

How Do We Vote Lesson

Unit	5 Political Participation (CED p. 111)
Content	5.1 Voting Rights and Models of Voting Behavior
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data analysis. Concept application.
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do we Vote? (available as a google form in toolkit) Demographics and Voting Claims
Big ?s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can we figure out how someone will likely vote based on their demographics?
Procedure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make a copy of How do we Vote? for class. 2. Share How do we Vote? with students. 3. Go over directions and the example from the chart. 4. Have students get into 7 breakout rooms/teams and complete How do we Vote? 5. They will use their resources to deduce the vote of the person that corresponds to their breakout room/team # and they will answer all the bonus questions. 6. Breakout rooms share answers about their voter and correct/guide them to best answers using data. Then discuss bonus questions 7. Now let's review. Get in teams of three. Give teams of 3 a copy of Demographics and Voting Claims 8. Have teams make a claim about each demographic and their overall party preference. Have teams add three of their claims to a shared class Demographics and Voting Claims document. Make sure that you cross out any claims that are incorrect.

How Do We Vote?

Use the demographic characteristics of the people in the table below. your knowledge of US politics, the data on the pages below, the [2020 Exit Polls](#), the [2016 Exit Polls](#) (with data from 1972-2016), this [infographic on occupation and voting](#), the [politics of names](#), [data on state party affiliation](#), data on [voter identity trends](#), + this [extremely Election 2016: Exit Polls - The New York Times detailed map of 2020 elections](#) to predict how each person below will vote in the 2024 **presidential election**. Be prepared to make a claim about each person and explain your decisions.

Friend	Party Party Affiliation ▾	Voter? Voting % ▾	Political Ideology Ideology ▾	Swing State? Swing State? ▾
Name: Rachel Female 39 year old Postgraduate degree Jewish Single Lawyer New York City, NY (urban)	Party Affiliation ▾	Voting % ▾	Ideology ▾	Swing State? ▾
Name: Billy Ray Male White 45 year old College Graduate Mainline Protestant Married Banker Union County, NC (exurban Charlotte)	Party Affiliation ▾	Voting % ▾	Ideology ▾	Swing State? ▾
Name: #2 Male Hispanic: Cuban-American 29 year-old College Graduate Catholic Gay Consultant Miami, FL (urban)	Party Affiliation ▾	Voting % ▾	Ideology ▾	Swing State? ▾

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<p>Name: Fatima A. Female African-American 32 year-old College Graduate Muslim elementary teacher Westlake, Ohio (suburban Cleveland)</p>	Party Affiliation ▾	Voting % ▾	Ideology ▾	Swing State? ▾ q
<p>Name: Terry Bison Male White 59 year-old No College Degree Evangelical protestant Rancher Rawlins, Wyoming (rural)</p>	Party Affiliation ▾	Voting % ▾	Ideology ▾	Swing State? ▾
<p>Name: Peggy Sue Female White 72 year-old No college degree atheist Truck Driver Littleton, CO (suburban Denver)</p>	Party Affiliation ▾	Voting % ▾	Ideology ▾	Swing State? ▾
<p>Name: Shohei Male Asian 64 year-old No college degree Evangelical Christian, Exterminator Ridgeland, MS (suburban Jackson)</p>	Party Affiliation ▾	Voting % ▾	Ideology ▾	Swing State? ▾

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Name: John Male White 22 year-old High School dropout No religious affiliation pizza delivery driver Phila., PA (urban)	Party Affiliation ▾	Voting % ▾	Ideology ▾	Swing State? ▾

Be prepared to explain your decisions.

Bonus

- Create your own strongly partisan Republican voter here by listing their demographics:
- Create your own strongly partisan Democratic voter here by listing their demographics:
- Based on race, gender, and religion, ~~X~~ out anyone in the table above who could NOT vote in 1790.
- Go back through each of the people in the table and change or add only one demographic feature of each person’s identity to change their party .
- Who do you think will win the presidency in 2024? The following information will help you research the question→ Electoral College Prediction → [The Economist](#) + [538](#) + NYT [MAP](#). When you are done, fill in this [map](#) of 2024 POTUS prediction.

