

Trump Absolutely Won, Hillary Absolutely Lost

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(shown in its entirety below)

"I'd rather vote for what I want, and not get it, than vote for what I don't want and get it."

(Eugene V. Debs)

I wanted Bernie Sanders, and if not then Jill Stein, and if not then... abstain.

I would never vote FOR Hillary Clinton, nor FOR Donald Trump.

Electoral, How Did Trump Win?

- RURAL and RUST BELT counties are the overwhelming majority of counties in the USA.
- A majority of people in RURAL and RUST BELT counties favored Trump.
- This is how Trump won states to get the significant majority of Electoral votes.

Electoral, How Did Hillary Lose?

- Hillary only won the URBAN CENTERS in the major US wealth areas:
 - LEFT COAST: LA Basin, SF Coastal Strip, Portland, Seattle
 - SOUTHWEST: Colorado & New Mexico cities, and Latino vote
 - MIDWEST: Minneapolis/St. Paul (MN), Chicago (IL)
 - EAST COAST ESTABLISHMENT: Wash.D.C., VA, MD, DE
 - BIG MONEY CENTRAL: NY, NJ, CT, RI, MA
 - NEW ENGLAND: VT (Bernie's state), NH, coastal Maine
- Hillary lost the great majority of inland, outlying and rural counties in "her" states.

Florida Vote (a swing state):

