                                                            "B15003_022E": "Education (Bachelors)",
                                                            "B15003 023E": "Education (Masters)",
                                                            "B15003 024E": "Education (Professional)",
                                                            "B15003 025E": "Education (Doctorate)"})
         census_complete.head()
         #census_county = census_complete(1).str.split(' ').apply(Series, 1)
Out[4]:
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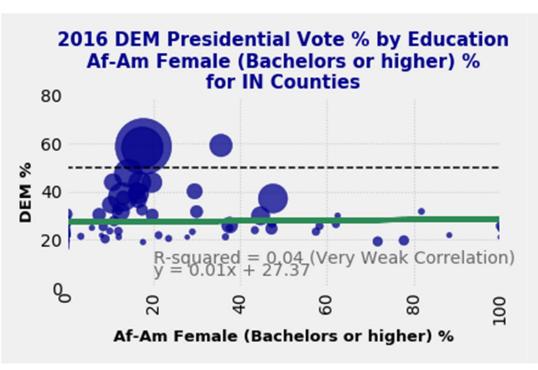


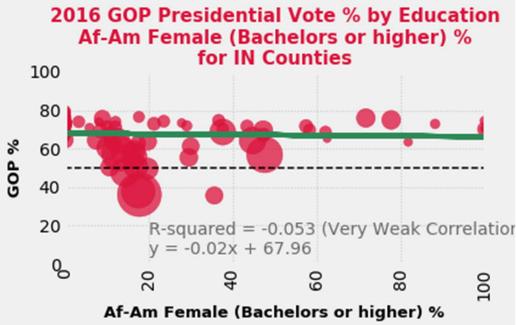


Questions to answer

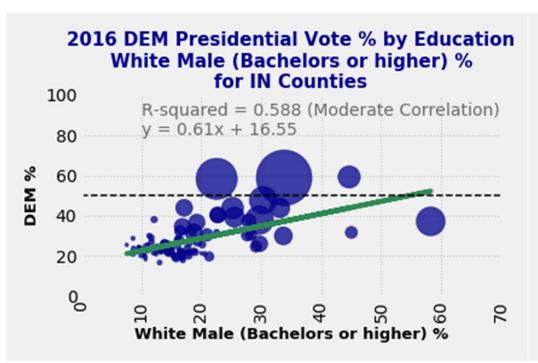
- Does median age/unemployment predict the DEM/GOP % vote in a county
- Does median home value/education predict the DEM/GOP % in a county
- Does race/median income predict the DEM/GOP % in a county

