

Is the United States Heading Towards A Civil War?

The Aftermath of the Election of 2016



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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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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

Version 3.0 – Updates about the recount status and polls, plus discussion of the campaign and the candidates; 9:10pm, November 30, 2016



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Version 4.0 - Updates about the recount status and polls, plus discussion of the legality of a ‘citizens militia’; 11pm, Friday, December 09, 2016

Version 5.0 – recounts are over, waiting for EC to meet on Dec 19, 2016, additional discussion on citizens militia and the legality of people forming militias; 9pm, Thursday, December 15, 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.

While the possibility of the Election of 2016 starting a civil war is remote, this is the most divisive I have ever seen people over an election in my lifetime. Some of the reports of protests and the constant refrain that the winner is ‘not my President’ does make me wonder if the situation could escalate because people are unable to unwilling to accept the results.

Hopefully, on Jan 20, 2017, (inauguration day of the new President) the idea of the election of 2016 starting a civil war in the United States will be seen as a “fear about nothing”.



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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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Why Care?

If people do not like the result,

You do NOT get to keep having new elections, re elections, until you get your way.

Same problem with Brexit. They had an election, but the losing side wants to have a ‘do over’ or redos until they get their result.

We had an election and one side lost, now it is time to work on what can be done until the next regular scheduled election.



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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?

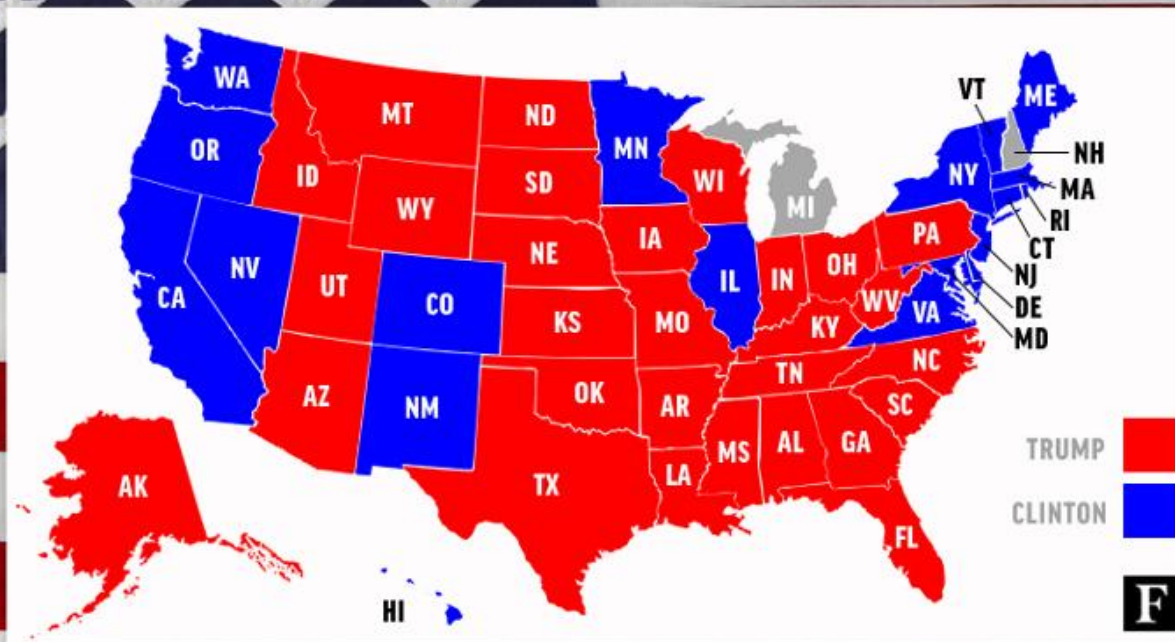
Precursor of effects of US deficit?



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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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Electoral College (EC)

New York City area vs New England example for EC

As an example of why there needs to be some accounting for equal representation based on geography, compare all of New England with the New York City metropolitan statistical area

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northeastern_United_States

New York City area population (2010) - 18,897,109

New England states (2015) - 14,727,585

[ME, NH, VT, CT, MA, RI]



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Electoral College (EC)

New York City area vs New England example for EC

The New York City area has over 4 million more people than the entire six state area of New England!

