

# **Is the United States Heading Towards A Civil War?**

## **The Aftermath of the Election of 2016**



# US Civil War in 2016?

## Summary of Lecture

- **Background and setting the stage**
- **Definitions and terms defined**
- **Presentation of topic**
- **Q&A session**



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## Levels of Presentation

### Death by PowerPoint, in order worst to best

- 1: So bad you think the person can't present and knows nothing about the topic**
- 2: Person has extensive knowledge and credentials about the topic but you would only sit through if you had no choice, such as because it is part of a course that is required for a college degree**
- 3: Presenter can't present or lacks knowledge in topic**  
(Success here is that the audience thinks I am bad at presenting, not that I know nothing about the topic.)
- 4: Presentation is good and lecture gives attendee a general knowledge about the topic so they can take part in an 'intelligent conversation' (This is what I am trying for with my presentations due to limitations of time and resources)**
- 5: Presentation is perfect and almost choreographed "like a Broadway show"**  
(ex. Thomas Barnett)



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also easier for people to get their own copies of source  
material to verify or for further discussion**



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## Versions

**List of versions along with short summary of revisions**

**Version 1.0 - Initial upload of base presentation**

**8:00pm, Sunday, November 27, 2016; expect later versions will have updated data/predictions along with more cites for sources**

**Version 2.0 – Updates about the recount status and polls; 7pm, November 29, 2016**



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## Academic Credentials

**B.S. Computer Science Technology – Central New  
England College**

**Master of Business Administration – Boston College**

**Master's of Science in Finance – Boston College**

**Juris Doctor – Suffolk Law School**

**(Note: I am NOT a lawyer.)**



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## Work Experience

**Almost three decades in accounting software, finance and dealing with various levels of accounting systems and processes for generating monthly/quarterly/yearly financial statements at companies ranging from sole proprietorships to ERP systems for large organizations**



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## Lecture Experience

Generally lectures to small groups (5 to 10 people typical lecture, depending on venue) about ‘issues of decline for the United States’ since 2005 and other topical subjects in current day.

In short, if I ‘show up on the scene’ in an area or subject, it is usually because something is going on there that is in decline, and not a good sign of how things are going.





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## Why Care?

**Civil Wars usually reflect and contribute to the decline and destruction of the state.**

**Ex: Ancient Rome. While the Republic/Empire may have eventually fell, civil wars certainly did not help “Power hungry leaders and political backstabbing made civil war an ever-present part of Roman life, and the infighting eventually helped trigger both the fall of the Roman Republic and the fracture and decline of the Empire.”** <http://www.history.com/news/history-lists/6-civil-wars-that-transformed-ancient-rome>



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## Why Care?

**No nation state ever had a good outcome to a civil war.  
Even the winning side of a civil war is usually a  
wreck.**

**Ex: Ancient Rome and civil war in the aftermath of the  
death of Julius Caesar, many of the participants  
ended up dead within a decade or ruined**



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## Why Care?

**No nation state ever had a good outcome to a civil war. Even the winning side of a civil war is usually a wreck.**

**Ex: Accounts of the North from the book, April 1865 by Jay Winik recount how large parts of the South were in ruins (i.e. burned to the ground) while the economy of the North was in a shambles from the cost of the war. There are indications that if the fighting had gone on into another year that the cost would have caused the North to call for a truce based on the ruinous cost of the war.**



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## Why Care?

I have been a registered Democrat for almost 20 years now. I am concerned that if people refuse to accept the outcome of the election, that something very bad could happen to the rule of law in this country. This is the worst I have even seen people acting after an election in my lifetime. Most of the time, people on the losing side are somber but respectful of the result, and recognize that under the rule of law, the results must be accepted.

This time we are seeing people on both sides being ruled by their emotions, irrational fear, feelings and 'wanting things their way' because of their feelings.

That is not how things should work in this country.



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## Why Care?

