



Predicting the 2020 Presidential Election

VOCABULARY INTRODUCTION: *For each of the following words research and provide a working definition. These words will be used throughout the lesson.*

Vocabulary Word	Definition
Absentee Ballot	
Demographics	
Electoral College	
Incumbent	
Independent Voters	
Margin of Error	
Political Polling	
Suburb	

Swing State	
Toss-Up	
Voter Turnout	

INTRODUCTION: *View the following video clip and answer each of the questions listed below.*

Video Clip: <u>Predicting Swing States in the 2020 Election</u>	
What is meant by race ratings?	
How do the various race ratings compare to each other?	
According to Kyle Kondik, what factors go into rating swing states during a presidential election?	
What are the challenges with rating and predicting elections?	

APPLICATION: Complete the chart using the information in the video(s) and polling data from [27otoWin](#). Make a prediction on who you think will win and explain why.

State	2016 Results	2020 Polling Data	Factors and Issues Impacting the Outcome in 2020	Who do you think will win?
Arizona				
Florida				
Michigan				
Nevada				
New Hampshire				

<u>North Carolina</u>				
<u>Ohio</u>				
<u>Pennsylvania</u>				
<u>Wisconsin</u>				

SIMULATION: Using the interactive map from [27otoWin](#), use your predictions from the chart above to record your results. Indicate the predicted winner on the map by clicking until it is either red or blue. Track how each state impacts the total tally at the top. Record and analyze your results below.

RESULTS	President Donald Trump	Former Vice President Joe Biden
Predicted Electoral College Votes		
Use specific examples from the videos and polling to explain why you believe that this candidate will win.		

Conclusion: *Answer the following questions based on the videos and the electoral college map simulation.*

What swing states would former Vice President Biden need to win the electoral college? How likely do you think this is to occur?

What states would President Trump need to win the electoral college? How likely do you think this is to occur?