

# Multivariate Analysis

## Part 1: Conditional Relationships

Prof. Bisbee

Vanderbilt University

Slides Updated: 2024-08-10

# Agenda

1. Multivariate
2. What is "conditional"?
3. Understanding Trump support

# Definition

- Multi + variate
  - Many + variables
  - Analysis of multiple variables
- When we analyze **multiple** variables, we are in the world of "conditional analysis"

# What is conditional?

- Put simply: "conditional" means "depending on"
  - I.e., How does a variable of interest vary *depending on* some other variable?
  - "Variable of interest": the **outcome** (or **dependent** variable  $Y$ )
  - "Some other variable": the **predictor** (or **independent** variable  $X$ )
  - "Vary depending on": the **relationship**
- Mapping concepts into data science
  - The relationship between the outcome and the predictor

# What is conditional?

- "Depending on" suggests a **causal** interpretation
  - High wages "depend on" education → education **causes** high wages
  - In **theory**, this is reasonable: students acquire skills in school which are valued by the labor market.
  - But the positive correlation between education and wages might also be **"spurious"**
  - Higher education *AND* higher wages are outcomes of some **true cause** (i.e., upbringing, SES, etc.)

**NOTE: The logic for why a relationship might be spurious is itself CAUSAL.**

# (Re-)Introducing the Data

- Using the Michigan exit poll data
- Download pre-wrangled data from [GitHub](#) and save to your `data` folder.
- `require(tidyverse)` and `readRDS()` the data to `mi_ep` object

```
require(tidyverse)

mi_ep <-
read_rds('https://github.com/jbisbee1/DS1000_F2024/raw/main/data/MI2020')
```

# Some Light Data Science

- The "gender gap" in Trump support
- **Theory**: Trump has expressed sexist views against women. Therefore, women should be less likely to support him.
  - **NOTE** the causal assumptions in this theory!
- **Analysis**: compare support for Trump among men and women
- But first, some quick data wrangling

```
MI_final_small <- mi_ep %>%  
  filter(preschoice=="Donald Trump, the Republican" |  
  preschoice=="Joe Biden, the Democrat") %>%  
  mutate(BidenVoter=ifelse(preschoice=="Joe Biden, the  
Democrat",1,0),  
         TrumpVoter=ifelse(BidenVoter==1,0,1),  
         AGE10=ifelse(AGE10==99,NA,AGE10))
```

# Conditional Means

```
MI_final_small %>%  
  count(preschoice,SEX) %>%  
  mutate(PctSupport = n/sum(n),  
         PctSupport = round(PctSupport, digits=2))
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 × 4  
##   preschoice      SEX      n PctSupport  
##   <chr>      <dbl> <int>      <dbl>  
## 1 Donald Trump, the Republican      1    247      0.21  
## 2 Donald Trump, the Republican      2    212      0.18  
## 3 Joe Biden, the Democrat           1    304      0.26  
## 4 Joe Biden, the Democrat           2    419      0.35
```

- **Results** are **consistent** with the **theory**
  - NB: **results** do not **prove** the **theory**



# Conditional Means

- However, note that these proportions are out of *all* voters.
- This isn't directly addressing the [theory](#)
  - We want to know the proportion **of women** who supported Trump

```
MI_final_small %>%  
  count(preschoice,SEX) %>%  
  group_by(SEX) %>%  
  mutate(totGender = sum(n)) %>%  
  mutate(pctSupport = n / totGender)
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 × 5  
## # Groups:   SEX [2]  
##   preschoice      SEX      n totGender pctSupport  
##   <chr>      <dbl> <int>      <int>      <dbl>  
## 1 Donald Trump, the Republ...    1    247      551      0.448  
## 2 Donald Trump, the Republ...    2    212      631      0.336  
## 3 Joe Biden, the Democrat      1    304      551      0.552  
## 4 Joe Biden, the Democrat      2    419      631      0.664
```

# Additional Theorizing

- The strength of the theorized relationship might vary by age
  - Younger women might be more offended by Trump's casual sexism
  - Older women might be more inured to Trump's casual sexism
- **Theory**: the "gender gap" will be larger among younger voters
  - (But also recognize that younger Americans are generally more progressive...meaning that **both** younger men and women are more offended by Trump's casual sexism!)