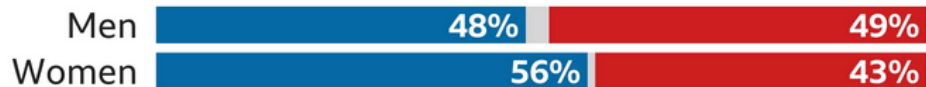
2020 Exit Poll Data

National exit poll

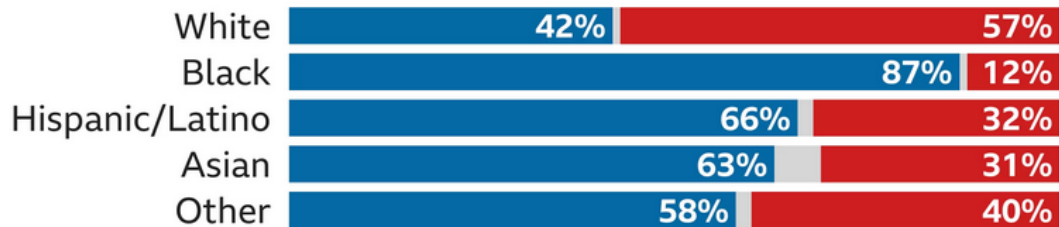
Support by gender, ethnicity, age group and education

■ Biden ■ Other ■ Trump

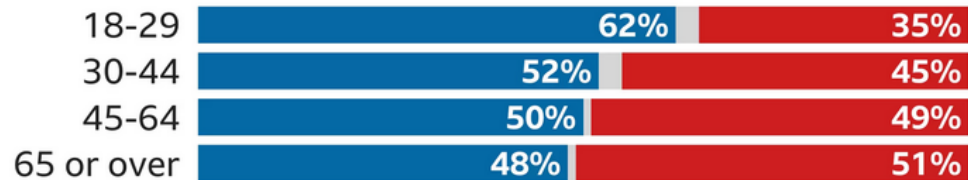
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Education level