Trump = 4,605,515
Clinton = 4,485,745
Stein = 64,019

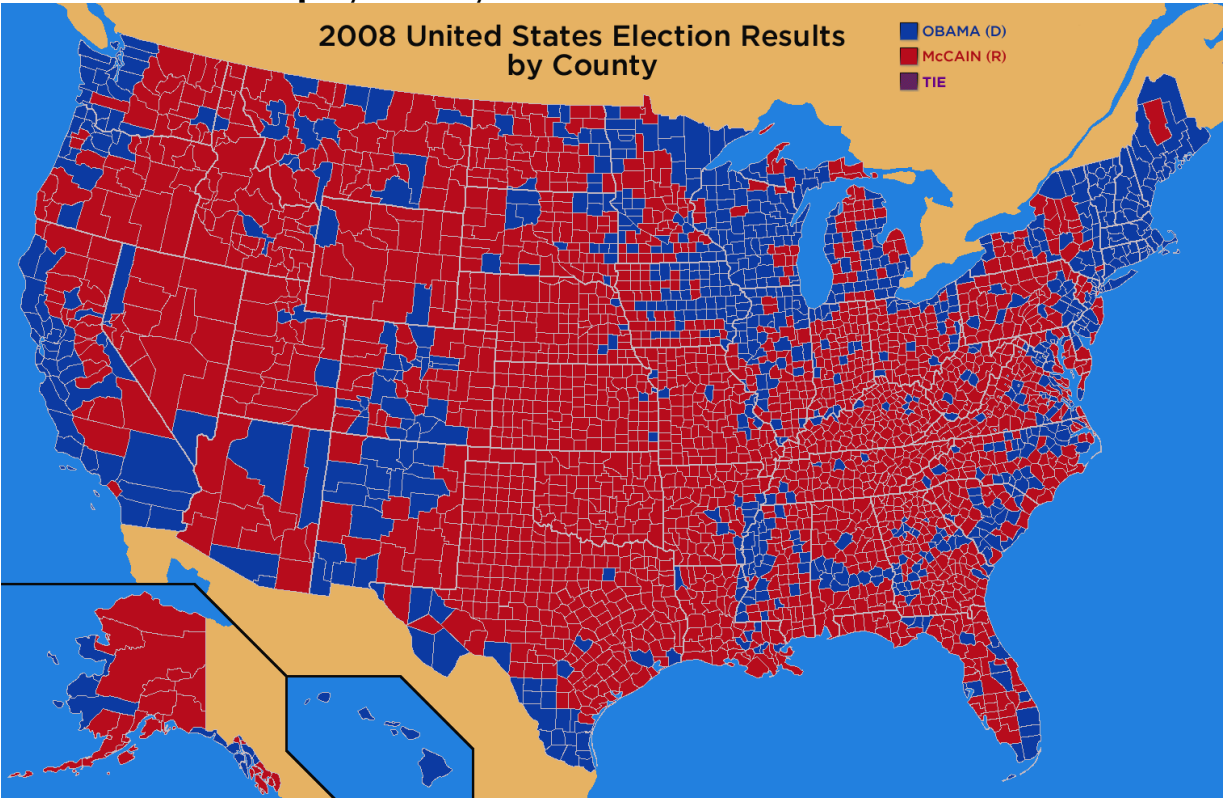
Clinton + Stein = 4,549,764

Trump got +55,751 MORE Florida votes than Clinton + Stein

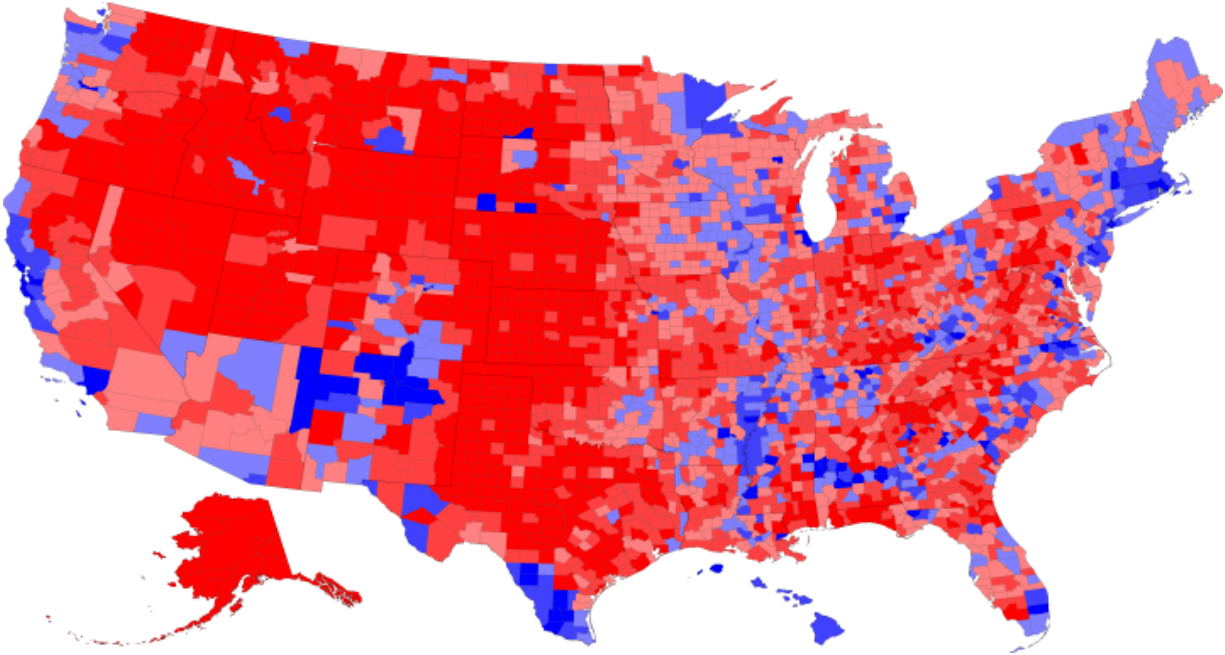
Don't blame Jill Stein. Trump absolutely won, and Hillary absolutely lost.

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2008 Red-Blue Map by County:



2012 Red-Blue Map by County:



Hillary did WORSE in 2016 than the results shown in the 2012 map.