**If people do not like the result, then they need to work harder next time to get the candidate or party they want to win, to win. I see signs that people within my party are rapidly devolving down a path that could lead to a civil war within a matter of weeks with either Democrats refusing to accept the results and taking up arms to stop the transition of power, or somehow cheating to overturn the original outcome, in which case Republicans will be justifiably outraged at the election being stolen from them and taking up arms to prevent such cheating.**



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Recent items to set the stage from 2011 and forward

Old President – “Hope and Change” New President Elect - MAGA

- Record deficit – \$1.84 trillion and growing, \$1 T + for future?
  - TARP
  - AIG, FRE, FMN, GM, Chrysler, LEH, BEAR, CIT, LNKD, FB
  - De facto Nationalization of some companies/industries, health care next
  - Failure/bankruptcy of some newspapers / AP / Open source intel
- Green (Velvet) Revolution in Iran
- Arab Spring? Middle East Revolt? Continuation of color revolutions? Jasmine Revolution? Spain Protests? Almost had an American Autumn?
- Are we about to have an American Orange Revolution?
- Shifting of resources
- Piracy off the horn getting some mainstream attention
- GWOT (Long War), **Economy, Oil, Health Care**
- Journalism → ‘Infotainment’



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Recent items from 2011 and forward to set the stage  
President Obama – “Hope and Change”/ Need more time  
Hillary Clinton was viewed possibly as a ‘continuation’ of the  
Obama administration but  
now President Elect Trump will ????????

Trip to Saudi Arabia – bowing to the King - kowtowing

Trip to England - First Lady embracing the Queen

DVD Present Prime Minister Gordon Brown – Wrong Region

Greece and sliding towards default

Lack of support for England

PIIGS failing? Euro zone break up?

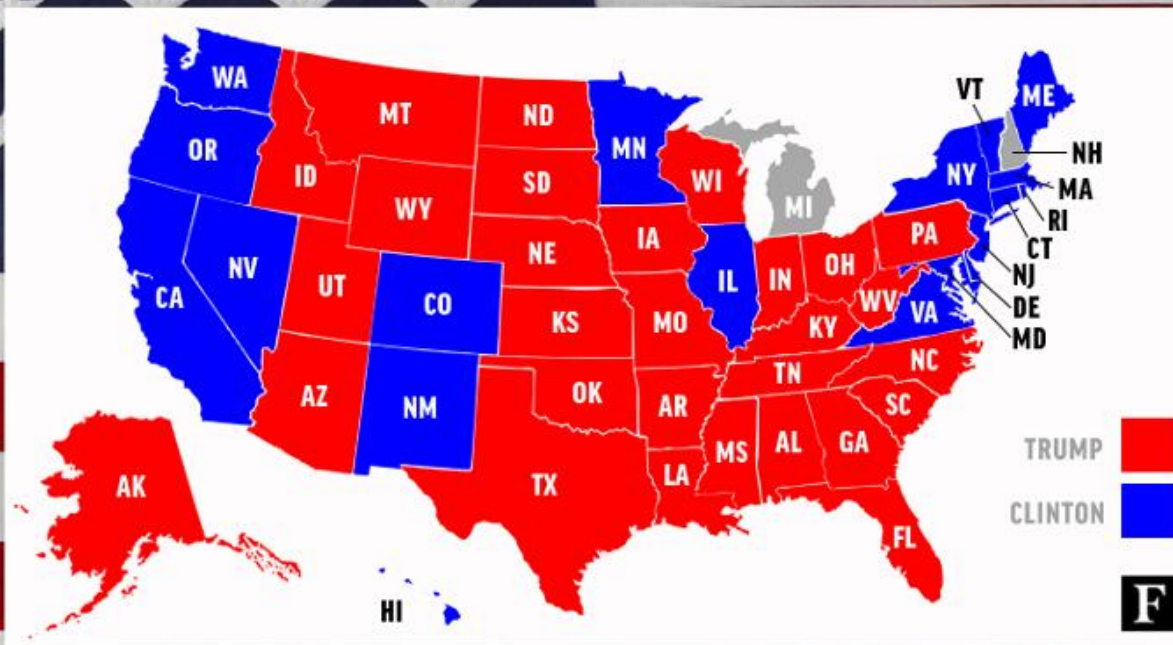
Precursor of effects of US deficit?



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Electoral college

## ELECTORAL COLLEGE 2016



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## Electoral College

### What is it?

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electoral\\_College\\_\(United\\_States\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Electoral_College_(United_States))

“The **United States Electoral College** is a mechanism established by Article Two of the United States Constitution in the indirect United States presidential election system to select the President of the United States and Vice President of the United States. Citizens of the United States vote in each state at a general election to choose a slate of "electors" pledged to vote for a party's candidate. ”



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## Electoral College

### What is it?

**The Electoral College is established by the US Constitution.**

**The purpose of using an electoral college instead of a majority of the national popular vote was so that low population areas would not get swamped or controlled by high population areas.**

**The idea was to combine national with federal (federation) elements in the selection of the President.**



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Electoral College

What is it?