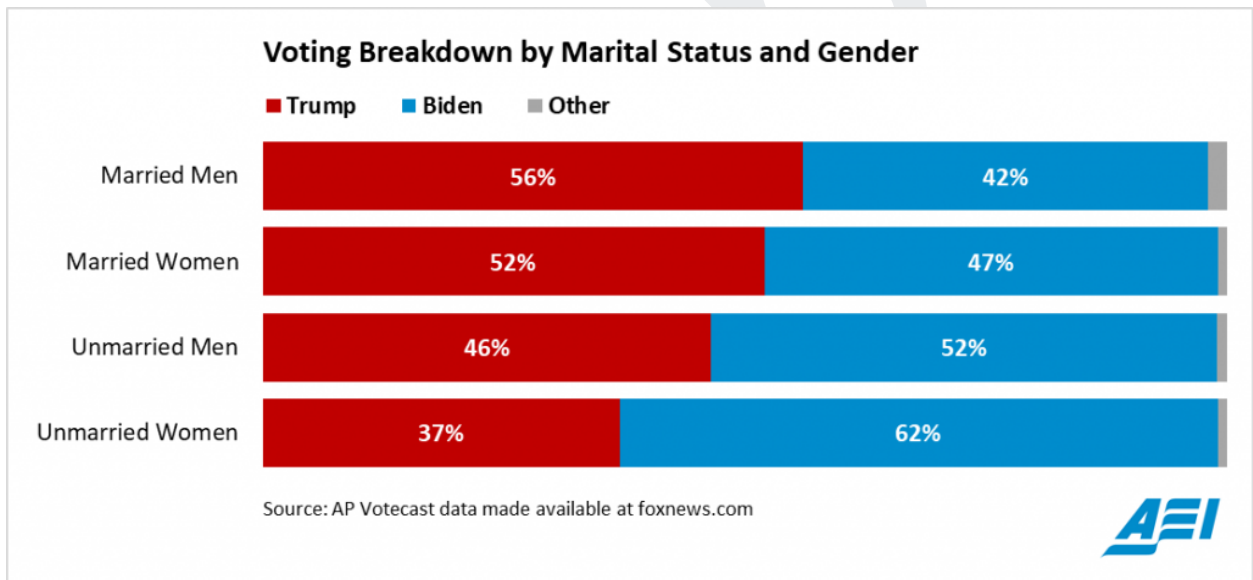
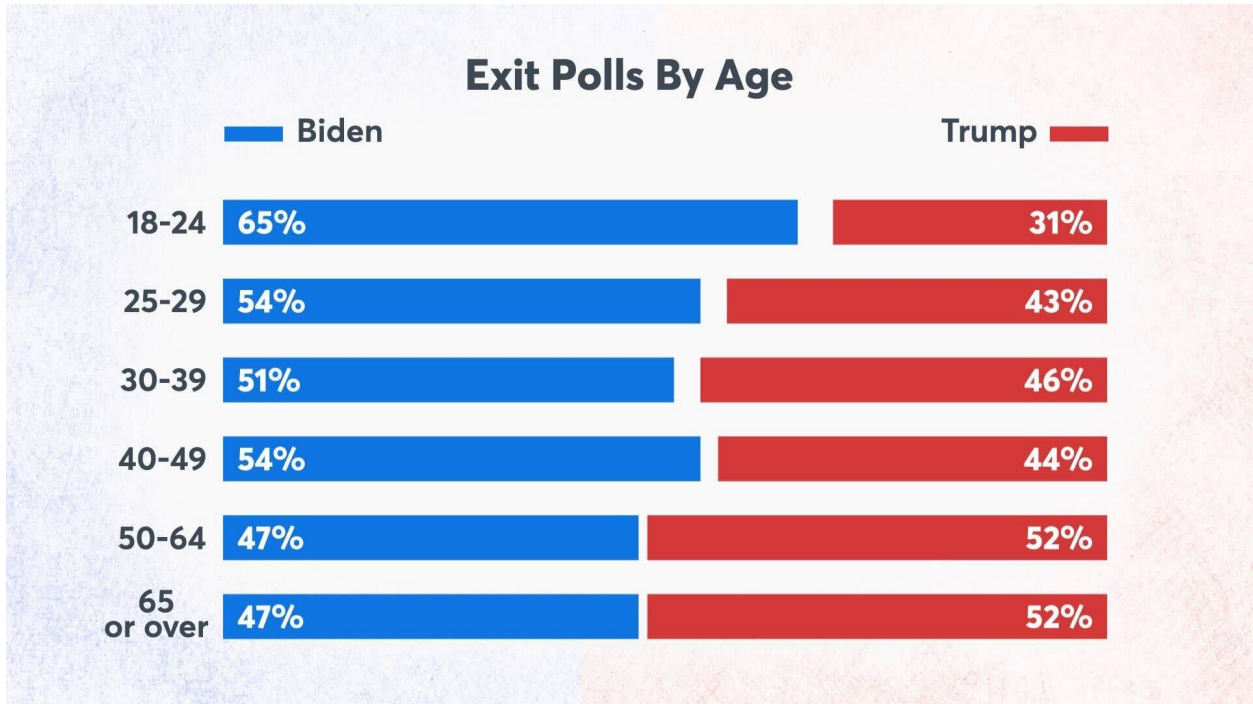


Sample size: 15,318 respondents

All figures have a margin of error which is wider for smaller sub-groups

Source: Edison Research/NEP via Reuters, 4 Nov, 17.00 EST (22.00 GMT)





Are You:

(15,553 Respondents)	Voted (D)	Voted (R)
Male 48% responded	45%	53%
Female 52% responded	57%	42%

Are You:

(15,318 Respondents)	Voted (D)	Voted (R)
White 67% responded	41%	58%
Black 13% responded	87%	12%
Hispanic/Latino 13% responded	65%	32%
Asian 4% responded	61%	34%
Other 4% responded	55%	41%

Are You:

(15,318 Respondents)	Voted (D)	Voted (R)
White 67% responded	41%	58%
Non-White 33% responded	71%	26%

In Which Age Group Are You?