# Two-Way Conditional Means

- We could just subset with `filter()`

```
MI_final_small %>%  
  filter(AGE10==1) %>%  
  group_by(SEX) %>%  
  count(preschoice) %>%  
  mutate(PctSupport = n/sum(n),  
         PctSupport = round(PctSupport, digits=2))
```

```
## # A tibble: 4 × 4  
## # Groups:   SEX [2]  
##   SEX preschoice          n PctSupport  
##   <dbl> <chr>          <int>      <dbl>  
## 1     1 Donald Trump, the Republican     7      0.44  
## 2     1 Joe Biden, the Democrat         9      0.56  
## 3     2 Donald Trump, the Republican     1      0.06  
## 4     2 Joe Biden, the Democrat        15      0.94
```

# Two-Way Conditional Means

- Or we could add **AGE10** to the `group_by`

```
MI_final_small %>%  
  group_by(SEX, AGE10) %>%  
  summarize(PctTrump = mean(TrumpVoter), .groups = 'drop') %>%  
  mutate(PctTrump = round(PctTrump, digits = 2))
```

```
## # A tibble: 22 × 3  
##       SEX AGE10 PctTrump  
##   <dbl> <dbl>   <dbl>  
## 1     1     1     0.44  
## 2     1     2     0.42  
## 3     1     3     0.42  
## 4     1     4     0.24  
## 5     1     5     0.42  
## 6     1     6     0.58  
## 7     1     7     0.54  
## 8     1     8     0.44  
## 9     1     9     0.39  
## 10    1    10     0.43  
## # i 12 more rows
```

# Two-Way Conditional Means

- A little hard to make comparisons

```
MI_final_small %>%  
  group_by(SEX, AGE10) %>%  
  summarize(PctTrump = mean(TrumpVoter), .groups = 'drop') %>%  
  spread(SEX, PctTrump) %>% rename(Male = `1`, Female = `2`)
```

```
## # A tibble: 11 × 3  
##   AGE10  Male Female  
##   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1      1  0.438 0.0625  
## 2      2  0.417 0.0714  
## 3      3  0.423 0.308  
## 4      4  0.241 0.294  
## 5      5  0.419 0.484  
## 6      6  0.583 0.4  
## 7      7  0.537 0.367  
## 8      8  0.443 0.263  
## 9      9  0.395 0.311  
## 10     10  0.425 0.387  
## 11     NA  0.667 0.571
```

# Introducing `spread()` & `gather()`

- Data in `R` is either "long" or "wide"
- **Long**: One column for a categorical label and multiple rows
  - I.e., For each age group, we have one **row** for men and one **row** for women
- **Wide**: Multiple columns for each categorical label and a single row
  - I.e., For each age group, we have one **column** for men and one **column** for women
- In `R`, we can switch between **wide** and **long** with two functions:
  1. `spread()` (or `pivot_wider()`): converts from long to wide
  2. `gather()` (or `pivot_longer()`): converts from wide to long