The Federalist #39

<http://electoralcollegehistory.com/electoral/federalist39.asp>

“From this aspect of the government it appears to be of a mixed character, presenting at least as any *federal* as *national* features.”

This is the same basis for the two houses of congress.

The Senate gives each state an equal number of senators, two.

The House of Representatives have the number of representatives for a state based upon population, with every state having at least one representative.



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## Electoral College

### What is it?

**The Electoral College electors are based on one for each senator or representative with an additional three electors for the District of Columbia (Washington, D.C.) making a total of 538 electors.**

**This combines the equal representation of the Senate with the proportional representation of the House of Representatives into one body.**



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## Electoral College

**Why not just base the election on popular vote?**

**The reason that the election can NOT be based on just popular vote is the same reason that there are two Houses of Congress. The creation of the two houses of Congress was agreed upon so that low population areas would join the United States. Without such a system, there is no reason for low population areas to be part of the United States, and instead of being one country we probably would be three or more countries. (Both coastal areas as their own country plus the area in between a third country and probably more.)**



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## **Election 2016 Results**

**Trump expected to win 306 electoral college votes**

**Clinton expected to get 238 electoral college votes**

**Jill Stein and The Green Party are calling for recounts.**

**Voter recounts expected to take place in MI, WI, and PA  
but no recount has ever changed an election with the  
margins won by Trump.**



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## Recounts

**Jill Stein and Green Party are raising money for recounts for PA, WI, and MI**

**It is expected that the recounts will have no change on the election outcomes, but will allow the Green Party to raise substantial amounts of money from Democrat 'hopefuls' trying to change the election results.**

**I predict this effort will fail, since all three states would need to be changed, something that has never happened before.**



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## **2016 Election timeline**

**Tuesday, November 8 – states held Presidential election**

**Tuesday, December 13 – recounts must be completed**

**Monday, December 19 – Electors assemble in state capitals to vote for candidates**

**Friday, January 6, 2017 – Congress House of Representatives meet to certify the vote of the electors**

**Friday, January 20, 2017 – Inauguration and swearing into office of the new President**





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## Vote recounts

WI deadline of 5pm by Friday, November 25 meet  
PA deadline is Monday, November 28 meet, sort of  
MI deadline is Wednesday, November 30

Initial recount cost was published as being \$2.5 million for the Green Party, but as targets were met, the amounts to be raised was increased. As of 5:45 pm on November 25, 2016 the amounts raised was \$4.5 million with \$7 million requested



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## Vote recounts problems

### PA vote recount problems

**In order to have a recount in PA, three registered voters in a district need to request a recount. In PA there are over 9,000 districts, so over 27,000 signed and notarized affidavits would be needed to cover the entire state.**

**<http://www.jill2016.com/recountpa>**

**“In addition to the costs of a recount, we also need to find at least three voters in each election district willing to submit an affidavit to their county board of elections requesting a recount.”**



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## Vote recounts problems

**PA – The margin of win for the Republicans was over 70,000 votes. It is highly unlikely, that even with a full state wide recount (that looks like will only be about 50% of the districts) the vote count would change enough to matter.**

**This is a waste of time and money.**



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## Vote recounts problems

**WI denied recount by hand**

**<http://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/11/28/elections-staff-layout-recount-timeline/94539210/>**

**“the agency declined to require county officials to recount the votes by hand. ”**

**Even with a hand recount, it is unlikely that the outcome would change enough to matter.**

**Without a hand recount, the result will probably be almost the same as it was on election night, thereby not making a difference to the election outcome.**



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## Vote recounts problems

**MI is all paper and/or scanned optical**

**MI has no computer voting machines for anyone to have 'hacked' into.**

**While the margin of victory for the Republican was a lot less than PA at 11,000 votes, it is still too many votes to change with a recount.**



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## Vote recounts problems

### Russia hacked in to alter the election?

**This explanation does not make any sense. No one has shown definitive evidence that is what happened. If anything, there is definitive evidence that most of the email and servers of the Clinton campaign were accessed by someone. Also, after the whole incident with the Hillary Clinton email server, it would be more likely that other nations would WANT a Clinton administration in office, with the hope they would repeat the 'separate email server' thing once Clinton was in office and would NOT tell anyone they had access.**



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Vote recounts problems

Russian (or someone else) hacked in?