(15,452 Respondents)	Voted (D)	Voted (R)
18-29 17% responded	60%	36%
30-44 23% responded	52%	46%
45-64 38% responded	49%	50%
65 or over 22% responded	47%	52%

Which Best Describes Your Education? You Have:

(15,344 Respondents)	Voted (D)	Voted (R)
Never attended college 19% responded	46%	54%
Attended college but received no degree 23% responded	51%	47%
Associate's degree (AA or AS) 16% responded	47%	50%
Bachelor's degree (BA or BS) 27% responded	51%	47%
An advanced degree after a bachelor's degree (such as JD, MA, MBA, MD, PhD) 15% responded	62%	37%

No Matter How You Voted Today, Do You Usually Think Of Yourself As A:

(14,905 Respondents)	Voted (D)	Voted (R)
Democrat 37% responded	94%	5%
Republican 36% responded	6%	94%
Independent or something else 26% responded	54%	41%

On Most Political Matters, Do You Consider Yourself:

(14,515 Respondents)	Voted (D)	Voted (R)
Liberal 24% responded	89%	10%
Moderate 38% responded	64%	34%
Conservative 38% responded	14%	85%

2019 Total Family Income:

(3,520 Respondents)	Voted (D)	Voted (R)
Under \$30,000 15% responded	54%	46%
\$30,000 - \$49,999 20% responded	56%	43%
\$50,000 - \$99,999 39% responded	57%	42%
\$100,000 - \$199,999 20% responded	41%	58%
\$200,000 or more 7% responded	44%	44%

Do You Have Any Children Under 18 Living In Your Home?

(3,767 Respondents)	Voted (D)	Voted (R)
Yes 33% responded	52%	46%
No 67% responded	51%	48%

Are You Currently Married?

(3,757 Respondents)	Voted (D)	Voted (R)
Yes 56% responded	46%	53%
No 44% responded	58%	40%

Are You:

(3,605 Respondents)	Voted (D)	Voted (R)
Protestant 23% responded	40%	59%
Catholic 25% responded	52%	47%
Other Christian 20% responded	37%	62%
Jewish 2% responded	0%	0%
Muslim 0% responded	0%	0%
Other 8% responded	69%	29%
None 22% responded	65%	31%

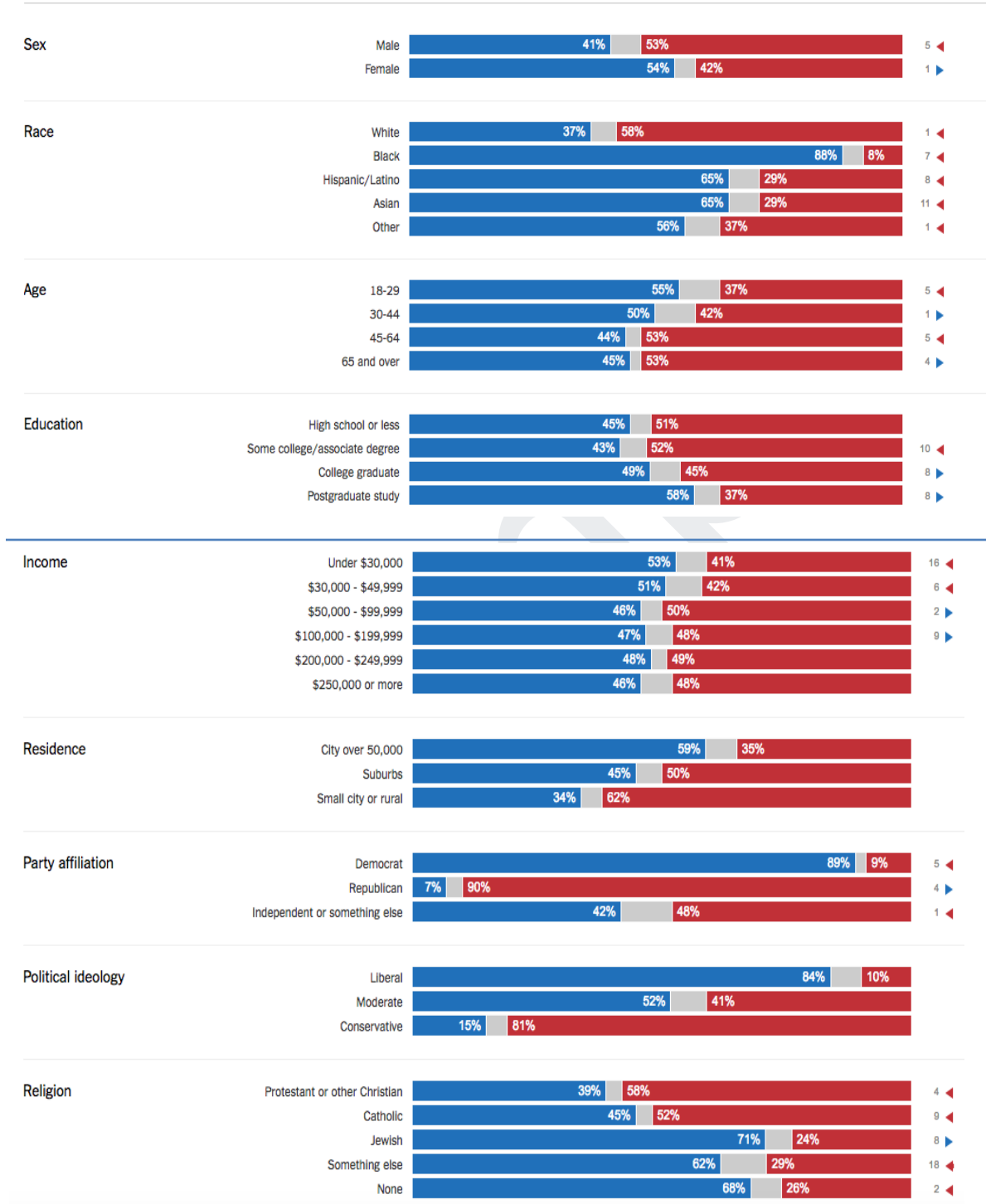
Are You Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Or Transgender?

