Analyzing Philippine Election Data

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Objectives

- Be familiar with more data science applications
- Possibly get ideas for your project!
- Have a better understanding of Philippine history and politics



If you were running a political campaign, who would you cater your messaging to? Where would you campaign?



Traditional Political Surveys

- Expensive
- Susceptible to underrepresent populations
- Data cannot be retroactively appended
- Cannot be done in the past



2016 Philippine vice presidential election



← 2010

May 9, 2016

2022 →



Candidate Party

Popular vote Percentage

Candidate



Leni Robredo Liberal

14,418,817 35.11%



Bongbong Marcos Independent

14,155,344 34.77%



Alan Peter Cayetano

Party Independent Popular vote 5,903,379 Percentage 14.38%

Francis Escudero Independent 4,931,962 12.01%

2022 Philippine presidential election

83.07% A 2.38pp



← 2016

May 9, 2022

Opinion polls

Turnout



Bongbong Marcos

PFP

UniTeam

Sara Duterte

31,629,783

Candidate Party Alliance

Running mate Popular vote

58.77% Percentage



2028 →

Independent[a] TRoPa







Percentage

Alliance

Running mate Popular vote

MP3 Lito Atienza 3,663,113 6.81%

Manny Pacquiao

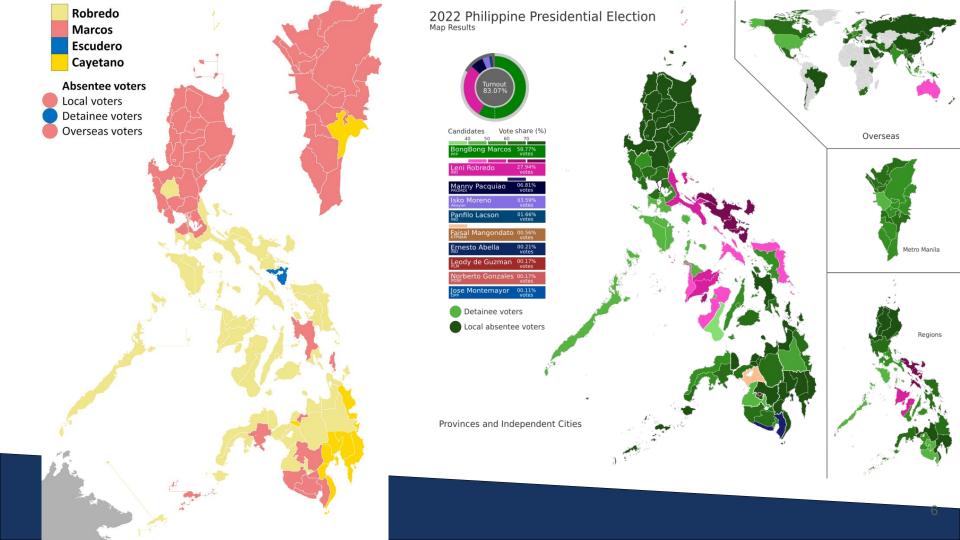
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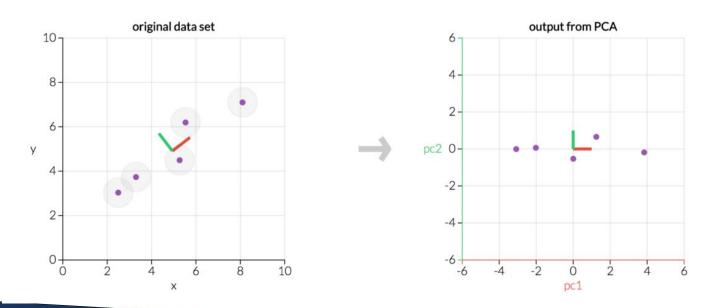
3.59%