**IF a Clinton administration took office, and setup their own email server, that was easily broken into, then that entity would be able to watch all of Hillary Clinton's communications and have a decisive advantage in information about the United States and its decision making process, as it was going on.**



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## Vote recounts problems

**Russian (or someone else) hacked in?**

**If I was Russia, or running things for someone that hoped to get access to the internal decision making of the next administration, and had the ability to change the election, I would want a Clinton administration, not Trump, for just this reason. i.e. Hope and Pray for Clinton to setup another private email server, then routes everything through it, which I could then easily break into and monitor administration email in near real time!**





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## Vote recounts problems

**Possible reason people WANT to believe ‘Russia hacked’**

**One possible reason that people WANT to believe that the election was altered by Russia or another entity, is that this would be an easier fit to their internal belief that Hillary was the ‘real’ winner. Such a belief also allows the person to understand how the polls were so far off of the results. i.e. Hillary ‘really won’ but the election was stolen and that explains how the polls were wrong. Another benefit is that it gives the believer hope that somehow the result they ‘feel’ is right will still happen.**



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## **Vote recounts problems**

**Problem with Russia/Someone 'Hacked' theory**

**Another problem is that one needs to believe that even though Trump had a far smaller ground organization, that somehow Trump was able to pull something off on this large of a scale, in multiple states, without anyone finding out.**

**It is simply just not credible that the larger Clinton campaign could have been outsmarted by the much smaller Trump campaign staff on something like this.**

**Clinton had just about every 'insider' working for her, while Trump had none of those people**



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## Predictions that Expected Trump to Win

Part of the problem with believing the ‘Clinton should have won and must have had the election stolen’ theory is that there were sources that expected, predicted, and were correct about a Trump win

In order to believe that these sources were right, and because the election was rigged, one would also need to believe that somehow they knew or thought and ‘in’ on the knowledge of the election being rigged

This is just not credible or plausible



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## Predictions that Expected Trump to Win

I, myself, expected a Trump win at 276 Electoral votes.

I did not expect PA or WI to go for Trump. On election night, while talking with a friend on the west coast by text throughout the evening, I said that if Trump got FL, and 2 of the four states 'in the middle states' of OH, IN, MI or WI; then Trump was going to win.

As it turned out, I was too conservative on my estimate, since Trump got FL, plus the 'four in the middle', plus the surprise of PA going for Trump.



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**Predictions that Expected Trump to Win**

**Clinton must have known there was a problem with PA**

**On the night before the election, Clinton and Obama made a last campaign stop in PA**

**IF PA was solid and in the Democrat camp, they would have stopped somewhere else, instead of wasting a last campaign rally on a state that is supposed to be a solid Democrat state**

**Instead, the fact the Democrats had a last stop in PA shows that they must have known they could lose PA!**



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**Predictions that Expected Trump to Win**

**LA Times Presidential Election Poll ( Daybreak Poll )**

**<http://cesrusc.org/election/>**

**The interesting part of their poll was that they did show Trump a few points ahead in the days leading up to the election, with a strange sudden jump in the Trump numbers in the last week leading up to the election.**



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**Predictions that Expected Trump to Win**

**Trafalgar Group LLC polls**

**<https://twitter.com/trfgrp>**

**<http://www.trafalgarstrategy.com/>**

**This was one of the boldest predictions I have seen in a long time. The CEO of this company basically bet the entire company on predicting and publishing that their polls showed that Trump was going to win, win with 306 electoral votes and went over several reasons why his company thought that and why the other polls were wrong.**



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## Predictions that Expected Trump to Win

### Trafalgar Group LLC polls

<http://www.lifezette.com/polizette/pollster-foretold-trump-tsunami/>

Article quoting other people the day before the election ridiculing Trafalgar predictions as being “hilarious”.

“These crosstabs by Trafalgar Group are hilarious,” wrote conservative writer Marcus Hawkins on Nov. 7, the day before the election. “First Florida, now almost 1/3 of (Pennsylvania) Blacks back Trump. Yeah, no.”

The article also cites to tweets by Trafalgar that they expected Trump to get 306 electoral votes, which is what happened.

“proved the shy Trump voter existed ” – people didn’t want to tell anyone, even many pollsters, they were voting for Trump!