In our example, without some kind of accounting for equal representation based on geography, New York City could determine what happens for people living hundreds of miles away! (Bangor, ME is 440 miles from New York city or a six hour drive)



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Electoral College (EC)

New York City area vs New England example for EC

Without an institution like the electoral college, people in low density population areas would have little to no meaningful representation in their government.

Can anyone truthfully say that the interests and concerns of a large metropolitan area like New York City are the same as an area as far away as Bangor, ME?

Under a straight popular vote system, the entire Northeast United States could be ignored in favor of courting the voters of the New York city statistical area!



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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 met
PA deadline is Monday, November 28 met, sort of
MI deadline is Wednesday, November 30 - filed

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

In order to prevent Trump from getting the 270 electoral votes, recounts in all three states would need to succeed.

WI – 10 electoral votes

MI – 16 electoral votes

PA – 20 electoral votes

Trump got 306, so 37 EC votes would need to be changed

This means recount would need to succeed in all three states to mean anything



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Vote recounts

Dec 09 2016 short status

MI – Recount halted and dead

PA – recount halted but not dead ‘yet’

**WI – recount expected to complete in time for Dec 13
deadline**



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Vote recounts

Dec 15 2016 short status

MI – Recount halted and dead

PA – recount halted and dead

WI – recount completed and Trump picked up another 221 votes! (so much for the any change with a recount)

Next step is the Electoral voters meet in their state capitals on Monday, December 19.



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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.

As of Wednesday, November 30, 2016 a recount for MI was filed in time for.

It is not expected that anything will change due to the recount.



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Vote recounts problems

MI election results

Trump **2,279,805** - Trump won by 11,602

Clinton **2,268,193**

Stein **50,700**

If Jill Stein was really looking for a Clinton win, then maybe she should have announced support for Clinton BEFORE the election and got her voters to vote for Clinton.

Instead, by taking away precious needed votes by Clinton, Stein cost Clinton the state of MI and its 16 electoral votes!



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Vote recounts problems

MI recount stopped as of Friday, December 09 2016

MI Supreme court agreed with appeals court ruling that the recount should have never been started. The appeals court ruling was an appeal of a district court ruling that the state board of elections should NOT have stopped the recount.

Unless there is a federal issue to appeal the case on from the MI Supreme court, up to the US Supreme Court, this is the end of the recount court cases in MI, and the vote should be able to be certified by the state for the Dec 13, 2016 deadline.



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Vote recounts problems

WI election results

Trump 1,404,000 - Trump won by 22,177

Clinton 1,381,823

Stein 31,006

AGAIN, If Jill Stein was really looking for a Clinton win, then maybe she should have announced support for Clinton BEFORE the election and got her voters to vote for Clinton.

Instead, by taking away precious needed votes by Clinton, Stein cost Clinton the state of WI and its 10 electoral votes!



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Vote recounts problems

WI recount as of Dec 09 2016

The recount was still in process, but the results are not changing that much. One county video release showed Trump **GAINED 15 votes** on a hand recount. This was possible since with a hand recount, they are allowed to take into account the 'voter intent'. This means that on ballots where the ballot was not filled in per instructions, but instead the candidate's names was circled, or underlined, or written in on the write in space even though it was printed above, they count those votes for the candidate.



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Vote recounts problems

PA election results

Trump	2,959,839	- Trump won by 64,403
Clinton	2,895,436	
Stein	49,622	
Darrell Castle	21,409	

Stein + Castle = 71,031, which was enough votes to win PA!

If Jill Stein was really looking for a Clinton win, then maybe she should have announced support for Clinton BEFORE the election and got her voters to vote for Clinton.

Instead, by taking away precious needed votes by Clinton, Stein help cost Clinton the state of PA and its 20 electoral votes!

While Stein did not ruin the democrat changes of winning her all by herself, if the Democrats had gotten Stein (Green Party) and Darrell Castle (Constitution Party) to vote Democrat, Clinton would have won the state.



