### **Data Cleanup Strategy**

1. **Loading the Data:**
   * Loaded the dataset using pd.read\_csv().
   * Inspected the initial structure and contents of the dataset with data.head() and data.info().
2. **Handling Missing Values:**
   * Identified and removed rows with NaN, null, None, or blank values in the 'VOTES' column using dropna(subset=['VOTES']).
3. **Ensuring Numeric Values:**
   * Converted the 'VOTES' column to numeric type using pd.to\_numeric(), setting errors='coerce' to turn any non-numeric entries into NaN.
   * Dropped any resulting NaN values from the 'VOTES' column after the conversion using dropna(subset=['VOTES']).
4. **Verifying Data Integrity:**
   * Verified that there are no remaining NaN values in the 'VOTES' column.
   * Checked for any other inconsistencies or anomalies in the dataset, such as negative vote counts or unrealistic age values for candidates, and cleaned as necessary.
5. **Final Data Inspection:**
   * Inspected the cleaned data to ensure it is ready for analysis and visualization.