Isko Moreno





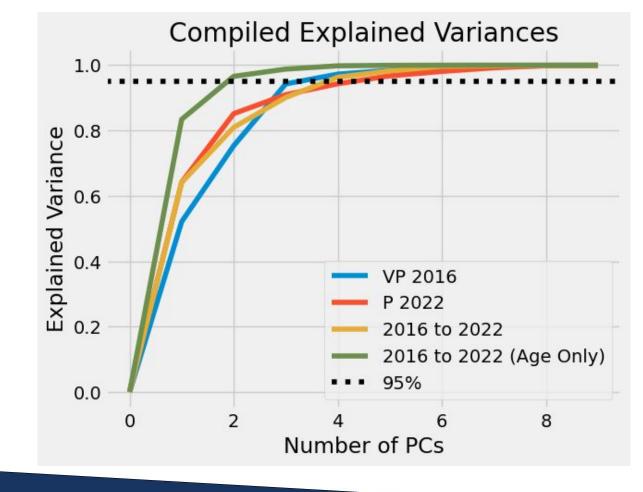
PCA reduces dimensionality of the data





PCAs for Election Data and Demographics

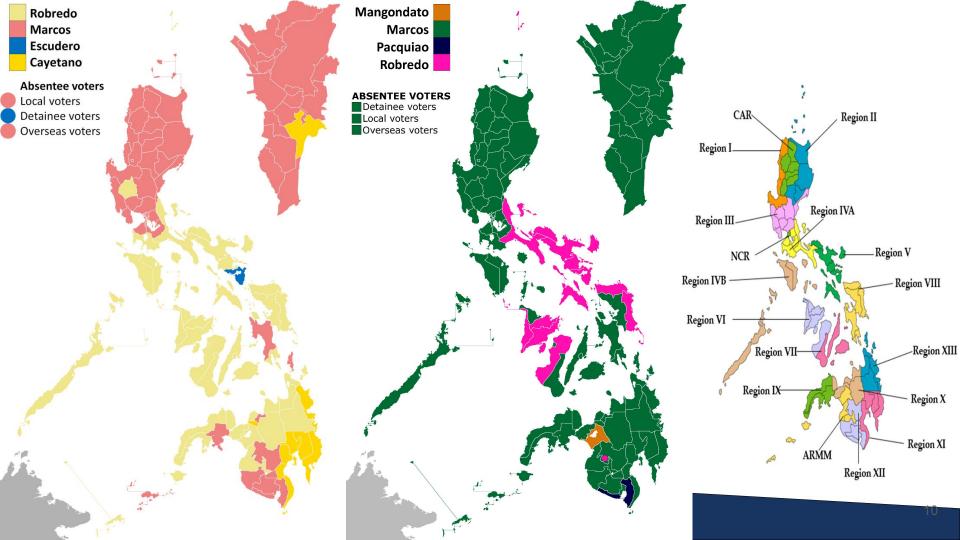
- 2016 Vice Presidential &
 2022 Presidential Elections
- Gender, age, marital status, literacy, indigenous status, disability status
- Data in percentages
- Change in percentage for Marcos and Robredo computed
- Age only also computed for percentage change





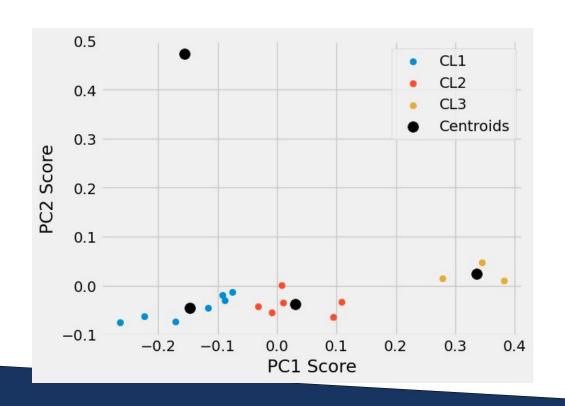
Clustering





What are the battleground regions? (2016)

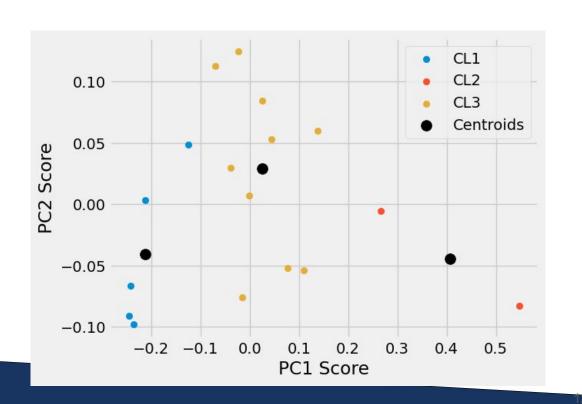
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0	NCR	1
1	CAR	2
2	REGION I	2
3	REGION II	2
4	REGION III	1
5	REGION IV-A	1
6	REGION IV-B	0
7	REGION V	0
8	REGION VI	0
9	REGION VII	0
10	REGION VIII	1
11	REGION IX	0
12	REGION X	0
13	REGION XI	1
14	REGION XII	1
15	CARAGA	0
16	BARMM	3





What are the battleground regions? (2022)

