Fork in the Road: The Elections of 2020 Amidst the Great Unknowns

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What’s the Plan for This Class?

- Session I, 16 October: “The Big Picture” – on Polling; Models of the Vote; How 2020 is Different; Media; and Overall 2020 Election Conditions

- Session II, 23 October: Money, Campaign Finance & Spending; Information Processing & "Mass Publics;” More on Ballot Measures; Down-Ballot Effects

- Session III, 30 October: Predictions; Models; What to Watch for; Big Patterns vs. “Black Swans”

- ALWAYS: Your questions, comments, and concerns…. 

- We are but EIGHTEEN DAYS OUT – 18!! (That’s < 432 hours!!)
What’s the Plan for This Morning? Dynamic Election

- Part I: The Context and COMMANDMENTS of the 2020 Election so far; The “October and September Surprises – The Fall Surprise?;”

- Part II: Biden vs. Trump / “The Main Event;” Polling & Data on the 2020 General Election

- Part III: The “Swing States” and the “Battlegrounds;”; The House & Senate “Watch;”

- Part IV: Your questions, comments, and concerns….

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Let’s Start w/ WHERE to Get Info. THIS Election…

- The Stanford-MIT “Healthy Elections Project: From the website, “The Stanford-MIT Healthy Elections Project was developed to ensure that the 2020 election can proceed with integrity, safety, and equal access. We aim to do this by bringing together academics, civic organizations, election administrators, and election administration experts to assess and promote best practices.”

  Found at: https://healthyelections.org/

- What is the “Early Vote Count, per state?:

  Found at: https://electproject.github.io/Early-Vote-2020G/index.html

- Track “Election Law Litigation” at: https://healthyelections-case-tracker.stanford.edu/ and at: https://www.scotusblog.com/election-litigation/

- Election Tech Changes & Administration Updates, CalTech, found at: https://electionupdates.caltech.edu/
THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RESOURCES

The LWV Webpage has tons of Voter Information
- How to register & ways to turn in your ballot
  - Important dates & deadlines
  - Sign-up to Track Your Ballot

https://my.lwv.org/california/sonoma-county/elections/voting
Click the Blue YouTube Channel Button
Videos of City/Town Candidate forums & How to Evaluate Ballot Measures

www.votersedge.org/ca
Non-partisan information on candidates & ballot measures

KNOW the Calendar…

18 Days …6 days to Debate #2???(< 432 HOURS!!)
2020 Presidential General Election  
November 3, 2020

Important Dates:

- **October 5** - Vote-by-Mail ballots sent to all active registered voter; first day of early voting
- **October 19** - **Voter registration deadline**
- **October 20 - November 3** - Conditional, "same day" voter registration available at vote centers and county election offices
- **October 27** - last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot be sent by mail; voters advised to return ballots by mail by this day
- **Tuesday, November 3** - Election Day - polling places, ballot drop boxes and vote centers are open statewide 7am - 8 pm

How This Election is Different – **YOU MATTER...A Lot!**  
Overall Participation, 2016 General Election

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<td>Donald Trump</td>
<td>62,979,636</td>
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Total Votes Cast for Trump, Clinton: 128,824,246

Early Vote #s: Total number ballots cast early, all reporting jurisdictions: 47,015,596
So...Is 2020 **Different** than 2016??

If so...how?
## 2020: A Year Unlike Any Other

*Four Concurrent “Super-Disruptors”*

*(Since 1900 only 3 other years had 3)*

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*Source: Dr. David McCuan, Professor & Chair, Dept. of POLS*

## How THIS Election IS Different

*The Great Acceleration*

- **Technology**
  - 4th Industrial Revolution Speeds Up
  - Digital Disintermediation Expedited
  - New Tech Regulation (aka “Techlash”)

- **Globalization**
  - New World Disorder
  - Demographics Will Drive Declines
  - Nationalism > Globalism

- **Culture**
  - New Psychology & Priorities Post-COVID
  - Leadership Leaving Washington
  - More Diversity & Inclusive America

- **Politics**
  - Bigger Government
  - Party Civil Wars & Realignment
  - New Reform Era