See: <http://www.google.com/> "2016 US election results"
(for the numbers in every state, and individual state-county maps)

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Voter Turnout 2016

Part of Hillary Clinton's defeat (and Donald Trump's victory) in 2016 can be attributed to the **LOWEST** percentage voter turnout in US history (since 1828, when data records began). **TEN MILLION fewer eligible voters went to the polls in 2016 than in 2012.** Fewer than half of eligible voters actually voted in 2016.

Percentage turnout has been above 50% since 1828, except during 1920, 1924, 1996 and 2016. **The % turnout for 2016 was 48.6% (the lowest in US history).**

Between 2012 and 2016 the US voting age population (VAP) increased by 10 million.
(VAP in 2016 is 245.3 million)

The voter turnout in 2016 was 10 million LESS than in 2012.
(Turnout in 2016 was 119.3 million)

The percentage voter turnout in 2012 was 54.9%
The percentage voter turnout in 2016 was 48.6% (record low)

The election years with LESS than 50% turnout:

1920, 49.2%

1924, 48.9%

1996, 49.0% (W. Clinton wins)

2016, 48.6% (H. Clinton loses)

In 2016:

H. Clinton gains 47.7% of turnout (56.90M votes)

D. Trump gains 47.5% of turnout (56.67M votes)

HC + DT gain 95.2% of turnout (113.57M votes)

Net Others gain 4.8% of turnout (5.73M votes)

HC gains 230,053 more votes than DT (+0.19% of turnout)
(loses on basis of Electoral College votes)

IF WE ASSUME that:

- the eligible voters favoring Trump were on average highly motivated, so a high percentage of them went to the polls,
while

- the eligible voters favoring HRC were on average modestly motivated, so a middling percentage of them went to the polls
then

IT IS POSSIBLE that:

- in the non-voting portion of the VAP (say at least the 10M missing since 2012) there was a higher portion of HRC-leaning people to DT-leaning people,

- AND IF turnout had been higher
then

- relatively more HRC votes than T votes would have been added (to the observed totals)

AND

- that might possibly have tilted the election in HRC's favor.

Bernie Sanders has often said that "with high turnouts Democrats win, with low turnouts Republicans win." (Which is why Republicans favor voter suppression.)

In brief, HRC needed tidal waves of "missing voters" who favored her, **in Red States.**

Of course, it is entirely possible that the non-voting remainder of the 2016 VAP (126M possible voters) did not split any differently than the voting portion (the 119.3M turnout) on the favoring of HRC or DT. So speculating on how an HRC win might have been gained by engaging large numbers of presumably "missing" HRC voters may be grasping at nonexistent straws.

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Commentary On Election 2016 (follows)

Please note, I express myself freely in what follows. *I am NOT concerned to spare anyone's feelings.* Nothing personal, but...

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Essential reading if you want to know "why it happened" and "what do we (really) have to do to fix the problem." In brief: stop crying, emoting, "fleeing" your privileged white ass to Canada hoping they make good lattes up there, and messing up the streets (protesting a democratic election!!). Instead, fire the ENTIRE Democratic Party, and start that over with an entirely new crew (e.g., Bernie, Nina Turner, Keith Ellison, Tulsi G., that kind of people). You are only victims of believing what you want to believe, instead of opening your eyes and ears to reality, and then dealing with it as it actually exists. Your ignorance is their power. Maintaining ignorance (blaming others) is the essence of the delusion of "privilege." I do not feel your pain. Wake up!

Democrats, Trump, and the Ongoing, Dangerous Refusal to Learn the Lesson of Brexit

(Glenn Greenwald)

9 November 2016

<https://theintercept.com/2016/11/09/democrats-trump-and-the-ongoing-dangerous-refusal-to-learn-the-lesson-of-brexit/>

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Yvette Carnell (on Facebook, just after midnight, on the morning of 9 November 2016):

"Understand what this Trump victory means. He defeated capital, the media, the military industrial complex and both the Republican and Democratic Party. Republicans said he was unelectable and ran away from him after the groping allegations. Now Trump is president. This is historic."