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Vote recounts problems

PA recount as of Friday, Dec 09 2016

PA judge is taking the weekend to decide. At the moment recount is NOT statewide, so even if the recount goes forward, it will not do any good.

The only reasonable good for anyone trying to stop Trump from becoming President, that could come from PA is that the case is still ongoing, and the state can not certify its votes for the Dec 13 2016 deadline.



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Vote recounts problems

PA recount as of Dec 09 2016

My prediction – The federal district court on Monday will stop the PA recount, and use the same explanation(s) that MI did; i.e. Jill Stein lacks standing because a recount will not benefit her, plus there is no presentable evidence of voter fraud changing the outcome. I expect any attempt to appeal up or get an order to prevent the certification on Dec 13 2016 will not work



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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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Predictions that Expected Trump to Win

“Honestly, I think that Trump will do it”

at mark 3:10 on youtube video at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YQN6L3VnNY>

The US Election: An Idiots Guide. – Nov 06, 2016

Jonathan Pie

My comment: If a comedian could tell that Trump could win, why couldn't most of the other experts?



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Predictions that Expected Trump to Win

Jonathan Pie

on youtube video at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLG9g7BcjKs>

President Trump: How & Why...

**Entire video details numerous reasons why Clinton,
Democrats and the left, lost**



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Predictions that Expected Trump to Win

Jonathan Pie on why Clinton lost

“When will we learn the key is discussion”

“Be a better candidate”

“People like me will not listen” (to why Democrats lost)

“The left is responsible for this result” (NOT the right)

“ALL the polls were wrong”

“Being offended does NOT work anymore”

“Throwing insults doesn't work anymore”

“Stop thinking everyone who doesn't agree with you is evil”



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Predictions that Expected Trump to Win

Jonathan Pie on why Clinton lost

At 05:51 mark

“Stop thinking everyone who doesn’t agree with you is evil or racist or sexist or stupid and talk to them, persuade them otherwise, because if you don’t, I will tell you what you get, you get President Trump”

My comment: Jonathan Pie details in less than 7 minutes why Clinton/Democrats lost, and all for free!



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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 hl 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 reduces 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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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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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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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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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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Problems with the Democrat/Clinton Campaign

Many people seemed genuinely surprised when Hillary Clinton and the Democrats lost the election, but I would put it to you, with all of the mistakes, problems, mess ups, etc, how could anyone really have thought the Democrats and Hillary Clinton was going to win?

One thing that does not seem to have occurred to people, is that Trump/Republicans might win in 2020 and take more seats in the 2018 midterm elections.

I did find the internet addresses www.trump2020.com was registered back in 2011 on August 04, 2011!

So someone else has already planned on a Trump 2020 campaign!



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Problems with the Democrat/Clinton Campaign

Why talk about problems with Clinton campaign verse Trump?

Because Trump won, so for all his faults, flaws or reasons to not vote for Trump, enough people in the right areas voted for him to win

So my focus here will be on what caused Clinton to lose needed votes



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Problems with the Democrat/Clinton Campaign

Health Problems – Hillary needed help walking up stairs?

Feb 2016
Hillary is
assisted by
staff
walking up
stairs to a
house.



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Problems with the Democrat/Clinton Campaign

9/11/2016 – Hillary had ‘trouble’ getting into van and left shoe behind!



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Apparently, in the haste to get Hillary away from the 09/11 ceremony area, before she completely collapsed in front of everyone, Hillary ended up leaving one of her shoes behind on the pavement!



Mke Cemovich / Twitter



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Hillary Clinton health problems

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMHOcmDVBP0>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_8AO5MDBEw

Video clips on youtube.com showing and discussing various apparent seizures Hillary Clinton had on camera in public



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Hillary Clinton Health problems

While health problems by themselves may not prevent someone from getting elected, trying to hide the problems and refusing to discuss them does not help.