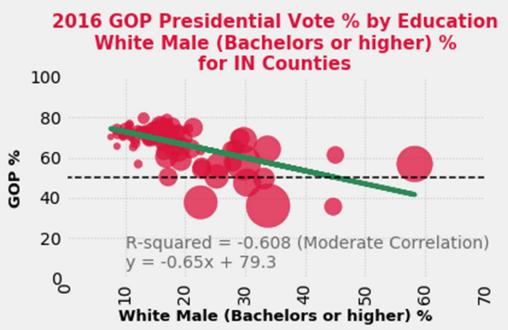




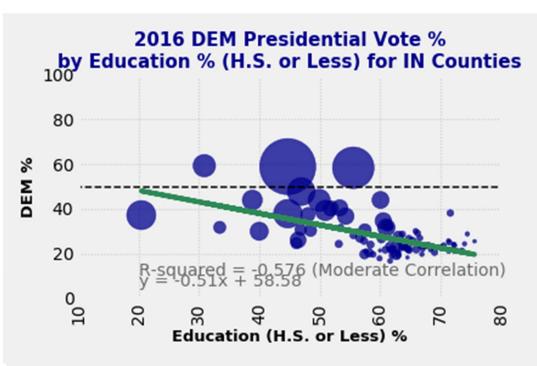


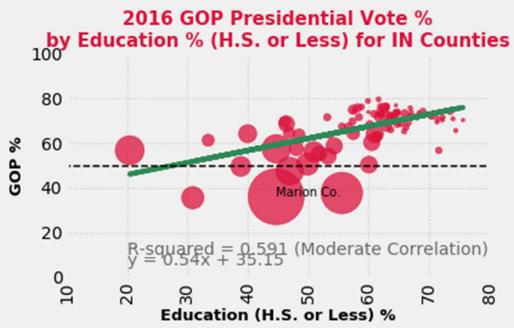




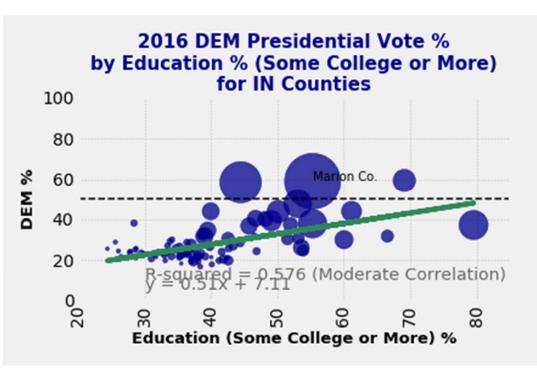


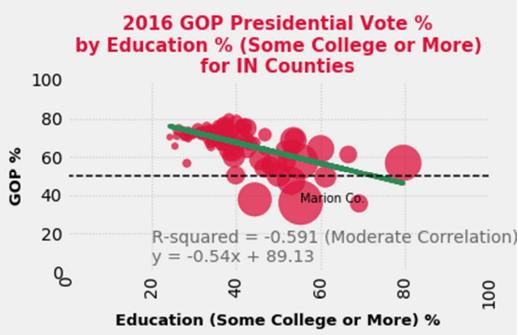




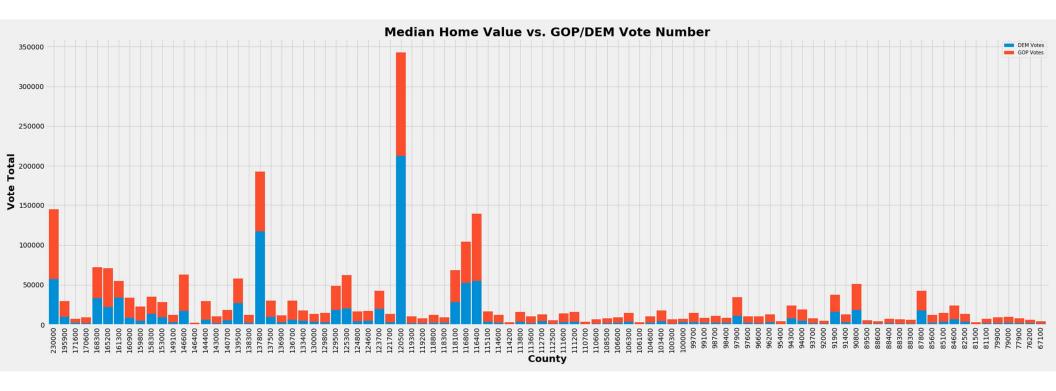




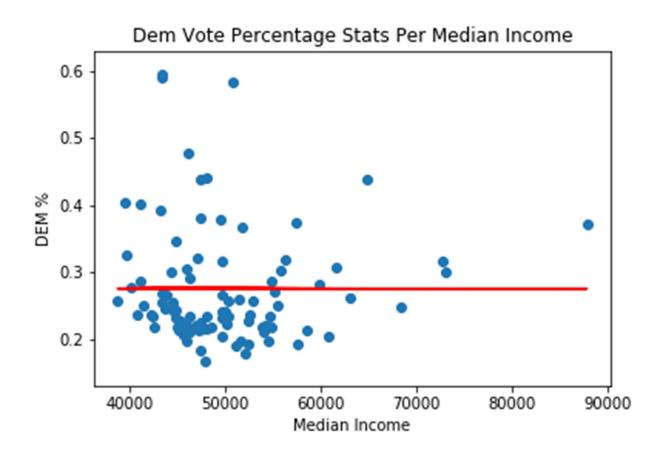




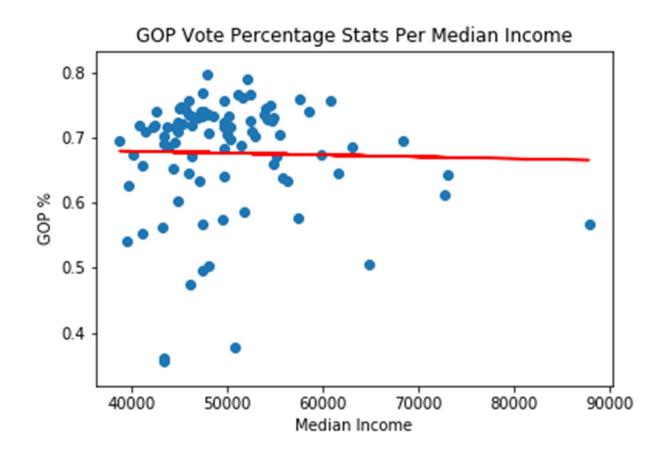






