

PSC4375: Loops & Predicting

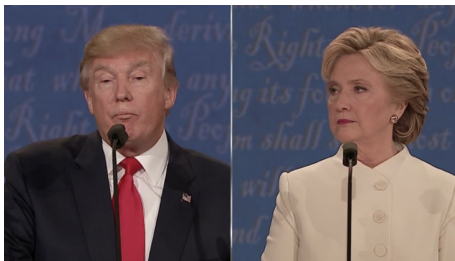
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2016 US Presidential Election



- 2016 election popular vote: -Clinton: 65,853,516 (48.2%)
 - Trump: 62,984,825 (46.1%)
- Why did Trump win? **Electoral college**
 - Trump: 304, Clinton: 227
- Election determined by 77,744 votes (margins in WI, MI, PA)
 - 0.056% of the electorate (~136million)

Predicting US Presidential Elections

- **Electoral college system**

- Must win an absolute majority of 538 electoral votes
- $538 = 435$ (House of Representatives) + 100 (Senators) + 3 (DC)
- Must win at least 270 votes
- nobody wins an absolute majority \rightsquigarrow House vote

- Must predict winner of each state