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Yet This is not 2016 –
Some Rules at the Start –
The 7 Commandments of 2020

1. Presidential Approval: +/- 42%?? (as reported by Gallup.com)
2. The Electoral College (EC) Rule / Demo. Roll-off
3. This is LikelY STILL a close race (NO Democratic Candidate has received more than 53% of the Popular Vote since 1964)
4. Economic “growth” and the pocketbook
5. Social upheaval and protest politics vs. pandemic politics?
6. Who votes? When do they vote? How do they vote?
7. Some areas (Counties!) of the country matter more than others…

KEY FIGURE TO WATCH - Approval / Disapproval
Date: 14 Oct 2020, from
https://projects.fivethirtyeight.com/trump-approval-ratings/
So…Is 2020 Different than 2016?? Yes…

- Joe Biden leads President Trump consistently by or near double-digits
  
So did Hillary Clinton at this exact same time four years ago (after “Access Hollywood” but before the Oct. 28 Comey letter).

- But here’s what’s different from 2016:
  
1. Biden has a net-positive fav/unfav rating, while Clinton didn’t in most polls (see, for example, the Oct. 2016 NBC News/WSJ poll - 40 percent/50 percent).

2. Biden has been at 50 percent or higher on the ballot in five-straight NBC News/WSJ polls, while Clinton only got to 50 percent or higher twice in two-way matchups during the general election (and both times were right after “Access Hollywood”).

3. Biden’s lead since January has consistently been between 6 and 11 points (with the exception being his 14-point lead right after the first debate), while Clinton’s lead over Trump ranged between 3 and 11 points.

4. Biden has consistently led among seniors, while Clinton never did, as the Cook Political Report’s Dave Wasserman points out.

And while there was a sizable third-party vote in 2016 (Gary Johnson was at 5-7 percent in most surveys, Jill Stein was at 2 percent), 2020 polls aren’t even measuring the third-party vote in 2020 – because it’s guaranteed to be smaller in 2020.

5. Add this all up — Biden’s positive fav/unfav rating, his consistently larger and more durable lead, his advantage with seniors, and the lack of a real third-party vote — and you see that not all 11-point leads are created equally.

- This doesn’t include all of the post-2016 changes made to polls for adjustments

After what happened four years ago, it’s become easy for many to dismiss the polls (even though the final national polls were more right than wrong; Clinton won the popular vote, after all).
Biden continues to hold double-digit national lead over Trump in NBC News/WSJ poll

Joe Biden leads by 11 points nationally in the new poll, which also finds 62 percent of Americans believe the nation is on the wrong track.

Biden leads Trump by 11 points in latest NBC News/WSJ poll

55% of registered voters back Democratic ticket.

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Note: Margin of error for 1,000 registered voters is +/- 3.1 percentage points.

Source: NBC News/WSJ poll conducted October 9-12, 2020.

Graphic: Jiachuan Wu / NBC News

The fundamentals are breaking against Trump

Another difference from four years ago is that Trump is now the incumbent — instead of the challenger — in a volatile political environment.

Sixty-two percent of voters in the poll say the country is on the wrong track, compared to 29 percent who say it’s headed in the right direction.

Half of voters say they personally are better off than they were four years ago

About a third say they and their families are in worse shape.

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After Debates, Biden and Harris Still Viewed As More Moderate Than Trump and Pence

Voters were asked to place each candidate on a scale of 1 to 7, with 1 meaning “very liberal,” 4 meaning “moderate” and 7 meaning “very conservative.”

- **October:**
  - Biden: 2.6
  - Trump: 2.8
  - Average: 2.7

- **September:**
  - Biden: 2.5
  - Trump: 2.8
  - Average: 2.7

- **August:**
  - Biden: 3.2
  - Trump: 3.8
  - Average: 3.5

- **March:**
  - Biden: 5.6
  - Trump: 5.6
  - Average: 5.6

Note: August poll did not ask voters to rate their ideal candidate and March poll did not ask voters to rate Pence or Harris.

