

An Analysis in the US 2016 Elections

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Abstract

I'm extremely curious about the statistics involved in the US 2016 Elections. How was the Presidency *exactly* won? What were the “principle components” in demography that determined voting patterns? How did the polls “get it so wrong”?? As is my style these days, this is something of a living document

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1 Demographics

demographic (As the adjective, relating to the structure of populations, e.g. “the demographic trend is towards an older population”. As the noun, a particular sector of a population, e.g., “the drink is popular with a young demographic”).

For our purposes I’d like to concentrate on a few particular demographics. These are:

- Age;
- Gender;
- Race;
- Income;
- Education level;

Now, one “obvious” thing here is that these demographics are *all correlated with each other* to some extent.

2 References and Bibliography

There’s already a massive slew of articles and (some level) of analysis. Here are a few of the more relevant articles.

2.1 Online articles

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/11/opinion/what-i-got-wrong-about-the-election.html>

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/cbs-news-exit-polls-how-donald-trump-won-the-us-presidency/>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/10/podcasts/how-the-polling-let-us-down.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/10/us/politics/donald-trump-voters.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/01/us/politics/white-women-helped-elect-donald-trump.html>

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/11/08/us/elections/exit-poll-analysis.html>

<http://fivethirtyeight.com/live-blog/2016-election-results-coverage/?lpup=18315141#livepress-update-18315141>

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/make-polling-great-again/article/2607133#!>

<http://www.weeklystandard.com/things-poll-apart/article/2005354#.WCXHOaU1qYI.twitter>

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/10/podcasts/how-the-polling-let-us-down.html>
<http://heavy.com/news/2016/11/election-results-2016-2012-by-state-county-presidential-voter-turnout-popular-vote-pennsylvania-michigan-wisconsin-new-hampshire-rust-belt-trump-clinton-gary-johnson-jill-stein-third-party-margin/>