

Quote of the Day:

“Our campaign has been denied access to observe any counting in Detroit.”

Donald Trump, on November 5

**1st papers returned tomorrow, 2nd papers due next
Wednesday, November 18**

1st paper: 25%

2nd paper: 15%

3rd paper: 45%

discussion questions: 15%

**Today's class—addition to the syllabus, ties together
many themes of the course**

Some of what I say today (and any other day) could be wrong

Please ask questions—I'd be glad to talk about whatever you're interested in regarding where the election stands as of now

<https://www.journalism.org/2020/01/24/u-s-media-polarization-and-the-2020-election-a-nation-divided/>

<https://www.journalism.org/2014/10/21/political-polarization-media-habits/>

Add differences in social media exposure to those differences for trust and consumption of commercial media

<https://www.predictit.org/>

How Donald Trump could win: some combination of recounts, court rulings, Republican legislatures appointing new slates of electors, and nobody getting an Electoral College majority—thereby pushing the decision to the House of Representatives

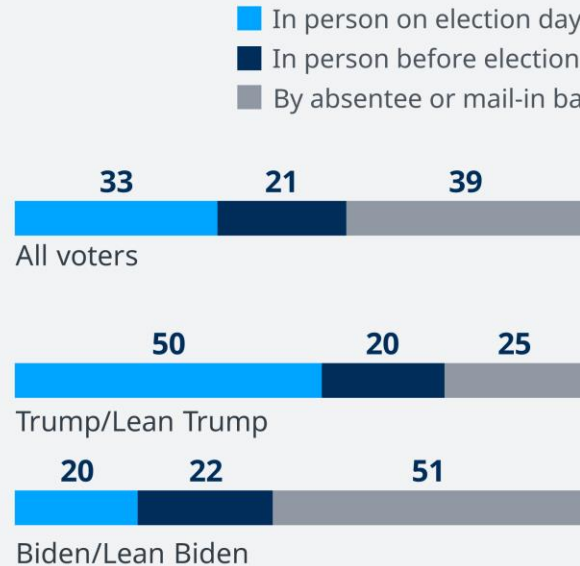
Mail/absentee ballot rules in different states:

<https://www.vote.org/>

Other rules around pre-processing and curing of mail/absentee ballots

Wide differences between Trump, Biden supporters over how they plan to vote

% of registered voters who say they plan to cast their vote



Source: Pew Research Center. Survey conducted Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020

These differences were guaranteed to produce a “blue shift” as votes got counted.

Donald Trump signaled months ago that he would call late-counted votes fraudulent.

Election night: close in Electoral votes, perhaps a slight edge for Biden, assuming a victory in Arizona (called by Fox News but not other media outlets)



Donald J. Trump ✓

@realDonaldTrump

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We are up BIG, but they are trying to STEAL the Election. We will never let them do it. Votes cannot be cast after the Polls are closed!

12:49 AM · Nov 4, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone



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Some or all of the content shared in this Tweet is disputed and might be misleading about an election or other civic process. [Learn more](#)

They are working hard to make up 500,000 vote advantage in Pennsylvania disappear — ASAP. Likewise, Michigan and others!



[Learn about US 2020 election security efforts](#)

9:01 AM · Nov 4, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

Notice the Twitter warning labels


From Mark's Facebook network:

November 4 at 5:05 PM · 🌐

How did they call Michigan for Biden if these are the numbers as if 7:34pm TONIGHT on Michigan's own site?????

T-Mobile 7:48 PM 98% 🔋

AA mielections.us ↻

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The Office of Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson

2020 Michigan Election Results
Date: 11/03/2020 **Type:** General, **Unofficial**
Updated: 11/04/2020@07:34 PM **Updates:** 10min.
Counties: 78/83

President of the United States 4 Year Term 78/83
(1) Position Counties

	Votes	Percent
DEM Biden, Joseph R.	1,893,486	46.58%
REP Trump, Donald J.	2,109,229	51.89%
LIB Jorgensen, Jo	45,050	1.11%
UST Blankenship, Don	5,301	0.13%

Answers to my friend's question in the comments:

“Those are only districts with 100% tally”

“Bc they're effing cheating and ruining our whole election process!”

“8:14pm.... Still a significant lead for Trump. 5.5+%!!!”

“Cause it is all crooked.”

“I wish I understood this”

“This is the current vote tally. Your numbers are from precincts that have been 100% counted.”

“The AP is extremely biased. All the media is 🙄”



Sean Davis ✓
@seanmdav



So while everyone was asleep and after everyone went home, Democrats in Michigan magically found a trove of 138,339 votes, and all 138,339 of those "votes" magically went to Biden? That doesn't look suspicious at all.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/factcheck/2020/11/04/fact-check-typo-led-false-post-michigan-votes-biden/6164385002/>

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<https://www.politifact.com/article/2020/nov/06/fact-checking-falsehoods-trumps-nov-5-election-rem/>

<https://twitter.com/fleccas/status/1324220539326603265>

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/11/08/tech/michigan-dead-voter-fact-debunking/index.html>



**THE SAME FOLKS THAT'S COUNTIN'
THEM RONA CASES AIN'T COUNTIN'
THE MAIL-IN BALLOTS IS THEY?**

more votes than people who are registered to vote.

Total number of registered voters:
3,129,000

Total number of votes cast:
3,239,920

This is direct evidence of fraud.



<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/wisconsin-more-votes-than-voters/>

Take action my friends. I am.



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5 things you can do now to #StopTheSteal

We can't let Joe Biden steal the election.



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COUNT THEM AGAIN

**WE CAN'T LOSE ANOTHER
RIGGED ELECTION**

The original misinformation in all of these cases spread far more widely than the subsequent corrections. It's not hard to see how someone living in a pro-Trump bubble could think the election has been stolen.

Meanwhile, progressives have their own bubbles on other subjects. Nobody is immune to the ways in which tribalism undermines critical thinking and impedes the search for truth.

Beyond the matters addressed on the previous slides, could there have been fraud in one or more states on a scale to affect the results? Sure, but we need evidence of it—not just allegations.

Meanwhile, there are claims about whether votes were counted that should not have been, most importantly ballots arriving up to three days after the election in Pennsylvania.

<https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution/full-text>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ubm3L5Hrris&ab_channel=DonaldJTrump

Smith: Trump's case involving late-arriving votes in Pennsylvania is most likely to succeed, with Amy Coney Barrett casting the tie-breaking vote in the Supreme Court. However, Trump doesn't have to win any court challenges to win the election. He just needs to stir up enough controversy so that Republican legislatures in some combination of the decisive states appoint new slates of electors and send the election to the House of Representatives.