How the Debate Affected Voters' Views of the Candidates

**Before the debate:**
- **Strong Leader:**
  - Trump: 47%
  - Biden: 50%

- **Communicator:**
  - Trump: 45%
  - Biden: 50%

- **Good Debater:**
  - Trump: 43%
  - Biden: 46%

- **In Good Health:**
  - Trump: 57%
  - Biden: 46%

- **Clear Communication:**
  - Trump: 38%
  - Biden: 50%

- **Agreement with Party's Extremes:**
  - Trump: 38%
  - Biden: 39%

- **Mentally Fit:**
  - Trump: 46%
  - Biden: 52%

- **Ethics Issue:**
  - Trump: 52%
  - Biden: 57%

**After the debate:**
- **Strong Leader:**
  - Trump: 50%
  - Biden: 44%

- **Communicator:**
  - Trump: 45%
  - Biden: 49%

- **Good Debater:**
  - Trump: 48%
  - Biden: 46%

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In Article II, Section 1, the Constitution requires two steps in the General Election & Electoral College processes:

First, the states (and the District of Columbia) are required to appoint members of the Electoral College, “Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector.”

Then, Article II, Section 1 delegates the Electoral College deadlines to Congress: “The Congress may determine the Time of chusing [original spelling] the Electors, and the Day on which they shall give their Votes; which Day shall be the same throughout the United States.”

The Constitution’s 20th Amendment also requires the president and vice president to end their terms of office on January 20 at noon in the year following the General Election.
Process and Timing to Determine the Winner in the Electoral College Voting

- **Deadline for Resolving Election Disputes**: Dec. 8
- **Deadline for the United States Senate to Receive Electors' Ballots**: Dec. 23
- **Congress Meets in Joint Session to Count the Electoral Ballots**: Jan. 6
- **New President is Sworn in**: Jan. 20

Electoral College Electors Meet in Each State: Dec. 14

Source: Ballotpedia

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Record High In U.S. Favor Same Party Controlling Presidency and Congress

Do you think it is better for the country -- [ROTATED: to have a president who comes from the same political party that controls Congress, does it make no difference either way, or do you think it is better to have a president from one political party and Congress controlled by another]?

- **% Same party**
- **% Different parties**
- **% No difference**

GALLUP
Who Has Already Voted?? As of This AM…

Voters have cast a total of **21,673,617** ballots in the reporting states.

### Voted Mail Ballots by Party Registration

Reporting states with party registration data: CA, CO, FL, IA, KS, KY, MD, ME, NC, NE, NJ, NV, OK, PA, SD

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<td>2,171,128</td>
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<td>9,203,966</td>
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Voters Were Split on How They Preferred to Vote, but Most Are Heading to the Polls

Voters were asked in the summer how they preferred to vote in the November elections, and were asked this month how they planned to vote:

ALL VOTERS
- Preferred to vote: 46% in-person, 48% by mail, 41% not planning to vote, 5% don’t know/no opinion
- Plan to vote: 53% in-person, 41% by mail, 41% not planning to vote, 5% don’t know/no opinion

DEMOCRATS
- Preferred to vote: 30% in-person, 65% by mail, 5% not planning to vote, 5% don’t know/no opinion
- Plan to vote: 42% in-person, 55% by mail, 5% not planning to vote, 5% don’t know/no opinion

INDEPENDENTS
- Preferred to vote: 40% in-person, 48% by mail, 8% not planning to vote, 8% don’t know/no opinion
- Plan to vote: 48% in-person, 37% by mail, 5% not planning to vote, 10% don’t know/no opinion

REPUBLICANS
- Preferred to vote: 68% in-person, 28% by mail, 28% not planning to vote, 4% don’t know/no opinion
- Plan to vote: 68% in-person, 28% by mail, 28% not planning to vote, 4% don’t know/no opinion

College Reaction/Axios poll

Survey of 875 currently enrolled U.S. college students, Oct. 6-7, 2020

If someone you know does not vote even though they can, will you address, confront, or otherwise convey disappointment towards them?

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<td>36%</td>
<td>24%</td>
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If Trump wins the election in November, how likely are you to protest?

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• Just 3% of college students say they’d protest if Joe Biden is elected, while 39% would if President Trump wins, Stef Kight writes from a College Reaction survey for Axios.

