

Sampling People, Records, & Networks

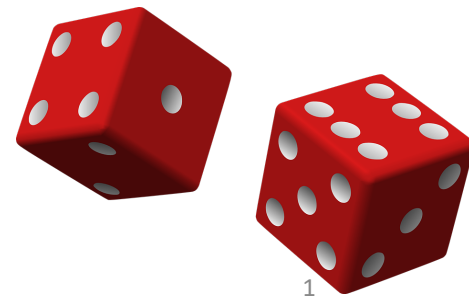
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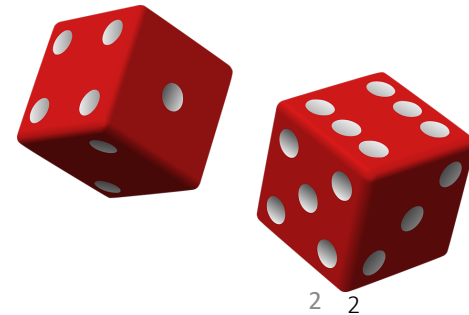
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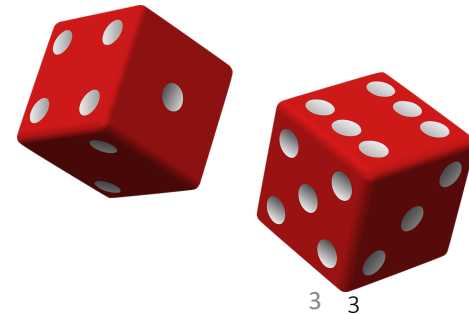


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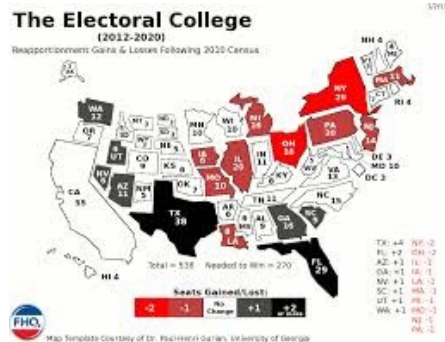
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- The stratified sampling approach has several advantages:
 - Gains in precision (depending on allocations)
 - Administrative convenience
 - Guaranteed representation of important domains
 - Acceptability/**credibility**
 - Flexibility

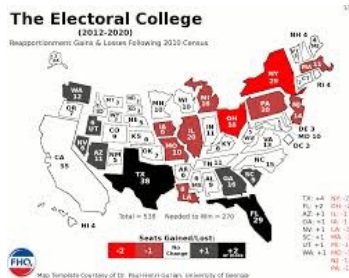


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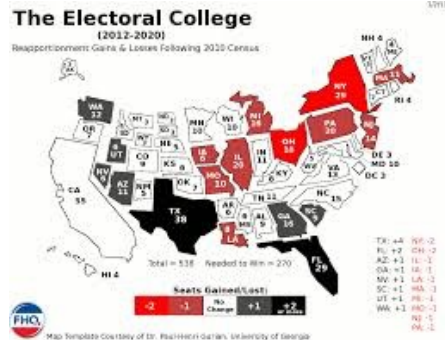
- How should we determine sample sizes across groups?
- Consider the basic parts of stratified sampling:

$$f_h = \left(\frac{n_h}{N_h} \right) \quad \sum_{h=1}^H n_h = n$$

- **Many allocations** are possible
- For our $H = 6$, $n = 80$, for example,
- $(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4, n_5, n_6)$
- $(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 75), (2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 74), (2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 73), \dots$

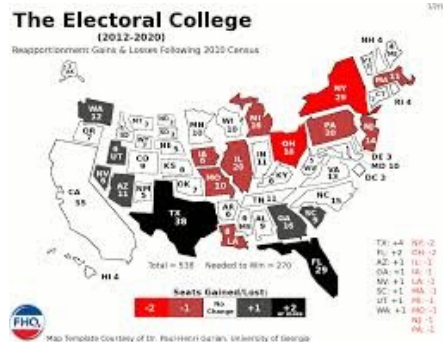


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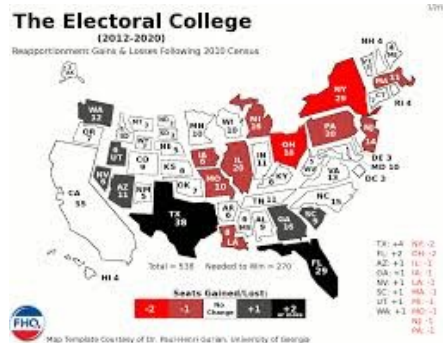
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- The *epsem* sampling rate gives us a proportionately allocated sample



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- And as select samples proportionately, we get design effects that are less than 1: $deff(\bar{y}) < 1$



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