

Predicting the Electoral College



1. Watch [this video](#) on the electoral college.
2. Put the names of all of your group members at the top.
3. Electoral College
 - a. How many electoral votes are there?
 - b. What two states decided electoral votes differently than the other ones? How do they figure out the electoral college votes?
 - c. Who decides how the state will apportion the electoral college votes?
 - d. Describe the winner take all feature of the Electoral College.
 - e. How many electoral votes do you need to be president?
 - f. What are the years when the winner of the popular vote did not become president?
4. With the electoral college in mind, please answer the following question.
 - a. Now you are going to figure out, if the presidential election were held today, who would win (Democratic or Republican candidate). You need to consider each of the following -
 1. Party of the [current](#) Governors?
 2. Party of the [current](#) US Senators?
 3. [Unemployment statistics](#)?
 - b. Swing states
 - i. What is meant by a swing state?
 - ii. What are the swing states this year? [This](#) and [this](#) might help?
 - iii. [Presidential approval in swing states](#)?
 - c. Using the information above tell me which way will each of the swing states will

go this fall? You will have to give me three reasons for each of the swing states.

- i. Make a chart below for any state that you believe is going to change in 2016 from 2012 and give me the reasons.
- ii. Also go [here](#) and change the states and make your predictions and take a screenshot and insert it below.

5. PACs and superPACs

- a. What is Buckley v. Valeo?
- b. What are the major parts of McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform Act? Make sure you include “soft money” and individual and PAC donations.
- c. What is the precedent in Citizens United v. FEC?
- d. What is a super PAC and how is it different from a normal PAC?
- e. Now go [here](#) and tell me how much the two candidates you chose above have raised for their own PAC (and what is its name) and their super PAC (and what is its name). If you selected Trump, then do this for another Republican.

6. Polls

- a. Go to [this site](#), find a tracking poll and tell me how your chosen two candidates have done in the last month or so.

7. Finally tell me who is going to win the presidency next fall and what will be the electoral college vote. [This site](#) will help. You can tap the states to change the electoral college numbers.