• Six in 10 of those polled (875 college students; margin of error is +/- 3.3 points) said they’ll shame friends who can vote but don’t.

• Why it matters: These measures of intensity bolster findings from several recent surveys that suggest the election may draw higher than normal turnout from young voters, boosting Biden’s prospects.

• Millennials and Gen Z voters make up more than one third of the U.S. electorate. They’re racially and ethnically diverse and overwhelmingly progressive.

• More than 1 million 18-to-29 year olds have already cast ballots this year, more than four times as many as at the same point in 2016, according to the Democratic data firm TargetSmart.

Who Has Already Voted in CA?? As of This AM...
Who Has Already Voted in CA??
As of This AM...

Let’s Take a Break for 5 Minutes…
Part II: How Polarization & Partisanship Matter…

• American Politics has those THREE Fundamental Rules:
  F/S + UNC + Disc = Out

• This means that DIFFERENCE or DISTINCTIONS matter for communication purposes to voters…

• This creates tension or conflicts…in governing or consensus, cooperative environments…

In Congress as Well as Public, the Center Increasingly Cannot Hold

The Middle Area – or “Centrists” Will, Thus, Disappear Over Time in Congress, 1973-2012
More Democrats say talking politics with those on other side is ‘stressful’

% who say that talking about politics with people they disagree with is generally ...

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Note: No answer not shown.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Few find that when talking to those with differing views, they have more in common than they thought

% who say that when talking about politics with people they disagree with, they usually find they have ___ politically than they thought

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We tend, though, to “lock-in” our partisanship – we tend to “justify” our view of Parties over other things that change…past Us.

TIGHTENING vs. Extreme Fluidity, & Unpredictability, Yet Stable??
Some Polling “Rules of Thumb…”

- Seven Rules… VISUALIZE THE DATA!!

1. Specifics on the Data (Date Range?) / Listed in the Graphic?
2. Number Surveyed?
3. Registered or Likely Voters?
4. MoE (Margin of Error)?
5. State-by-State OR National Survey?
6. Title is….editorialize / criticize it here?
7. +/- 50%? Vs. TOP 3 Modal Categories??

Recent Polling Results – WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT POLLING?:
(RVs vs LVs; State-by-State; +/- 48, 49 and above…)
Source: NYTimes.com, 3:00pm yesterday
What Do (Political) Surveys (Purport to) Measure?

- Voting intentions (and likelihood of voting)
- Attitudes/opinions/preferences
  - Specific issues
  - General orientations
    - Party ID, ideological placement, political trust/cynicism
    - Beliefs/perceptions/predictions/salience
- Information/knowledge
- Reported behavior
  - Did you vote? for whom? contribute $? attend meeting?
  - Job-seeking activity
  - TV watching
  - Crime victimization
- Demographics

ABC News / WaPo Poll, 06-09 Oct 2020

Biden leads Trump among likely voters nationally

Q: If the presidential election were held today, for whom would you vote/lean toward?

Among likely voters

Biden/Harris 54%

Trump/Pence 42%

Note: Other/No opinion not shown.

THE WASHINGTON POST
Trump maintains positive ratings for handling economy, but receives lower marks for handling coronavirus outbreak and for overall performance

Share of registered voters approving of Trump’s handling of...

- The economy 54%
- His job as president 45%
- The coronavirus outbreak 41%

Note: “Disapprove” and “No opinion” not shown. Trump’s handling of the economy not measured in August.
Source: Oct. 6-9, 2020, Washington Post-ABC News poll among 879 registered voters with an error margin of +/- 3.5 percentage points.
THE WASHINGTON POST

Released 21 Sept 2020 – What do You NOTICE?

If the 2020 presidential election were held today, for whom would you vote?

