Assignment 5 Storytelling Visualization: Report

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I decided to make a visualization of how California counties voted in the 2016 election for Erica Joy's Medium article After. When Erica is talking about the disbelief that everyone had that Trump won especially in Silicon Valley, she had quantitative evidence to back up the fact that actually a lot more people voted for Trump in Silicon Valley than you would think. I chose to put my visualization right after to emphasize her evidence.

The visualization focuses on how many Trump voters there are in each county. I took the numbers from Politico's 2016 California Presidential Election Results. When you hover over a county, it is outlined and a tooltip appears listing the county name, the number of trump votes in the county, and the percentage of trump voters. I listed the count first because it always feels shocking to read such a large count. I also omitted displaying any Clinton statistics to magnify how big the numbers seem.

For the color scheme, it might seem that California as a whole is colored extremely red. However, if you take into account the article?s tone and tolerance of Trump, it is colored correctly.