

CRES 10
Day 13 Notes

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Announcements

- Monakea Protectors - orientation Friday

Election

- Trump won
- Trump won the popular vote
- Also Republicans won congress
- Other's thoughts
 - Project 2025, far right plan associated with Donald Trump
 - * Kicking out undocumented immigrants
 - * Who would be kicked out?
 - * What about visa holders?
 - * Ran on mass deportation, unknown how it will be implemented, if at all.
 - * States can fight back, and some will.
 - * Its a bad times to be a non-citizen.
 - Project 2025 bad for economy?
 - * Would there be bad repercussions for mass deportations?
 - * Yes. Kinda obvious, immigrants are both scape goats and a key place where value is extracted from.
 - * Unlikely to be legislated, likely to be continuation of Biden's and Obama's policy.
 - * Shit is real and is real bad.
 - Did Kamala's choice to try and appeal to right wing voters lose her the election?
 - * Harris tried to win over the Nicky Haley faction.
 - * One of the significant reasons Harris lost.
 - * Harris tried to recruit old Bush-era republicans.
 - * The strategy of prying away voters from an opponent was only really successful in a couple campaigns. Obama to a lesser degree, and Ronald Reagan.
 - * To be Reagan you have to have the 60s as a background, be a white conservative man and do a little bit of Racism.
 - What happened to the Blue wall?
 - * Inflation is racialized
 - * Inflation makes people look for an explanation, so by giving an explanation, even a nonsensical one, you can mobilize a lot of people.
 - * Republicans have a lot of explanations,
 - Stimulus going to undeserving
 - Racism
 - Black people on welfare
 - etc.
 - Some mainstream rhetoric has been attributing Democrat loss is Democrats being too "Liberal", and running on cultural ideas. Also rampant college students being activists on college campuses. On campus, new time, place, manner requirements are being put in place for protesters. Police officers already have arrested a student.
- Trump has suggested he will close department of Education.
 - Part of Presidential cabinet, and is supposed to execute education policy. The President is able to staff these departments so has outsized influence.
 - Part of the purview of the Department of Education is University grants, funding and student loans. By threatening or directly cutting funding the Department of Education has the ability to cripple a University.

- Unlikely to close the Department of Education, Republicans have kids too, but also it is a massive source of leverage for himself.
- Did Trump win because he was the preferred candidate? Or were people voting against Kamala?
 - Who knows? The data is still new and not yet thoroughly analyzed.
 - Current guess is that Harris has low voter turnout. Many didn't care, and many didn't trust her competence.
 - Harris lacked time to build trust, and she is a Black woman who is automatically at a disadvantage. Some of the people not seeing her as competent did so due to misogyny and racism.
 - Harris didn't distinguish herself. She had no clear central campaign message apart from "I'm not Trump".
 - Latino men shifted towards Trump, felons voted for Trump. Lots of weird racist hand wringing early in the campaign which never ended up panning out.
 - Many reasons for Kamala's loss.
- Election as a battle for the sexes. Harris had only 3 months to campaign. Harris was unable to cater to the male vote? America may not be progressive enough to elect a woman.
 - Unclear why things happened as it did.
 - Harris had a lot of status quo support, still outspent.
 - Not certain that Harris' loss was due to being a Black Woman.
 - Side note: The US doesn't really care for being a progressive nation. US is fairly proud of being, conservative.
- What will be different this Trump term?
 - I don't know.
 - The future is unknown
 - First term was a shock so he got more pushback. Now it is a turning point, who knows how?
 - Some see it as a disintegration of US empire, but who knows?
 - US militarism and empire will not lose any steam with Trump. He is fully in favor of both according to all evidence.
 - The revelation of the past year and a half has shown that the US is indifferent to evidence, protest, public opinion, etc.
 - The US has not for a long time relied on the consent of anybody.
 - Whatever the US is, it is far from a Democracy, and we can not analyze it in that frame.
 - International Praxis of all stripes.
- What is gonna happen to immigrants for real? poem???
 Are there any other student organizations organizing with the expectation of force?
 - Being met with force has many different manifestations. Sometimes responding to force with force is something student organizations are not prepared for. Individual members may be prepared.
 - University affiliated organizations are unable to really fight back with force.
 - Remember that school organizations can only do so much "officially"
 - Many student organizers are frustrated with the University. A lot of that frustration can be put towards community building and counter organizing.
- What does it take for people to need change?
 - Collective thresholds are produced.
 - Ability to tolerate is produced.
 - Why can we just talk about Marxism and Communism and the regents don't care?
 - Theory and not practice?
 - Not about the content but the form
 As long as we are comfortable sitting here, turning things in, and getting a grade we are still being conditioned for capitalism.
 - Being wrong is okay, all it means is we need a new practice, and new theory.

- Resource

Florence Project, provides free legal and social services for immigrants facing deportation. Looking for donations, anything is helpful.