- Joe Biden: Online 55%, Phone 56%
- Donald Trump: Online 45%, Phone 44%

Source: Morning Consult
Study conducted Sept. 10-14, 2020, among 1,698 respondents online and 1,244 respondents by live telephone.
More Recent Polling Results, cont’d
Source: J.L. Partners, 4053 Likely Voters Below; MoE +/- 1.4%

Voting intention: Biden holds a 10-point lead over Trump

Clinton led by 2 points in 2016, Biden currently leads by 10

2020 Vote Preference: Trump-Biden
AMONG LIKELY VOTERS
Swing voters' top issue facing America

Sample of 783 U.S. swing voters taken from Sept. 14-23, 2020

- Coronavirus pandemic: 30%
- Health care: 30%
- Jobs and economy: 17%
- Tackling racism: 4%
- Coronavirus rebuilding: 4%
- Civil rights: 3%
- Environment: 2%
- Terrorism: 2%
- Rioting and crime: 2%
- Supreme Court appointments: 1%

Source: Axios PM, 29 Sept 2020; Data: J.L. Partners, Chart: Axios Visuals


Forecast for U.S. third-quarter GDP growth

Annualized estimates, Dec. 31, 2019, to Sept. 18, 2020

- 25.2%

It's the direction / angle (trend up or down) of the line that matters

Source: Computed by Dr. David McCuan, Professor & Chair, Dept. of POLS, from Federal Reserve data.
The Political Barometer Tests for 2020

Satisfaction With the Way Things Are Going in the U.S., Recent Trend

Political Barometer Tests, cont’d

Gallup's Economic Confidence Index, Recent Trend

Gallup's Economic Confidence Index summarizes Americans' ratings of current economic conditions and their assessment of whether the economy is getting better or worse.

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Political Barometer Tests, cont’d

Why Presidential Approval Matters
Source: Dr. David McCuan, SSU Professor & Chair, Dept. of Political Science

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Modeling the EVs for November 2020
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- [http://politicalscience.sonoma.edu/election-resource](http://politicalscience.sonoma.edu/election-resource)
- [www.thegreenpapers.com](http://www.thegreenpapers.com)
- [https://healthyelections.org/](https://healthyelections.org/)
- [https://electionupdates.caltech.edu](https://electionupdates.caltech.edu)
- [www.polidata.org](http://www.polidata.org)
- [www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org)
- [http://election.princeton.edu](http://election.princeton.edu)
- [www.opensecrets.org](http://www.opensecrets.org) (The CRP, $$)
- [http://funderscommittee.org/](http://funderscommittee.org/) (Dem. $$)
- [www.politico.com](http://www.politico.com)
- [www.centerforpolitics.org](http://www.centerforpolitics.org) (UVA)
- [www.electoralmaps.org](http://www.electoralmaps.org)
- [www.uselectionatlas.org](http://www.uselectionatlas.org)
Places for Still More Political Info.:

www.smartvoter.org
www.factcheck.org
www.vote.caltech.edu
http://www.pewresearch.org/topics/voter-participation/

Websites for Polling...Data...and DD:

http://www.ppic.org/survey/
https://igs.berkeley.edu/research/berkeley-igs-poll
https://igs.berkeley.edu/library/california-ballot-measure-guides
http://www.iandrinstitute.org/
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More Websites for Politics & Elections Info.

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- Early Voting Numbers also available here:
  https://electproject.github.io/Early-Vote-2020G/index.html
- elections.gmu.edu
- www.pollster.com
- www.gallup.com
- www.polisandvotes.com
- www.cqpolitics.com
- www.rollcall.com : www.thehill.com
- www.fivethirtyeight.com
- www.pewresearch.org
- http://blog.lib.umn.edu/cspg/smartpolitics/

  Just on money / $$$ below:

  - www.opensecrets.org
  - www.maplight.org
  - www.followthemoney.org
  - www.campaignfinance.org
Top CA Elections Resources

- CVF Online Guide:
  www.calvoter.org
  https://calvoter.org/covg
- Voter’s Edge:
  http://votersedge.org/
  https://votersedge.org/ca/
- Official CA Voter’s Guide:
  http://www.voterguide.sos.ca.gov/
- California Choices Guide:
  http://www.californiachoose.org

Election Law Litigation Websites:

- https://healthyelections-case-tracker.stanford.edu/
- https://www.scotusblog.com/election-litigation/
- https://electioncases.osu.edu/
- https://moritzlaw.osu.edu/election-law/information-analysis/
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