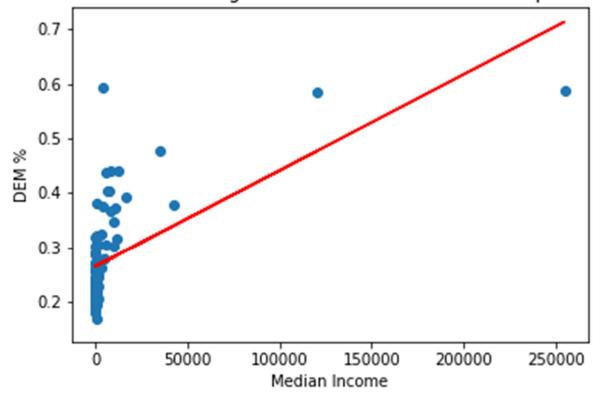






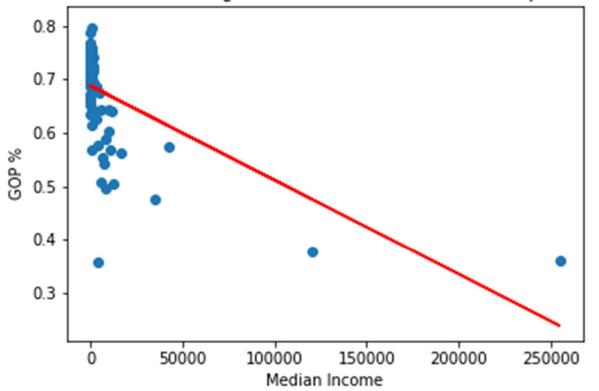


DEM Vote Percentage Stats For African-American Population

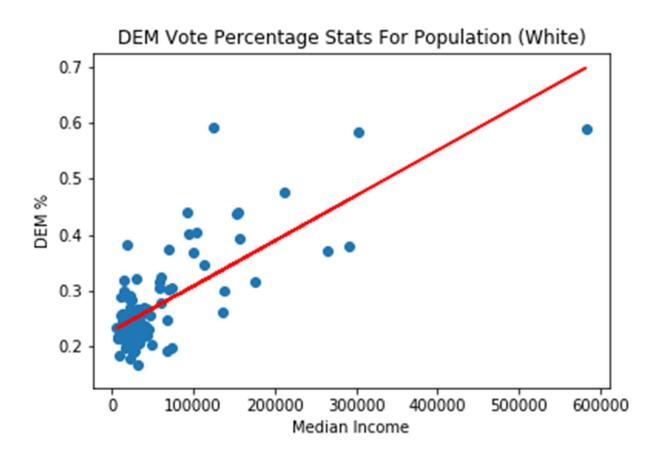




GOP Vote Percentage Stats For African-American Population

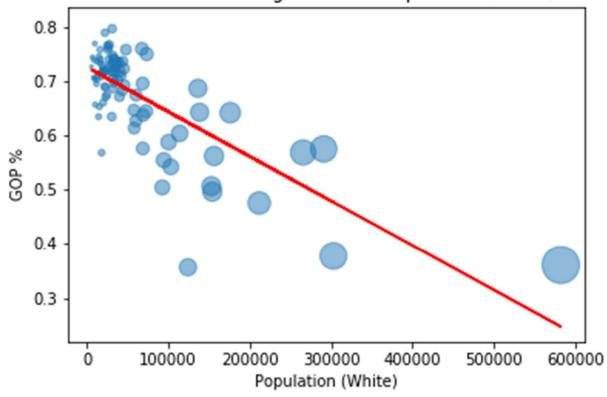






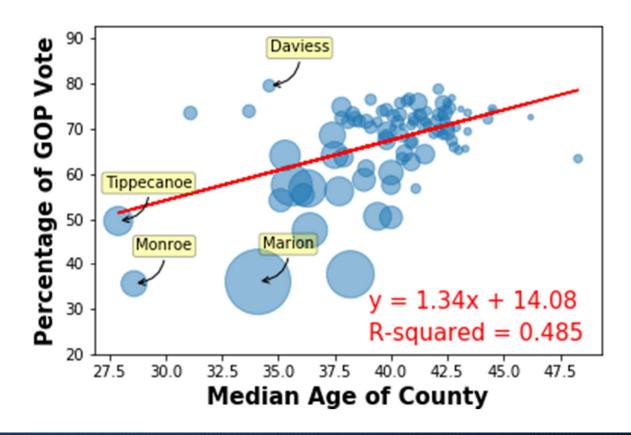