Hillary and the Democrats ran the risk if she had an incident during a debate that it would have ended the campaign for her, since many voters would assume she was not healthy enough to hold the high stress job of President of the United States

My Prediction – Hillary’s health may be so poor that she passes away prior to the inauguration! That would truly be a ‘Shakespearean end’ to the tragedy of the Hillary Clinton Presidential campaign (i.e. She lost the campaign, then loses all of her political power, and then passes away)



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Hillary Clinton Health problems

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A rational reason for people to consider a candidates health is because if their health is so poor that they can not think or make decisions, how would they be able to run/lead the country?

Some Wikileaks emails claim that Hillary was “out of it” at times.



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Driving away Bernie voters

The Democrats and the Clinton campaign colluded to help the Clinton campaign.

<https://wikileaks.org/dnc-emails/emailid/8253>

Nothing like running Bernie's campaign 'off the road' and making the Bernie supporters so angry that they would vote for anyone else besides Clinton!

Normally, the Bernie supporters would have moved over to the Clinton camp after the DNC convention, instead Clinton's cheating Bernie out of the nomination caused many to vote for Trump!



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Problems with the Democrat/Clinton Campaign

Running a campaign based on emotion

Apparently, many of the Clinton supporters are now in terror of the monster that the DNC/Democrats/Clinton Campaign made Trump out to be

Instead of trying to achieve some legislation from the party platform, they are wasting time and effort on negating the election because of their ‘feelings’

If the party continues to act in this manner, and loses more voters, the party may become irrelevant within a decade.



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Metrics to watch and measure

Possible metrics to watch or measure to see if country is edging towards a civil war.

Twitter feeds? / Facebook? / Instagram?

Online social media postings?

Emails?

Newspaper Articles?

Web sites?

Protests? As of Dec 09 2016, may have ended



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Metrics to watch and measure

What do we want to measure?

How many people are reading/viewing/taking part?

Trending towards peaceful/legal or illegal/violent?

Are people acting within the law?

Are people respecting the Rule of Law?

Are people following Due Process?

Are people engaging in free and open discussion, or is the public discussion being stopped/censored in any way?

Are 'safe spaces' expanding and not allowing people to be able to talk about current events?



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Metrics to watch and measure

Are protests peaceful or violent?

Are protests growing or shrinking?

Are protests getting more peaceful or more violent?

Are people looking to work through the legal process for changes they want by working harder on the next election, or do they appear to be considering ‘shortcuts’ to the legal process (coup, violent protests, subvert the democratic process, etc)

Are discussions about the election based on facts, reason, logic and rational debate; or are people talking about ‘their feelings’?



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Metrics to watch and measure

Are people looking to compromise and work with the incoming administration, to achieve their political objectives, or are people looking to undermine and then overturn (overthrow?) the incoming administration in order to achieve their political objectives?

Are people becoming more or less concerned about violence due to the election results?



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What happens if people believe the election is being stolen?

Nothing – go along with it as long as some semblance of process of followed and appears to be legal?

Civil Disobedience?

Protests?

Strikes?

Militias start forming to protect the legal process on one side and on the other militias form to continue to support the overturning of the election?



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What happens if people believe the election is being stolen?

What would various levels of government do?

What would various branches of government do?

What would various agencies of the various levels of government do?

Would they all line up on one side, would there be a split or would they remain neutral and let it all play out in the court systems?



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What happens if people believe the election is being stolen?

Byzantine civil war? The turmoil is at the upper levels of government but the middle and lower levels continue to operate and provide services without any interruption

Total civil war? – Open fighting, areas in ruins, services disrupted, refugees all over the place



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What happens if people believe the election is being stolen?

If credible evidence presented that Electoral College process illegally interfered with, would citizens have a legal right to form militias to protect 'The Rule of Law' and the President Elect?

My answer: Depending on how big or outrageous, the undue influence, citizens could have a constitutional right to protect the process and the Rule of Law. My observation is that many voters will not tolerate any undue influence in preventing the President Elect from taking office.



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Pre Dec 19 2016 EC meeting

As of Dec 15, a number of electoral college members are reporting receiving numerous death threats and thousands of emails trying to get them to not vote as their state voted.

