

Brainstorm for poli-sci proj

Interests Points (“vote_Nonvote_Pres” & “Pre_election_inten_vote”)

- **Analyzing Non-voters vs Voters**
 - Understand why 23.2% of survey respondents chose not to vote.
 - Investigate significant differences between the two groups
- **Predicting Election Outcomes with Universal Voting (include current Non-voters)**
- **Intent vs. Actual Voting Behavior Analysis**

1. Analyzing Non-voters vs Voters:

- **Supervised Learning**

Build Classification Models, which have clear mechanism on **feature selection**

Single Feature: (Bayesian) Logistic Regression + Sparsity constrain,

Decision Trees / Random Forests, GBDT

Feature Interactions: (Deep) Factor machine

- **Unsupervised Learning**

(illustrate the **latent factor/structure of crucial features**)

Clustering, Tensor Decomposition

2. Predicting Election Outcomes with Universal Voting (include current Non-voters)

- a. Build a multi-class Classification Models on current voters group
- b. **Transfer** the model to uno-voters groups
 - Use some crucial features learnt from the Problem 1
 - Transfer Learning/ Domain Adoption

3. Intent vs. Actual Voting Behavior Analysis

- **Supervised Learning**

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Do it again, but check learnt factors/features in different groups-

- **intent + non-vote**
- **intent + vote**
- **non-intent + vote**
- **non-intent + non-vote**

Bonus Points

- **Causal Inference Models**

- **Time-aware Analysis**

(data across multiple election cycles, feature/factor/pattern could change over time)

- **Region-aware/Geo-encoding**