# spread() and gather()

- `spread([key],[value])`
  - `key`: variable containing categories to make into columns labels
  - `value`: variable containing values put into these new columns

wide			
id	x	y	z
1	a	c	e
2	b	d	f

# spread() and gather()

- `gather([key],[value],[columns])`
  - `key`: name of **new column** that contains categories
  - `value`: values you want to put into this new column

wide

id	x	y	z
1	a	c	e
2	b	d	f



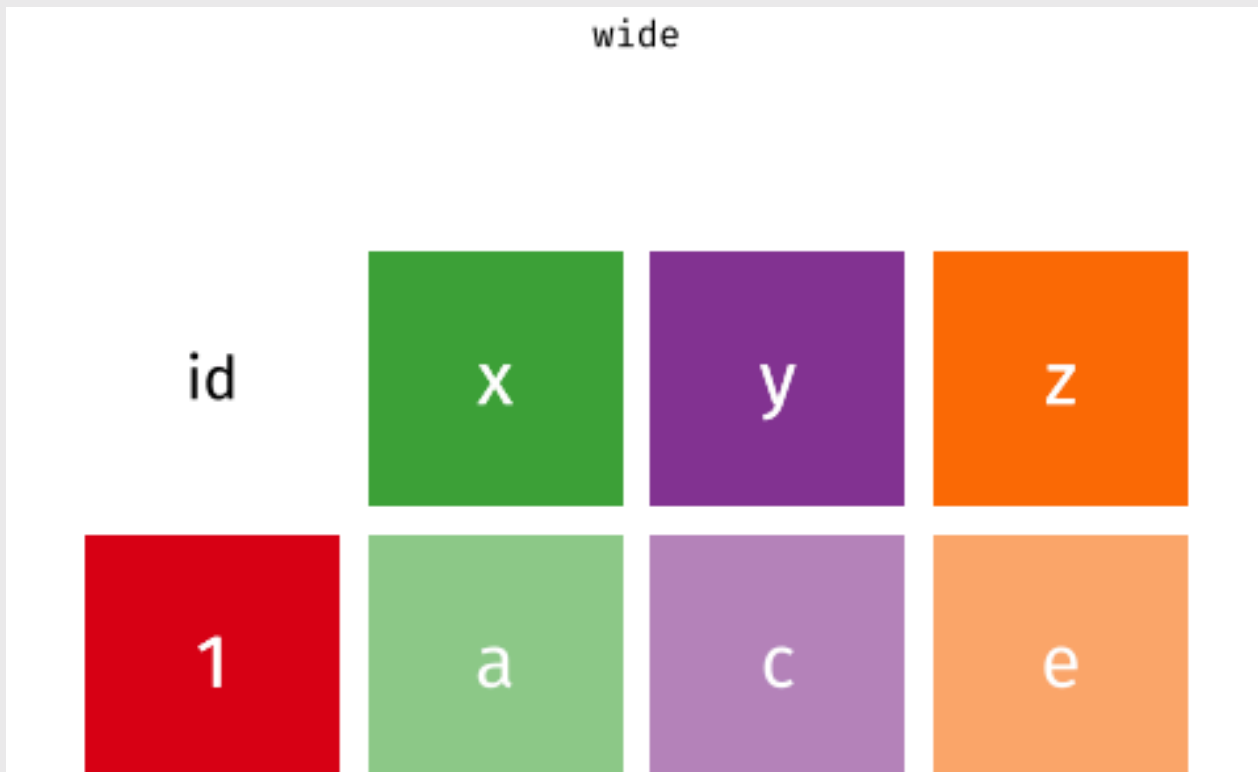
# pivot\_wider()

- `pivot_wider([names_from],[values_from])`
  - `names_from`: variable containing categories to make into column labels
  - `values_from`: variable containing values put into these new columns

wide			
id	x	y	z
1	a	c	e

# OR `pivot_longer()`

- `pivot_longer([names_from],[values_from])`
  - `names_from`: variable containing categories to make into column labels
  - `values_from`: variable containing values put into these new columns