Some people are trying to encourage electors to become “Faithless Electors” i.e. vote for someone other than how their state voted

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faithless_elector

“assumed constitutional freedom of the elector under the Constitution, Art. II, § 1”



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Faithless Electors

While, in theory, any elector could vote for anyone they so choose, it WOULD cause problems.

Electors are not supposed to do whatever they want or how they feel, they are supposed to adhere to Republican Form of government

http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/fed39.asp

While the argument can be made that electors are a last ditch defense against the fall of our Republican Form of government, the election of Trump does NOT fall under such a theoretical exception for the EC in 2016



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Faithless Electors

What is a Republican Form of government?

“The Republican Form of government is one in which the powers of sovereignty are vested in the people and are exercised by the people, either directly, or through representatives chosen by the people, to whom those powers are specially delegated. “

http://www.conservapedia.com/Republican_form_of_government

In simplest terms, all power resides with the people



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Faithless Electors

IF the EC was to refuse to vote for Trump for President, it would be a repudiation of the vote of the people, as setup under the US Constitution and discussed in The Federalist #39

How could anyone say we still had a Republican Form of government when, after an election, the winner was not allowed to take office?

My answer: YOU CAN'T! If you believe in a Republican Form of government, Due Process and the Rule of Law, then Trump HAS to be elected by the EC and allowed to take office.



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Faithless Electors

What if someone “so unacceptable” was elected?

Still not an acceptable reason for the EC to not elect the person their state voted for.

As long as the elements of our Republican Form of government (Rule of Law, Due Process, Three Branches of Government that are separate but equal, Bill of Rights, etc.) still hold, then even the worst tyrant would not be able to ruin the country, abuse their power or trample on the rights of the people.



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Faithless Electors

If the people care so little about protecting our form of Republican Government, and its manifestations have become meaningless or unknown to our citizens, then it will not matter who is in office, the country is lost.

However, as long as the people believe in and preserve the Republican Form of government, then even the worst tyrant will not be able to do anything.



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Faithless Electors

What happens if on Dec 19, Trump does not get the 270 EC votes?

Then the election will go to a joint session of Congress, and each state will get one vote. (Jan 06, 2017? Congressional session where the votes of the EC is supposed to be opened and certified by congress)

What happens if someone else, other than Trump is elected/certified on Jan 06, 2017?

This is another point at which problems could start.



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The start of problems

Jan 06, 2017

IF congress and the EC do not follow the system in place (Due Process and Rule of Law, for the election just held) then this is where things could start to go wrong

If people no longer care about the Republican Form of government (no more Rule of Law, no more Due Process, etc.) then it would be possible to elect someone else

If people still care about the Republican Form of government, then citizens may decide, on an individual basis, to take action to protect the election results



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Taking Action to protect Election Results

What authority? By what right or law would citizens have to enforce the results of the election?

My answer: Under our Republican Form of government, the citizens themselves would have a constitutional right (obligation?) to protect the Rule of Law and the results of the election

The Federalist #28

http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/fed28.asp

“If the representatives of the people betray their constituents, there is then no resource left but in the exertion of that original right of self-defense which is paramount to all positive forms of government, “



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The Federalist #28

To not allow the President elect to take office would be a betrayal of the people by the representatives of the government

The people, as a right of self defense, would have the authority to take action and remedy the situation!

i.e. The people would NOT need the approval of anyone, even the President Elect himself, to take action to remedy the situation.

The People would be acting within the US Constitution to remedy the situation!



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The Federalist #28

The Right of Self Defense

The Right of Self Defense, as discussed in The Federalist #28, would give a citizens militia constitutional authority to install the President Elect if their representatives betrayed them and their Republican Form of government.

One must note that this is NOT permission for all kinds of acts of destruction, violence and the carrying out of vendettas; the other parts of the Constitution are still in effect! (Due Process, Rule of Law, Bill of rights, etc.)



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The Federalist #28

The Right of Self Defense

The Right of Self Defense, with a people ready, willing and able to exercise it, is the ultimate protection of the people's rights.

i.e. No tyrant would ever try to strip away the rights of its citizens if the moment they went too far, the people were willing to go so far as to form militias to put a stop to their rights being taken away!



