

Question 1: What is your team's section?

Your section: 1

Question 2: Who are your team members?

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Question 3: What are you trying to do? (problem or topic) Describe in a couple sentences

As a part of our Data Science Project we are comparing the predictive accuracy of prediction markets (Polymarket, Kalshi) against traditional pollers (FiveThirtyEight, RealClearPolitics, Pew Research) for the 2024 U.S. elections. Specifically, we want to predict election outcomes using both data sources and evaluate which one got to the correct result faster, and how quickly each incorporated major news events like debates and public incidents.

Question 4: Why is this important? Short summary (2-3 sentences) of who cares about this problem, what impact it has, what implications better solutions might have.

Accurate election forecasting matters to voters, campaigns, journalists, and policymakers who all rely on them make informed decisions. If prediction markets consistently outperform traditional polls, it could shift how media organizations report on races and how campaigns allocate resources.

Question 5: What dataset(s) are you interested in working with? Add links if possible.

[Polymarket 2024 US Election State Data](#)

[FiveThirtyEight Polls](#)

[FEC Results Excel](#)

[Important Dates](#)

[Kalshi API](#)