



**Donald Trump and the  
New Disorder in American  
Politics  
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# Agenda

- Introduction
- The 2006 Election
- The Trump Presidency
- Impeachment
- The Post-Trump America
- Questions

# My View

- This. Is. Not. Normal.
- Trump has damaged US reputation abroad
- The polarization of politics threatens long term stability
- Least qualified person to be president
- US has problems bigger than Trump presidency- has exacerbated them

# More of My View

- Damage of the Trump Presidency will not be fully known for years
- Affected all branches of government
- None more than the bureaucracy
- Could be impeached but also could be re-elected in 2020

# What Happened in 2016?

- Very large Republican field
- Hard to cover so many people
- Trump effectively used media appearances to build following
- Media focused on only one candidate
- Allowed for his message to break through the noise

# Republican Primaries

- Trump tapped into anger and hopelessness in large parts of the country
- Particularly poor, white, less educated
- Was this intentional?
- Standing up to changes they did not like under Obama administration

# Primaries

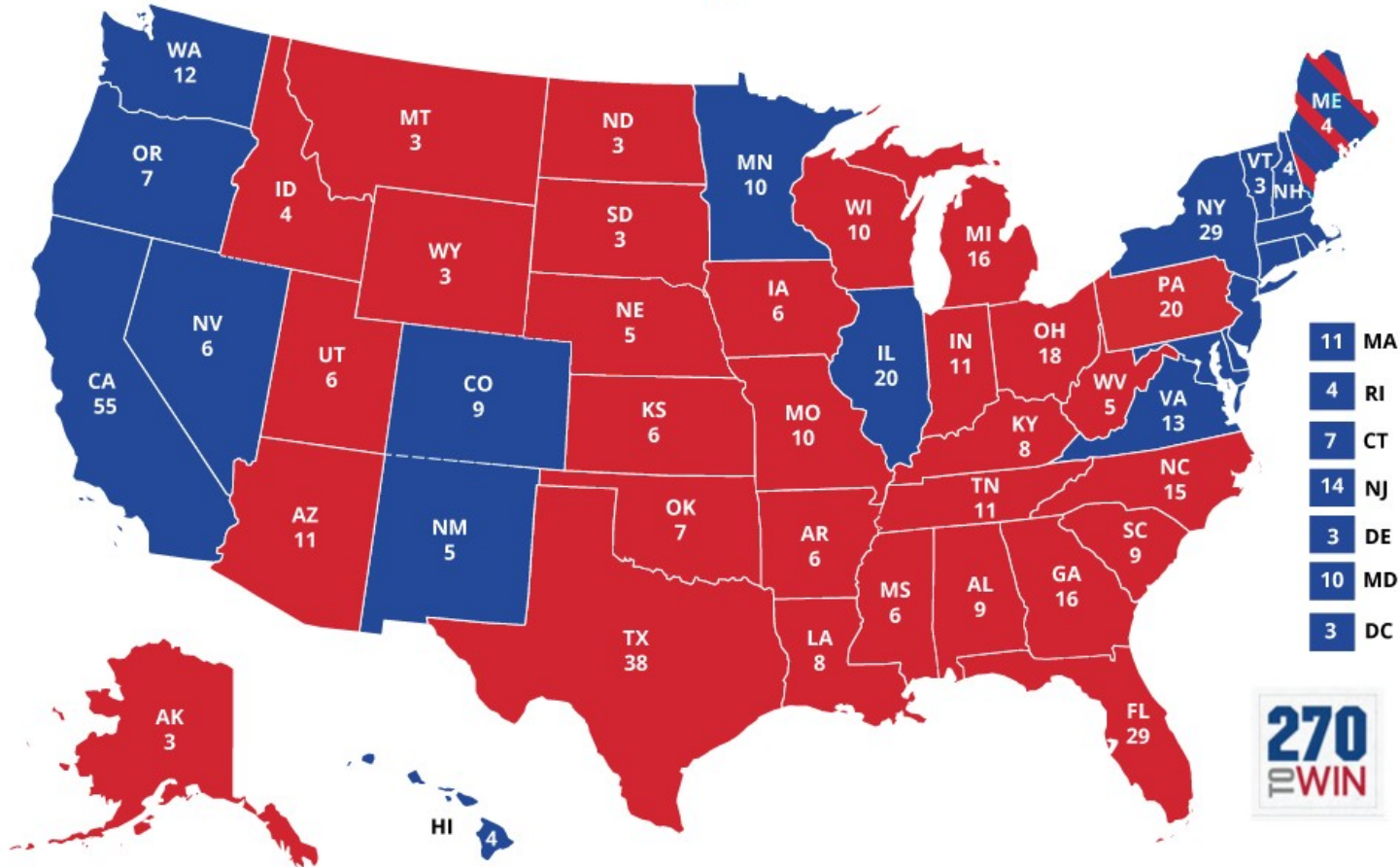
- Once Jeb Bush flopped- difficult for any others to gain traction
- Other candidates flawed- i.e.. Ted Cruz and John Kasich
- Trump ran as an outsider which is what people were looking for