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The Federalist #28

The Right of Self Defense

Defense against tyrants – another way of saying

**“People shouldn’t be afraid of their governments,
governments should be afraid of their people”**

**Any country where the people are ready, willing and able
to defend their rights, is one where a tyrant would not
be able to do anything to the people.**



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The Federalist #28

The Right of Self Defense

If people try to change the system/process through the ballot box, win the election for change, and their representatives refuse to allow the result of a valid and legal election to be implemented, then the citizens would have a constitutional right to remedy the situation.

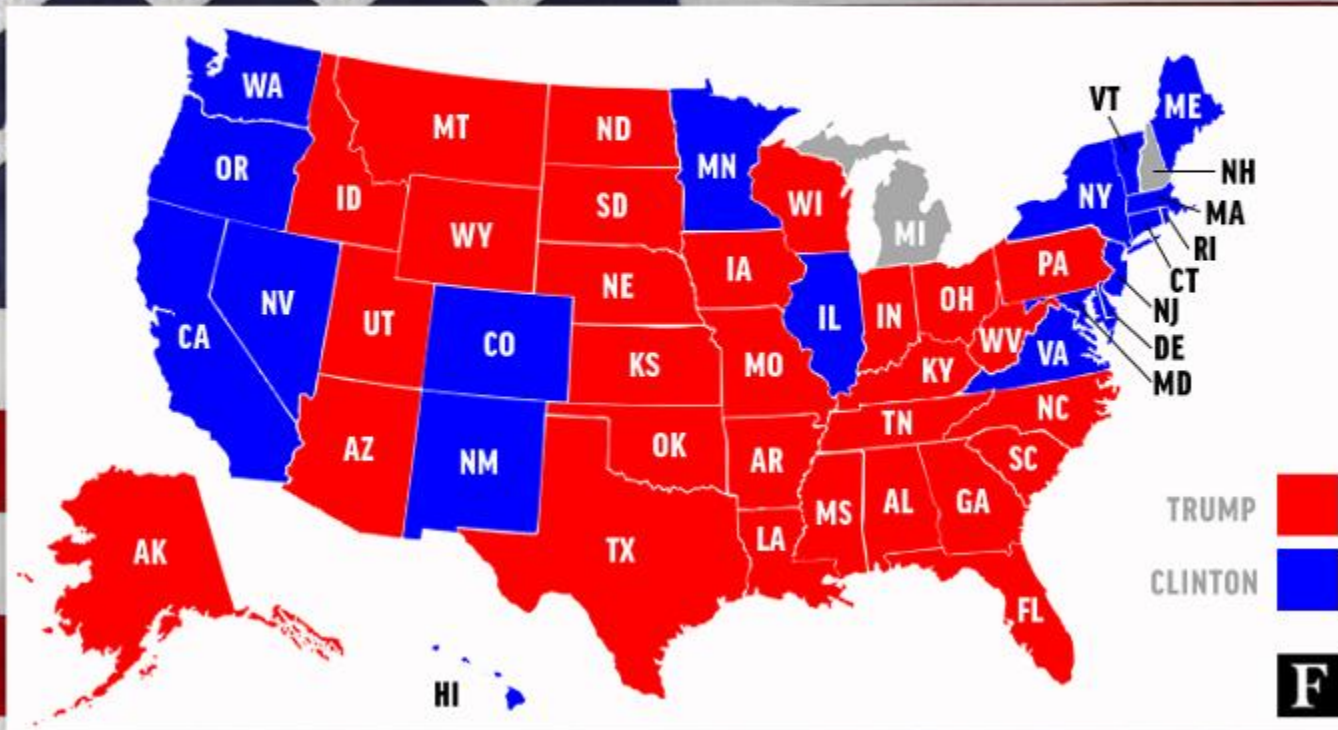
With the election of 2016, we had a valid, legal election, and now the results of that election must be respected and the President Elect allowed to take office on Jan 20, 2017.



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

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