# spread()

```
MI_final_small %>%  
  group_by(SEX, AGE10) %>%  
  summarize(PctTrump = mean(TrumpVoter), .groups = 'drop') %>%  
  spread(key = SEX, value = PctTrump, fill = NA) %>%  
  rename(Male = `1`, Female = `2`)
```

```
## # A tibble: 11 × 3  
##   AGE10  Male Female  
##   <dbl> <dbl> <dbl>  
## 1      1 0.438 0.0625  
## 2      2 0.417 0.0714  
## 3      3 0.423 0.308  
## 4      4 0.241 0.294  
## 5      5 0.419 0.484  
## 6      6 0.583 0.4  
## 7      7 0.537 0.367  
## 8      8 0.443 0.263  
## 9      9 0.395 0.311  
## 10     10 0.425 0.387  
## 11     NA 0.667 0.571
```

# gather()

```
MI_final_small %>%  
  group_by(SEX, AGE10) %>%  
  summarize(PctTrump = mean(TrumpVoter), .groups = 'drop') %>%  
  spread(key = SEX, value = PctTrump, fill = NA) %>%  
  rename(Male = `1`, Female = `2`) %>%  
  gather(SEX, PctTrump, -AGE10)
```

```
## # A tibble: 22 × 3  
##   AGE10 SEX    PctTrump  
##   <dbl> <chr>    <dbl>  
## 1     1  1 Male    0.438  
## 2     2  2 Male    0.417  
## 3     3  3 Male    0.423  
## 4     4  4 Male    0.241  
## 5     5  5 Male    0.419  
## 6     6  6 Male    0.583  
## 7     7  7 Male    0.537  
## 8     8  8 Male    0.443  
## 9     9  9 Male    0.395  
## 10    10 10 Male    0.425  
## # i 12 more rows
```

# Save Summary for Later Use

```
SexAge <- MI_final_small %>%  
  group_by(SEX, AGE10) %>%  
  summarize(PctTrump = mean(TrumpVoter), .groups = 'drop')  
  
SexAge %>% filter(SEX == 2)
```

```
## # A tibble: 11 × 3  
##       SEX AGE10 PctTrump  
##   <dbl> <dbl>   <dbl>  
## 1     2     1    0.0625  
## 2     2     2    0.0714  
## 3     2     3    0.308  
## 4     2     4    0.294  
## 5     2     5    0.484  
## 6     2     6    0.4  
## 7     2     7    0.367  
## 8     2     8    0.263  
## 9     2     9    0.311  
## 10    2    10    0.387  
## 11    2    NA    0.571
```