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## Green Party Recount fund raising

**Some commentators believe that the Green Party is taking advantage of Clinton supporters hope that the election can still be won on a recount, and misusing this hope to raise funds for the Green Party itself.**

**There is no other reasonable explanation so far, as to why the Green Party would want to over turn the election results, or even why the Green Party believe that any recount would change the outcome, but they are taking in a lot of money from all of this.**



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**How and When could a civil war start?**

**Even with the recounts, in many state the electors are not bound by the state vote and can change their vote.**

**Usually this does not happen, since then it would make a mockery of the election process. In an election that was as emotional as this one, such a change, in going against the will of the people of each state, would make it look like the election was stolen from them, and probably lead down the road to a civil war.**



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**How and When could a civil war start?**

**Even with the vote recounts, I expect that December 19, 2016 will be the critical day. If the electors vote as they are supposed to according to the voting in their states, then everything should continue without any problems.**

**HOWEVER, if for any reason electors change, either due to voting 'how they feel like voting', or being coerced/bribed/threatened or changed due to the results of a recount, then there is a high change that many people will feel the election is being stolen.**

**At this point, this is when problems could or would start.**



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How and When could a civil war start?

If problems are going to start, December 20, 2016 will be the day, once 'changes' in the electoral college vote become known and people have a chance to react.

As a side note: If the electors do not vote in accordance with the state voting as tallied from November 8; it would not surprise me at all to see on C-SPAN's Washington Journal program, just after 7am, the first elements of a citizens' militia forming and visible outside through the window that is behind the moderator. While this is NOT something I hope to see, if things go wrong, I would not be surprised and could understand why this was happening. (i.e. They are angry and have had 'enough'.)



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## The Rule of Law

**To prevent problems, such as a civil war breaking out over an election, is the reason why we have and believe in ‘the rule of law’.**

**The rules and processes for the election were agreed to in advance, but like other close elections, we discover that things are not as they should be but do not do anything about them until there is a problem.**

**Prior case in point was the election of 2000 with the Presidential election of Bush and Gore, and the problems in Palm Beach county ballots.**



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**Election of 2000 and Palm Beach Ballot problem**

**<http://www.nytimes.com/2000/11/09/us/2000-elections-palm-beach-ballot-florida-democrats-say-ballot-s-design-hurt-gore.html>**

**In that election, the voters probably DID make a mistake with the ballot, but TOUGH!**

**There were all kinds of laws, rules and procedures in place for people to understand the ballot, and STILL people messed it up.**

**They even printed a copy of the ballot in an issue of the paper prior to the election, for everyone to look at, in addition to prior time periods for people to comment on the ballot design. Of course, no one says or does anything until there is a problem or close result, and then all h\*\*l breaks loose as people scream the election is being stolen from their side!**



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## Election of 2000 compared to 2016

Here we see similar problems, no one says or does anything until there are close results, and then people start coming up with all kinds of reasons as to why they 'feel' their side won.

My response: NO! There was a process in place, all indications were that it was followed in 2016, as it was in 2000, and this is the lawful result, the Republican party candidate won.



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## Election 2016 results and Democrat platform

**IF** people really cared about moving forward with the party platform, or doing what is good for the country, then **MAYBE** instead of trying to tear down an administration that has not even taken office yet, it **MIGHT** be better to see what can be accomplished by working with the new administration and compromising on legislation, instead of insisting that everything has to be our way because of our ‘feelings’.

**Is the party objective to do what is right for the country or is the objective to put specific people only into office for their own personal gain?**





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Election 2016 results and Democrat platform

Identity Politics

If I had to narrow down everything to one reason why my party lost, this would be it. The party no longer talks about 'rule of law' or 'due process' and how it applies to everyone; instead the machinery of the party targets the feelings of its constituents and reduced everything to Identity Politics.

While identity politics worked in the past, the election of 2016 shows that it no longer works and loses elections.

(If your party loses the election, then you can't push your party platform or agenda, so it might be a good idea to change how the party is getting votes.)



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Election 2016 results and Democrat platform

Identity Politics

## For Democrats, the Road Back

“They’re reconsidering now not because identity politics balkanizes society, creates state-chosen favored groups, and fosters communal strife; they’re reconsidering because it’s not working.”