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5	REGION IV-A	2
6	REGION IV-B	2
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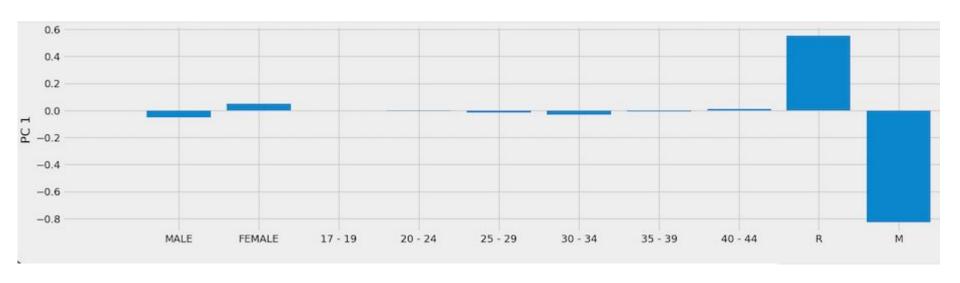


Even just looking at the PCs, we were able to see...

- In 2016, Marcos fared well with married Filipinos above the age of 24
- In 2022, single females of generally all ages voted for Robredo, with Isko Moreno as the second choice
- Single women above the age of 35 changed their vote to Robredo

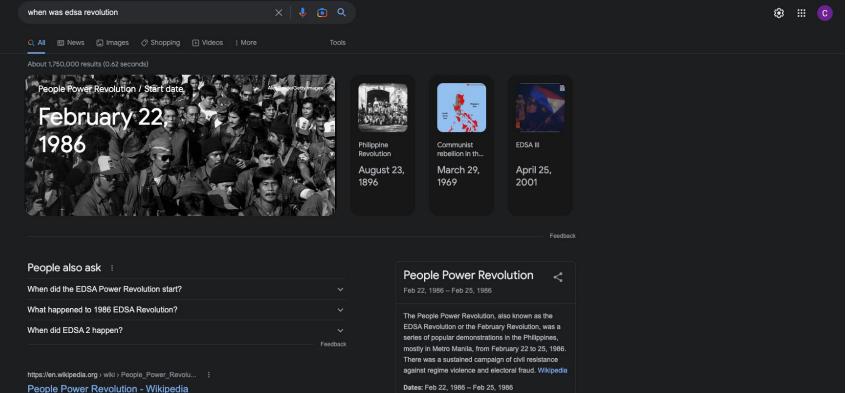


Why weren't women younger than 35 voting for Robredo?







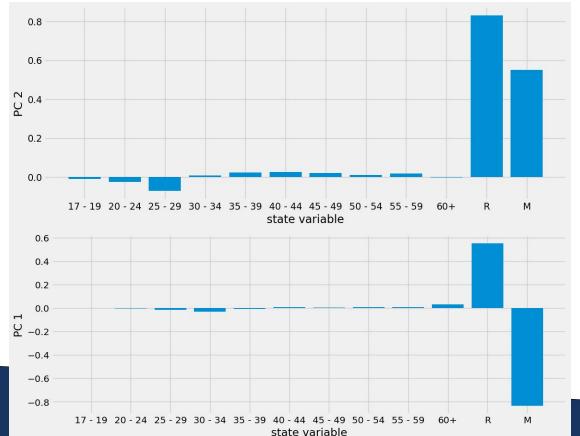


Location: Manila, Quezon City



The People Power Revolution, also known as the EDSA Revolution or the February Revolution.

Voters born after the revolution were more likely to change their vote for Marcos

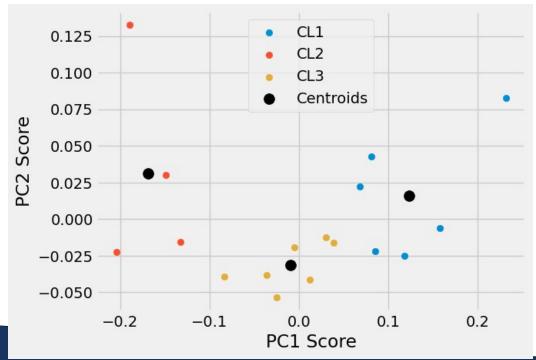




Where did the Marcos team campaign? (2016-2022

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Age Only)





The Marcos campaign knew exactly who to target and where



Future Work

- Compare with survey data to validate
- Add more data points (social media usage, income levels, etc.)
- Analyze local election data, especially with respect to political dynasties



This research is dedicated to the victims and survivors of Martial Law. Never forget.

