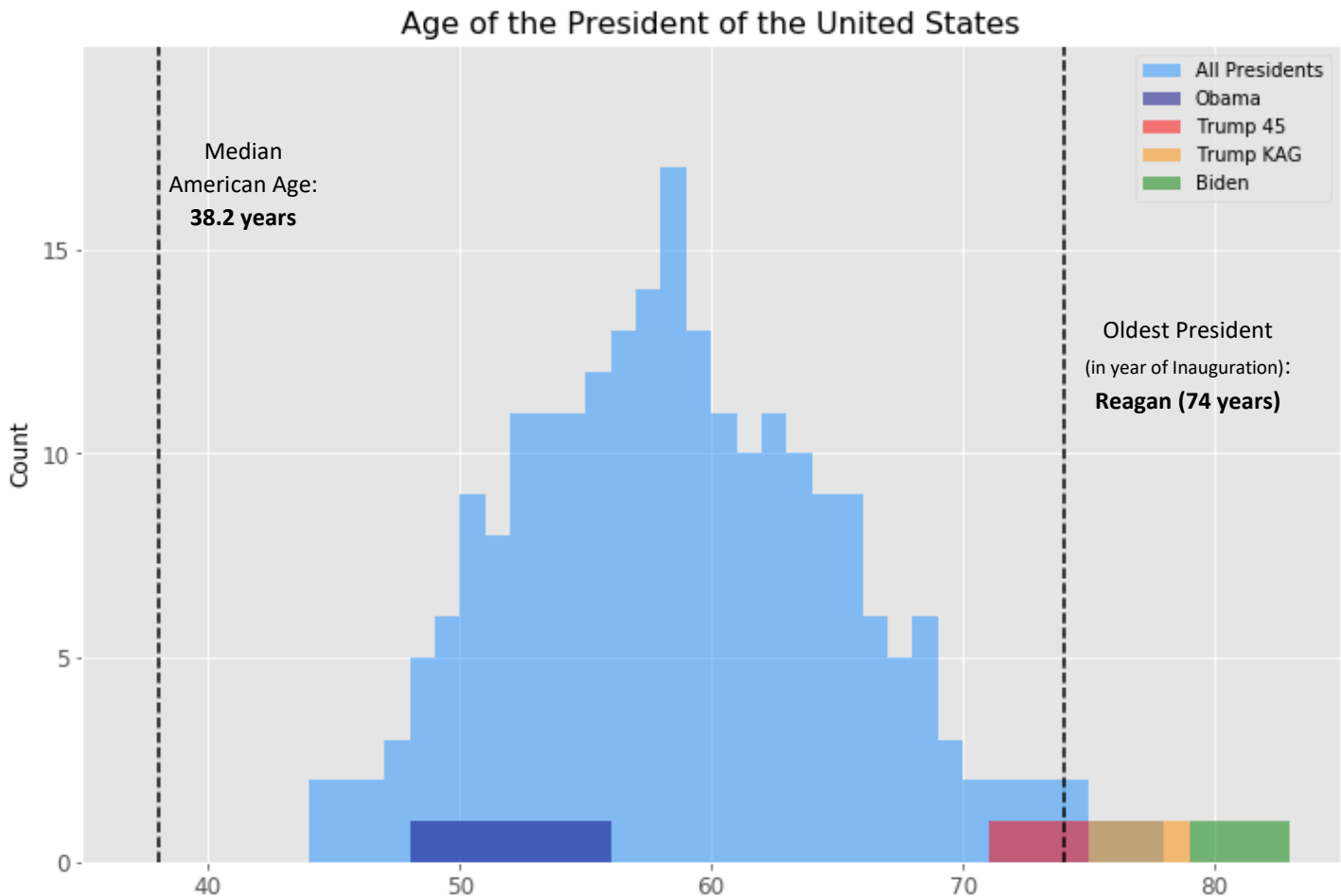


Decision 2020: The Only Sure Winner is the AARP

No matter which candidate wins in November, America is entering uncharted territory, or at least we are moving further to the right on the age spectrum than we ever have before. Either Biden or Trump will become the oldest person ever sworn into the office of the President of the United States. If Biden is elected, upon taking the oath of office, he will become the oldest sitting President in the history of the United States. If Trump is elected and serves his full term, he would also become the oldest sitting President in history. The age of these men creates a great divide between their life experience and circumstances and that of the typical American citizen, as fully half of all Americans are age 38¹ or less. Foregoing the debate about whether accumulated wisdom offsets the diminishment of mental and physical capacity with age, it is certain that their survival is not a given. Based on life expectancy data provided by the United States Social Security Administration² there is a non-trivial probability that either of these men will die in office. This mortality risk is without any consideration of additional risks related to COVID19 (which data has clearly shown is most deadly for the elderly).

Probability Trump dies in office (natural causes): 11.7%

Probability Biden dies in office (natural causes): 17.2%



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