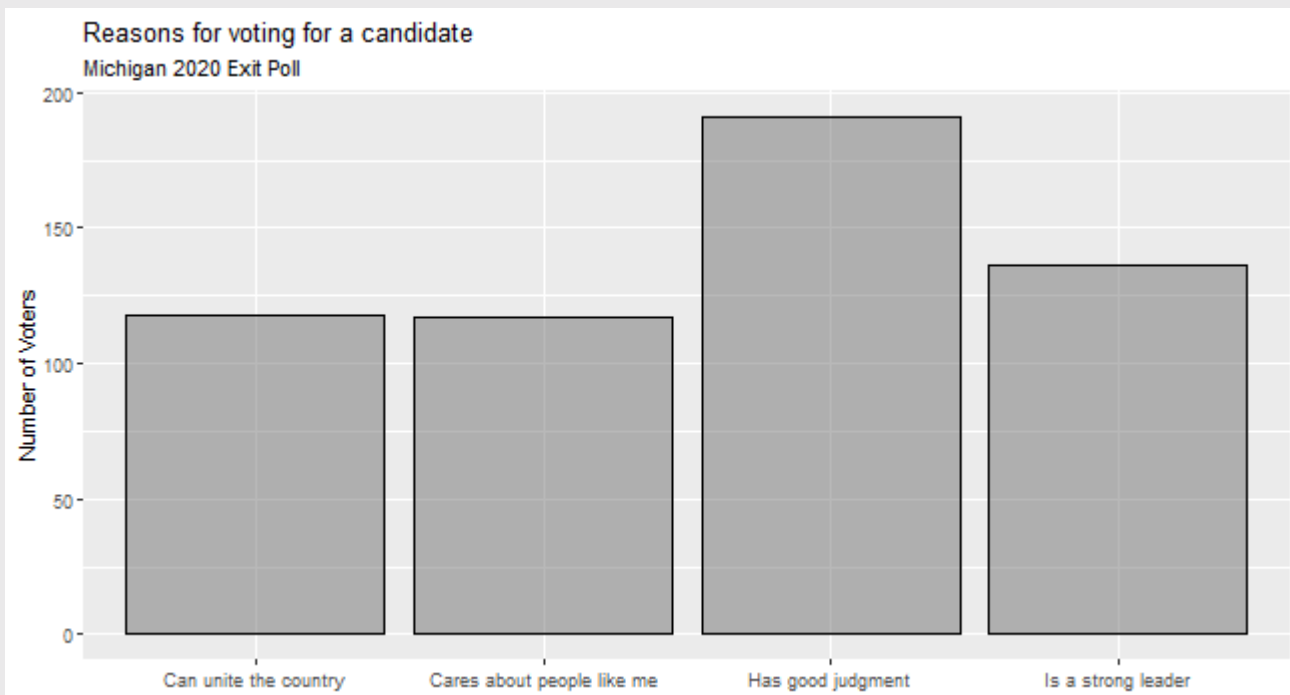
# Conditional Categorical Analysis

- Want to know **reason** for voting for candidate by **vote choice**
  - **Quality**: 4 category unordered
  - **preschoice**: 2 category unordered
- Some light data wrangling

```
toplot <- mi_ep %>%  
  select(Quality,preschoice,SEX) %>%  
  filter(grepl('Biden|Trump',preschoice)) %>%  
  drop_na() %>%  