# 2016 General Election

- Hillary Clinton highly qualified
- Also deeply flawed- was a particular rallying point for Republicans
- May have been only person he could have defeated
- Clinton ran a bad campaign- trusted Big Blue Wall would remain and pick up elsewhere



# Electoral College Map



**270**  
TO WIN

# Election Results

- Big Blue Wall Collapsed
- Didn't win in North Carolina
- Needed to win one of Ohio or Florida
- Arizona not as close as people thought

# However...

- Clinton received 2 868 686 more votes
- Lost Wisconsin by 22 748 votes
- Lost Michigan by 10 704 votes
- Lost Pennsylvania by 44 292 votes
- 77 744 out of 136 669 276 votes (0.056%) determined the election

# Donald Trump- 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United States

- Immediate problems
- Conflicts with media and world leaders
- Lying about crowd sizes, etc.
- Use of executive orders (Muslim ban)
- Losses in the courts

# Issues

- Russian interference
- Charlottesville
- Pulling out of treaties
- Alienating allies, praising dictators
- Treatment of migrants and refugees
- Moving money from military for the wall

# Even more problems

- Failure of nuclear talks with North Korea
- Changes to environmental policies
- Massive turnover of cabinet and aids
- Response to hurricanes
- Emoluments clause
- Covfefe

# Attack on the Cogs of Government

- Where the longest lasting affects of this administration will be
- Attacks on the press
- Attacks on the intelligence community
- Bullying of civil servants to justify lies
- Holes in government agencies

# The Bureaucracy

- 1000's of positions have been left unfilled
- Experts not replaced
- Data not collected
- Unqualified people put into important positions
- System is starting to crack



# Trump Supporters

- Despite all of this- 40% still support Trump
- Two Supreme Court judges and hundreds of lower judges
- Trade war- seen as reclaiming jobs
- Don't believe negative press- only watch Fox News

# Trump Supporters

- Republicans in Congress will not stand up to him- afraid of base
- Speaks directly to them- claim to be the victim
- Using more thinly veiled racial language, openly stretching the law
- Next year becomes dangerous

# Impeachment Hearings

- What Trump did with Ukraine is impeachable
- Impeachment is political- not legal
- Trump has used it to raise money
- Clinton used impeachment process to get re-elected
- Right thing according to constitution but enormous gamble

# Impeachment process

- House investigates and votes
- Senate hears charges as jury- Chief of Supreme Court is judge
- Need 2/3 to convict (67 senators)
- Vote again to see if they are to leave office
- Need 20 Republican Senators

# Post-Trump

- Whether in 2019, 2020 or 2024
- US has a bigger problem
- Trump is more of a symptom than a cause
- The United States has a demographic bomb that is about to go off

# The Bomb

- More Americans are moving to urban regions
- Most of these large urban centres are in a small number of states
- While the House of Representatives is determined by Rep by Pop- each state gets two senators

# The Bomb

- By 2040 70% of Americans will live in 15 states and therefore have 30 senators (D. Birdsell)
- 30% of Americans will elect 70% of the senators
- More urban = Democrats
- More rural = Republicans

# Affects of the Bomb

- House and Senate will become dominated by opposite parties
- If a Republican president gets elected- Senate confirms Supreme Court judges (and can block others)
- Eventually a small minority will dictate policies that the majority will not accept



# The Bomb

- Rural/Urban divide and divide on issues surrounding gun control, abortion, rights, etc. will become unmanageable
- Due to constitution- no way out.

# Questions?

*America is great because she is good.  
If America ceases to be good, America  
will cease to be great.*

*-Alexis de Tocqueville*