What effect does median age have on the GOP vote?





Voter Turnout per Age Group

• 18-29 year olds: 46.1%

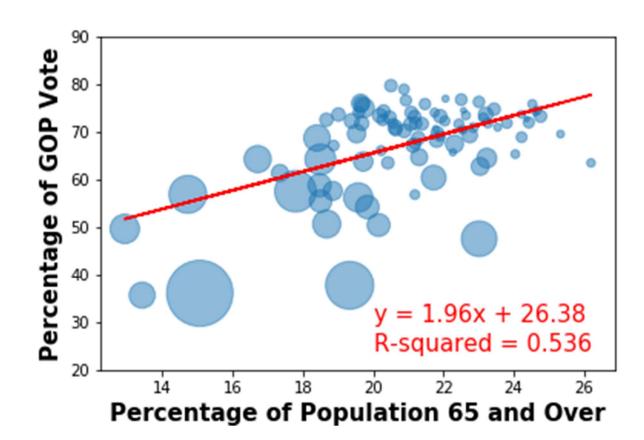
• 30-44 year olds: 58.7%

• 45-64 year olds: 66.6%

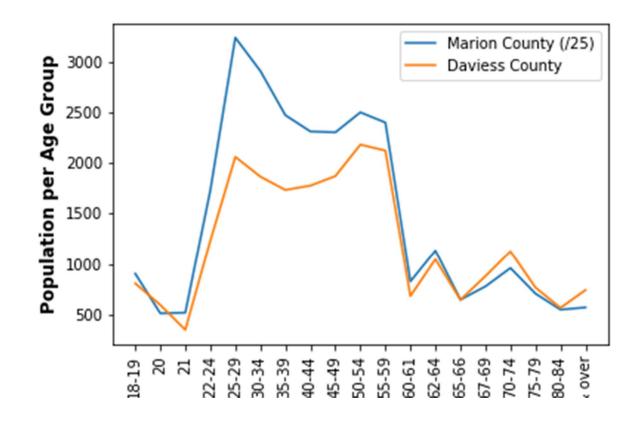
• 65 years and oldes: 70.9%

https://www.census.gov/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2017/05/voting_in_america.html