  filter(Quality != "[DON'T READ] Don't know/refused")
```

# Conditional Categorical Analysis

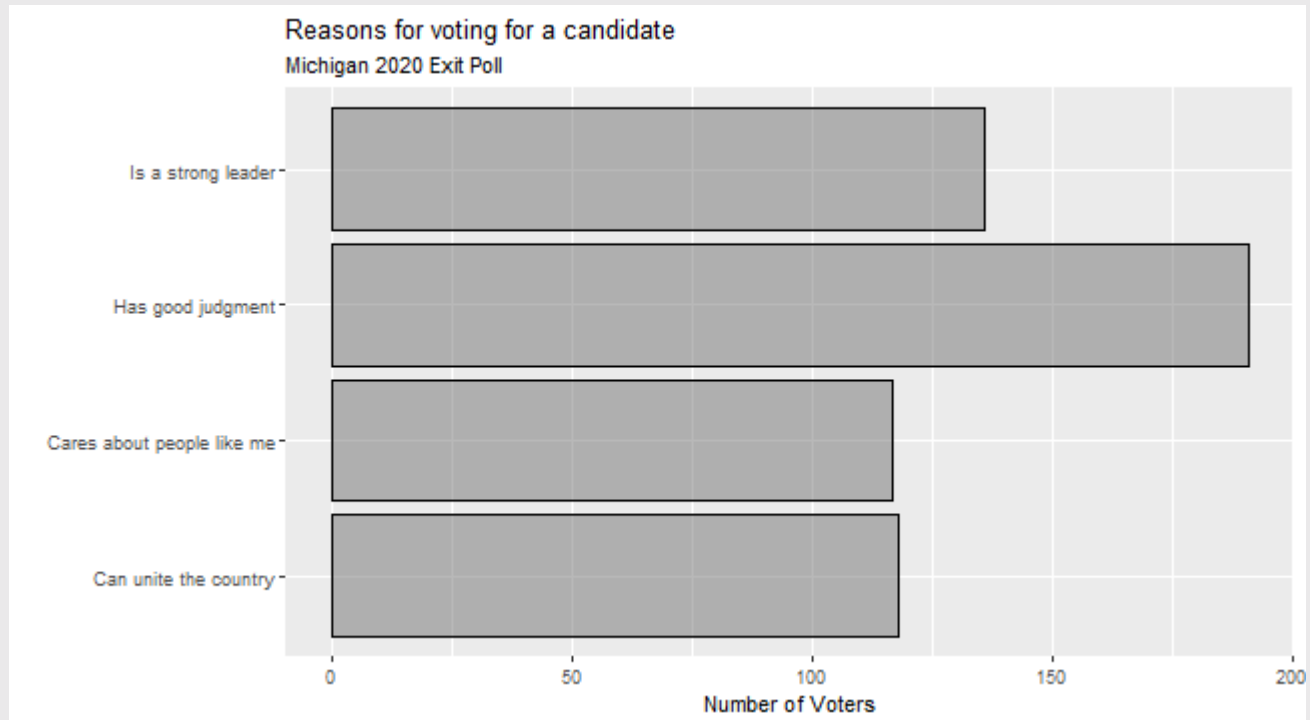
```
(pReasonOverall <- toplot %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = Quality)) +  
  labs(y = "Number of Voters", x = "",  
        title = "Reasons for voting for a candidate",  
        subtitle = "Michigan 2020 Exit Poll") +  
  geom_bar(color="black", alpha = .4))
```