(3,615 Respondents)	Voted (D)	Voted (R)
Yes 7% responded	64%	27%
No 93% responded	51%	48%

2016 Exit Poll Data

Hillary Clinton
DEMOCRAT

Donald J. Trump
REPUBLICAN Change from 2012*



[NY Times](#)

Demographics and Voting Claims

[Make a claim](#) about voting! Use your knowledge of American politics, the data in the 2020 [exit polls](#) , the exit poll numbers below, and any charts or links to make one claim about demographics and how it impacts what party people vote for.

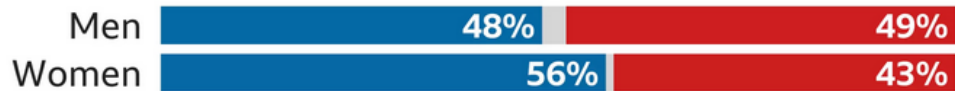
Demographic Factor	Make one claim about how each demographic factor impacts what party people vote for. See if you can find one fact to support that claim
Race/Ethnicity	Blacks tend to be very strong supporters of the Democratic Party in all elections. 87% of black voters voted for Biden in 2020 according to exit polls .
Age	
Education	
SES	
Gender	
Religion	
State of residence (map)	

National exit poll

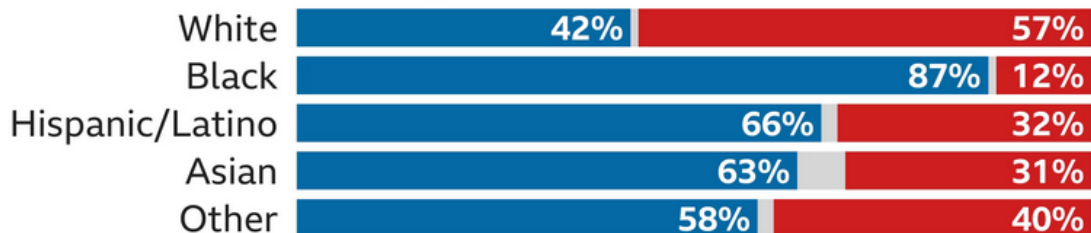
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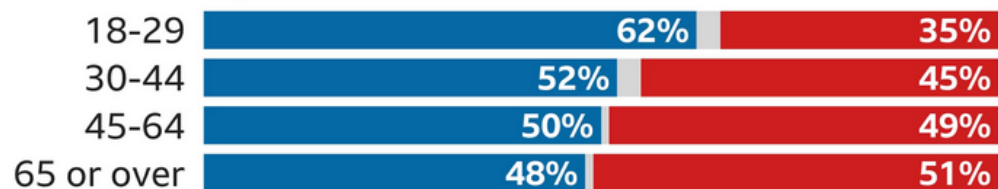
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