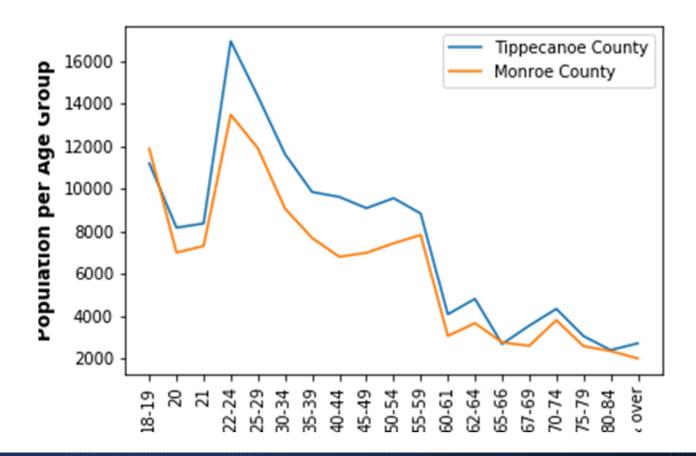






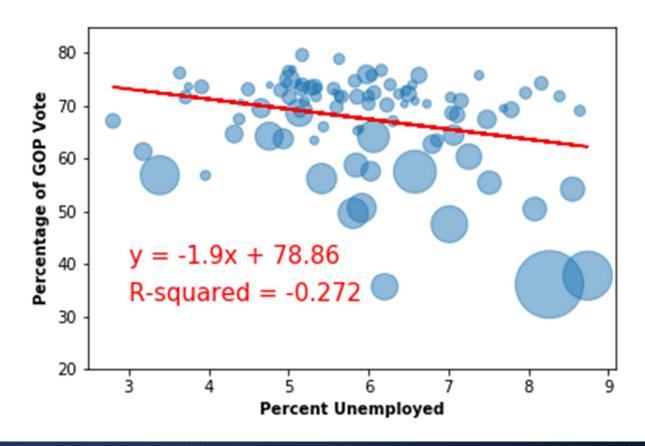






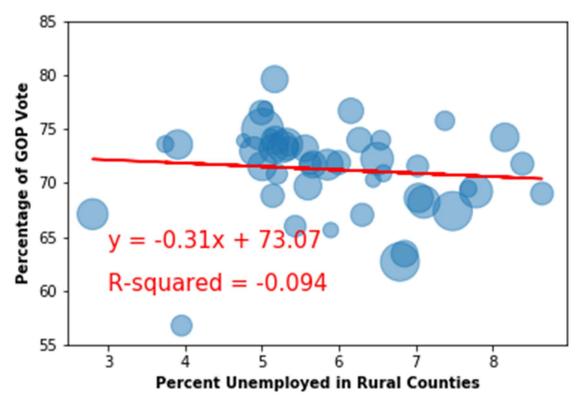


What effect does unemployment have on the GOP vote?



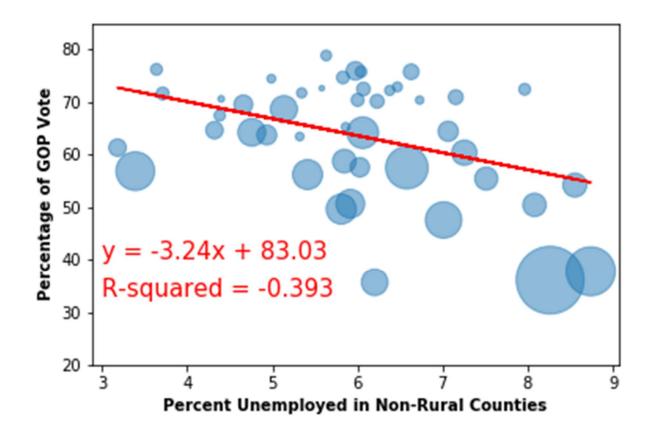


Unemployment in Rural Counties



https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/DataFiles/53180/25569_IN.pdf?v=0







Conclusions

- 1) Any single demographic category is NOT a good predictor of which 2016 presidential candidate won any Indiana county.
 - 1) Pearson's correlation testing provided us with either weak or correlation
- When multiple variables are introduced, we saw improved correlation between the census variable and the election results
 - Pearson's correlation testing provided us with moderate to strong correlation on several of the plots we ran
 - 1) Education with race vs. DEM/GOP vote
 - 2) Race (white) vs. GOP vote
 - 3) Age (65+) vs GOP vote



G. Next steps

- With more time, we would develop a prediction model comparing actual vs. expected results and run ttests (Michael)
 - We would add:
 - More exit polling data
 - Election results from additional years and races
- We would incorporate and test more Census variables
- We would combine Census variables