# Conditional Categorical Analysis

- Can swap axes with `coord_flip()`

```
pReasonOverall + coord_flip()
```





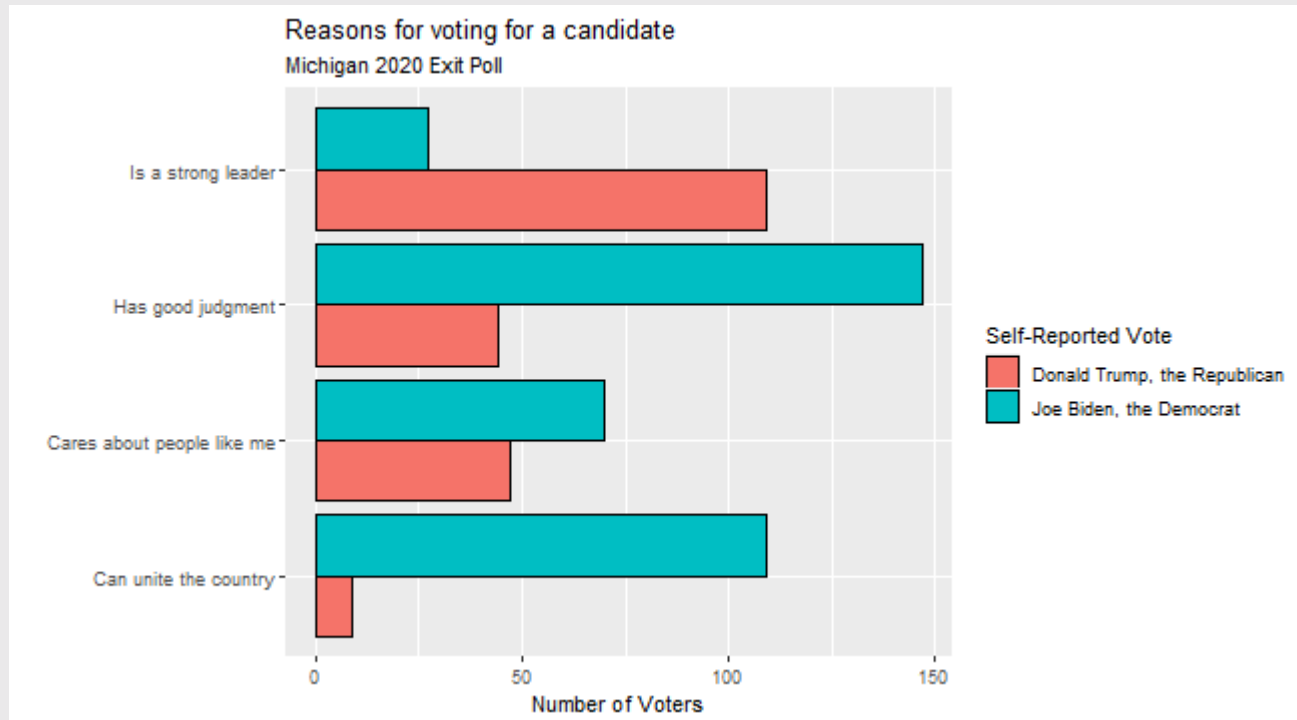
# Conditional Categorical Analysis

- `fill` and `position = "dodge"` for **conditional** analysis

```
pReasonChoice <- toplot %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x = Quality, fill = preschoice)) +  
  labs(y = "Number of Voters", x = "",  
        title = "Reasons for voting for a candidate",  
        subtitle = "Michigan 2020 Exit Poll",  
        fill = 'Self-Reported Vote') +  
  geom_bar(color="black", position = "dodge") +  
  coord_flip()
```

# Conditional Categorical Analysis

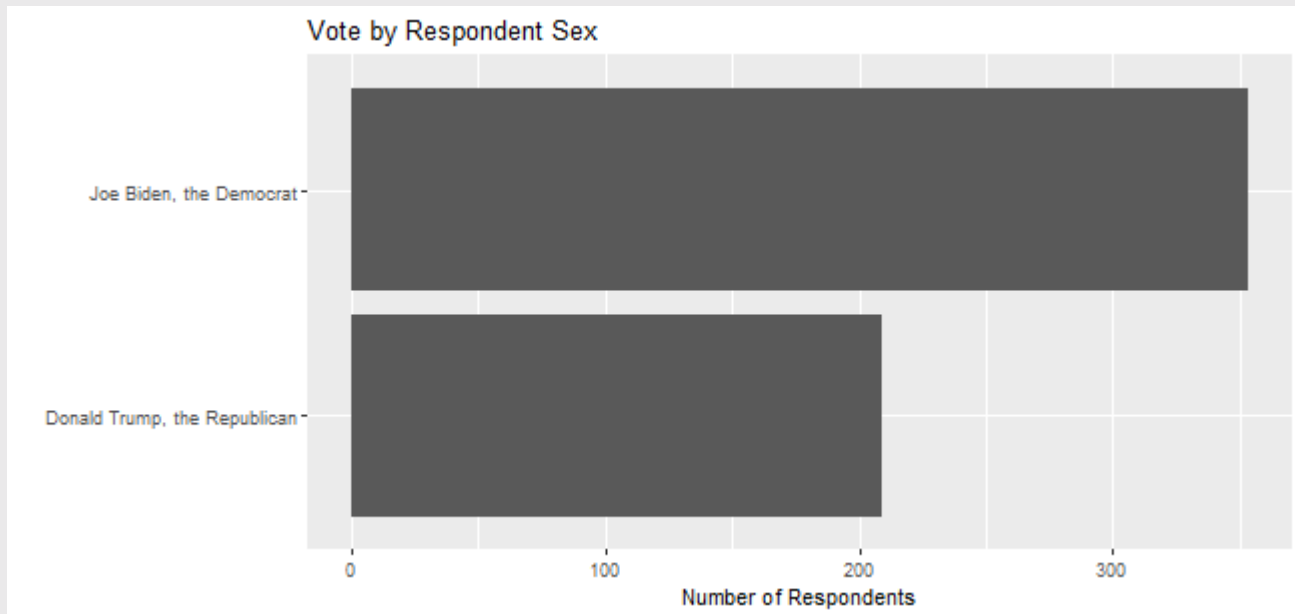
pReasonChoice



# Conditional Categorical Analysis

- What about if we do this by **SEX**?

```
toplot %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x= preschoice, fill = SEX)) +  
  labs(y = "Number of Respondents", x = "",  
       title = "Vote by Respondent Sex", fill = "Sex") +  
  geom_bar(position="dodge") + coord_flip()
```



