



Problem Statement

The new format for the SAT was released in March 2016. Since then, levels of participation in multiple states have changed with varying legislative decisions.

Project Aims

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Explore trends in SAT and ACT participation

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Identify states low participation

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Identify Factors for low participation



Provide recommendations to increase SAT participation



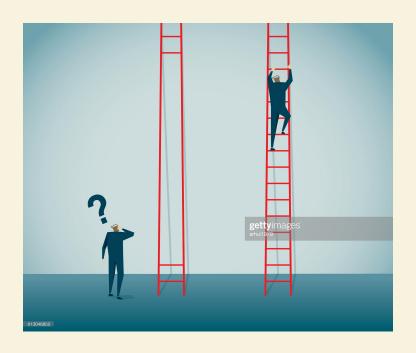
Research Findings



Test-Optional Policy



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According to research

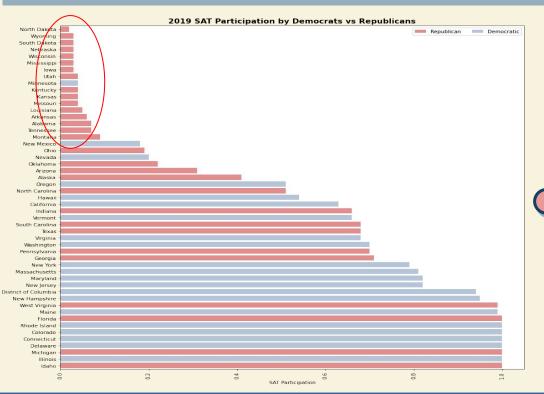
Research has repeatedly proved that students from wealthy families score higher on the SAT and ACT, compared to students from low-income families.

Source: https://edition.cnn.com/2020/04/14/us/coronavirus-colleges-sat-act-test-trnd/index.html

Technical Analysis

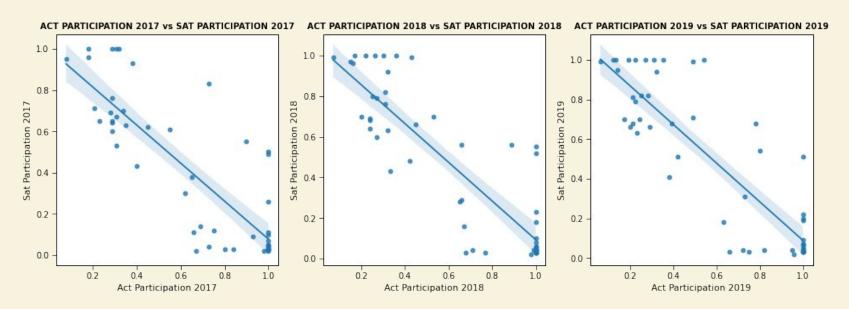


Trends in SAT & ACT participation



Republican states have the least participation in SAT

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Inverse relationship between SAT participation and SAT participation

States with low participation



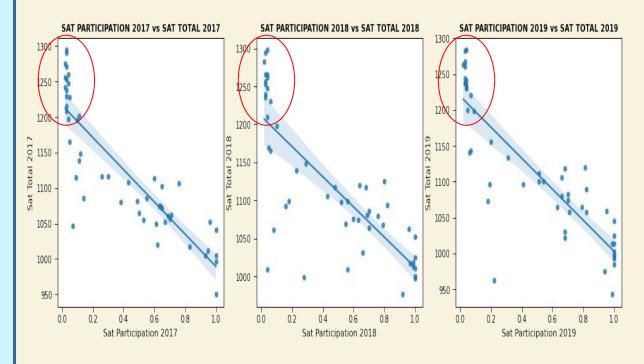
States with low SAT

participation are likely

Republican states

These states are generally rural states

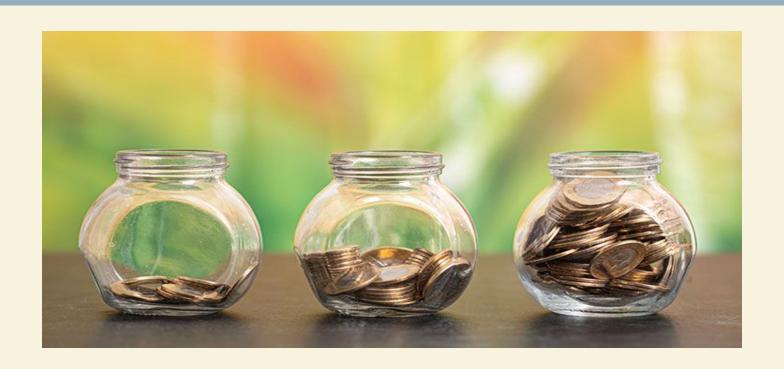
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Low participation in SAT while having **high** SAT total

Low SAT participation states -> Republican States -> Rural

A socio-economic issue



Recommendations

Help students better understand importance of college



SAT Day

Free online resources (Khan Academy)

Financial Aid



Increase Accessibility for Low-income



Increased Participation



Conclusion

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