<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/442443/democrats-identity-politics-lose-elections>



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**Election 2016 results and Democrat platform**

**Identity Politics**

**Prediction: If the Democrat party does not change course, it will suffer loses in the 2018 midterm elections, and end up almost completely shut out of the legislative process with a Trump/Pence win in 2020!**

**If you thought the defeat in 2016 was bad for Democrats, you may have seen nothing yet!**



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Election 2016 results and Democrat platform

Identity Politics

**Even Bill Clinton did NOT recommend running on an agenda of Identity Politics and wanted to make the economy, technology and globalization the central issues of the Democrat campaign!**



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Election 2016 results and Democrat platform  
Identity Politics

**Ed Klein: Bill Clinton: It's Hillary's Fault, Not Comey's**

<http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/ed-klein-bill-clinton-hillary-clinton-james-comey/2016/11/15/id/759037/>

“During the campaign, Bill Clinton felt that he was ignored by Hillary's top advisers when he urged them to make the economy the centerpiece of her campaign. He repeatedly urged them to connect with the people who had been left behind by the revolutions in technology and globalization.”



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**Say what one will about Bill Clinton, but no one can deny that he was an expert at WINNING campaigns, yet here we find out that he was shut out of the process and ignored! (Many problems of which were unfortunately of his own creation, but he would still win.)**

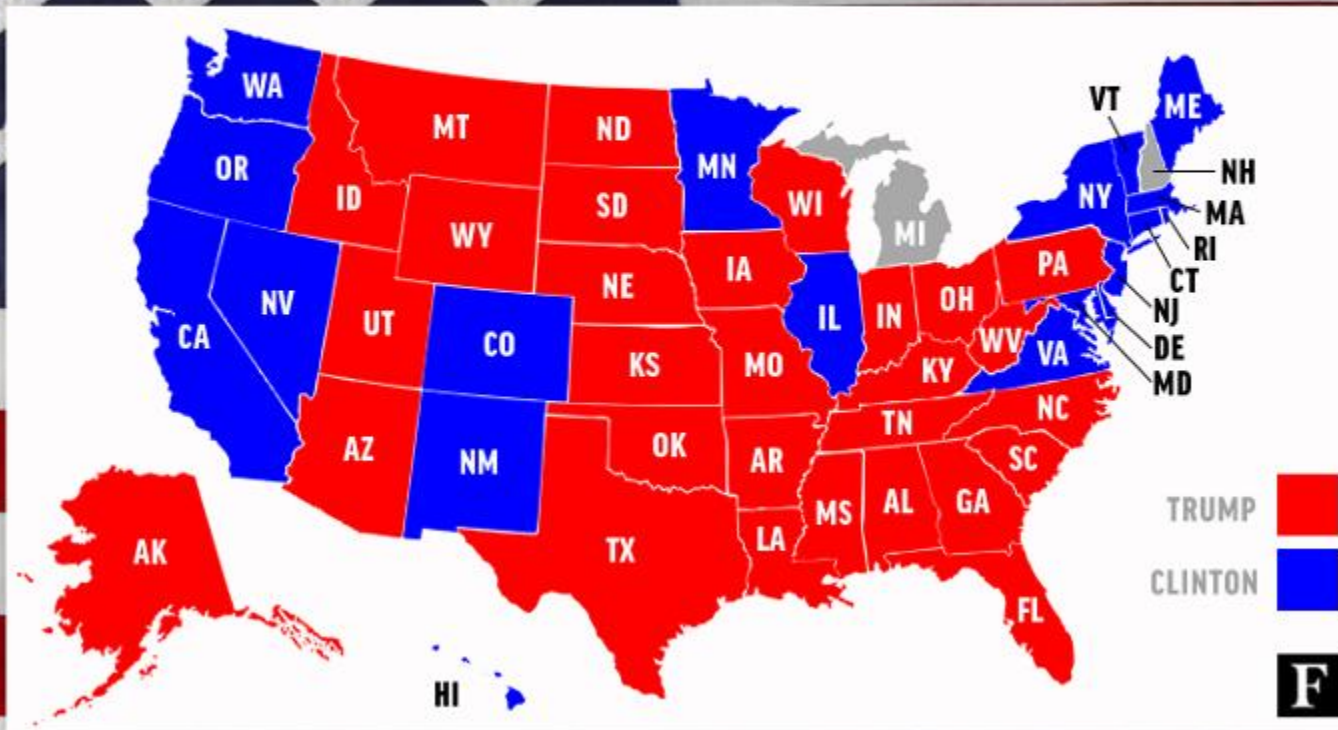
**And some people are still wondering how the Democrat party and candidate Hillary Clinton could have lost?!?!?! I would ask, How could she have won?**



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Q&A period -Thank You LouisDesyjr@gmail.com

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