# Be Attentive to `class()`

- How is `SEX` stored in the data?

```
class(mi_ep$SEX)
```

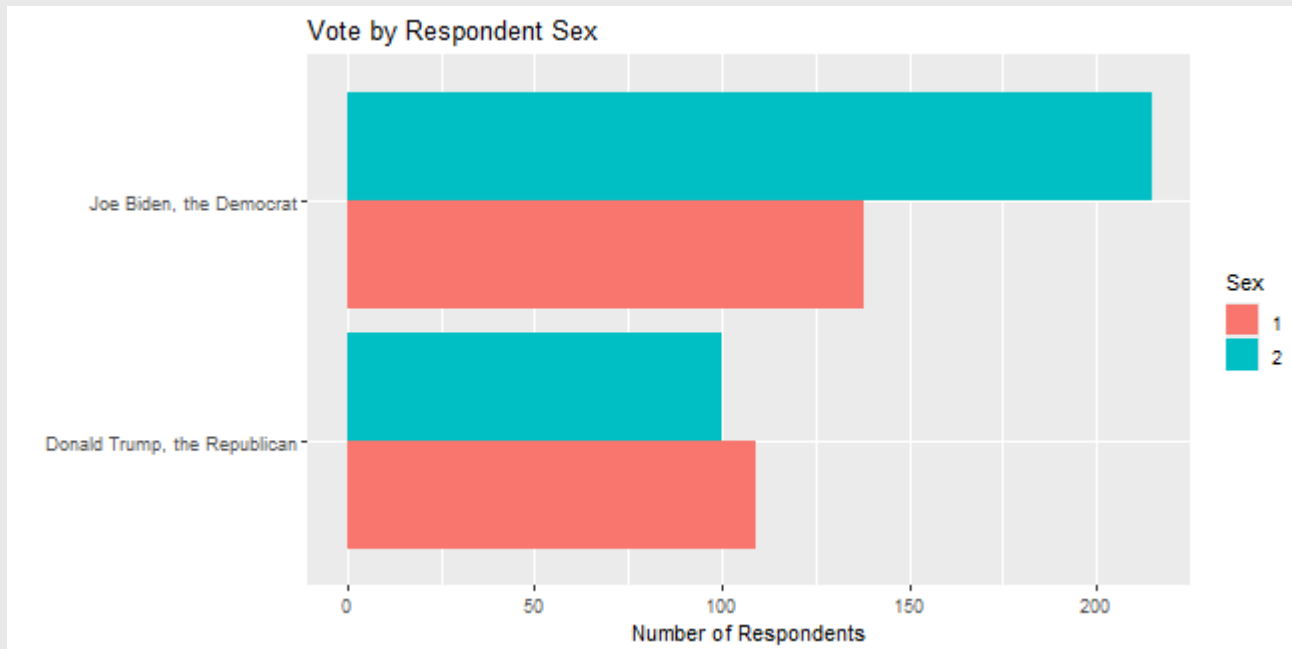
```
## [1] "numeric"
```

- Need to convert it to a `character` or `factor`

```
pVoteSex <- topplot %>%  
  ggplot(aes(x= preschoice, fill = factor(SEX))) +  
  labs(y = "Number of Respondents", x = "",  
       title = "Vote by Respondent Sex", fill = "Sex") +  
  geom_bar(position="dodge") + coord_flip()
```

# Be Attentive to `class()`

pVoteSex



- Why is this a bad visualization? **Poorly labeled legend!**

# Quiz & Homework

- Go to Brightspace and take the **6th** quiz
  - The password to take the quiz is ####
- **Homework:**
  1. Work through ds1000\_hw\_7.Rmd
  2. Problem Set 4 (on Brightspace)