

2018 U.S. Midterm Popular Vote Estimation

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- Took place on Nov. 4th 2018
- Data: 309 “generic ballot” polls from Real Clear Politics

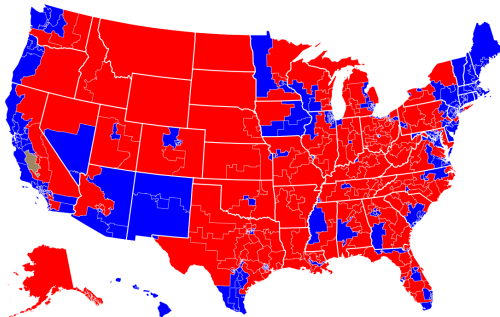


Figure 1: Current results

Initial Bootstrapping

- Naive estimate: equal weighting of polls
- Estimated difference in proportions: Dem +7.32%
95% Bootstrapped CI: (6.91%, 7.71%)
- Compare with the *current* results from The New York Times:
Dem +5.6%

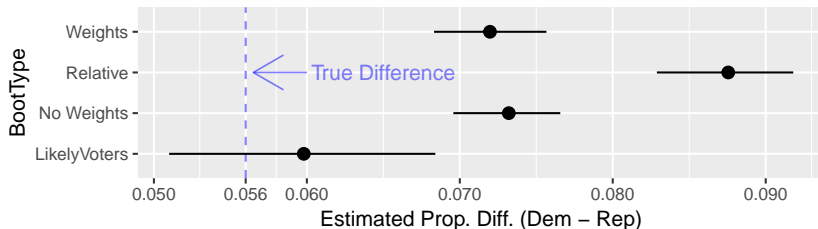
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Other features of project in Github

- Regression
- Additional weighting schemes
- Streamlining bootstrapping from surveys

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Link to my Github repo