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My Old Predictions on Election 2016

9 November 2016

<https://manuelgarciajr.com/2016/11/09/my-old-predictions-on-election-2016/>
(above shown in full below)

During last June (the CA primary, 7 June 2016) I wrote that "a vote for Hillary Clinton before July is a vote for Donald Trump in November." By all kinds of cheating, bribery, rigging, collusion with corporate media and procedural underhandedness, the Clinton mafia, the DNC and professional Democrats managed to shut out the popular will (and its spokesman, Bernie Sanders) from the electoral process. Okay, so the corporations won. But it seems increasing clear now that Hillary Clinton's political legacy for America will be the Trump Administration. <> (29 September 2016)

Donald Trump is the popular response of the white working class to its nearly 40 year degradation by neoliberal economics. Donald Trump is not Hitler, neoliberalism is Dracula. The neoliberal plague was unleashed in 1979 by Margaret Thatcher (in the UK) and Ronald Reagan in 1981, and has continued to be propagated in the US by a succession of corporate-owned factotums: George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, Barack Obama and — if the Democratic Party can rig everything to come out just right — Hillary Clinton. <> (8 September 2016)

It is abundantly clear that should Hillary Clinton lose the November election (as seems more likely with each passing day) it will be a richly deserved loss. <> (8 September 2016)

The American electorate may arrive at a consensus of voting for a train-wreck they can be assured of seeing unfold in every detail, instead of voting for a stealthy railroading of them all, under the guise of social progress. <> (8 September 2016)

If Donald Trump does actually win the November election it will be because of all the Democratic Party regulars and Clinton faithful, who “voted for him” by late July, by voting for Hillary instead of Bernie: that is to say by rigging the voting processes, and collusion with corporate media to sabotage the Sanders campaign, in addition to simply casting their votes for Hillary during the primary elections and at the Democratic Party convention. <> (24 August 2016)

Had the Democratic Party really been concerned about beating Donald Trump in the November election they would have nominated Bernie Sanders, who is heavily favored over Donald in just about every electoral district, and in every single poll taken on that question (still). But, the Democratic Party regulars and the Clinton faithful are far more concerned about preserving their own situations of personal gain, and they did not want to “lose control” of the Democratic Party to the “popular will” (Jean-Jacques Rousseau), for the good of the country. <> (24 August 2016)

So today, the 25th of July 2016, is undoubtedly the first day of the Trump presidency, the beginning of its preamble which will reach a crescendo on November 8, and then be legitimized on the 20th of January 2017. The best hopes for the next four years in America, and perhaps for a generation, were strangled in their Democratic Party crib today. I will always hate all Hillary Clinton voters, and I will always pity all Donald Trump voters. <> (25 July 2016)

Trump voters are too stupid to do any better, and many of them are justifiably angry over how they have been exploited economically. It is perfectly understandable that they would rebel against their political impotence by

throwing the monkey wrench of a vote for Trump into the gears of the system. So, I pity them. Hillary voters, on the other hand, are smart enough to realize just how stupid their identity politics vanity is. Is the advancement and enrichment of one very corrupt woman really worth the many sacrifices the nation and its people must endure to sustain it? Is the thrill of being able to say "I voted for the first American woman president" really more important than the futures of our children, and the welfare of so many hard-pressed people? For Hillary Clinton voters it is, and so I hate them. <> (25 July 2016)

The Democratic Party has done a superb job of ensuring that many millions of young Americans will never look on it with respect and trust ever again. It has also done an outstanding job at demonstrating -- for all Americans and all the World -- one of the clearest and most vivid counterexamples to the concept of integrity that has ever been devised. Seed corn has been wasted by the gluttony of the privileged, and of the stupid. Fortunately for these Democratic party "loyalists," delusion and self-absorption will save them from ever noticing the consequences. Until karma surprises. <> (14 June 2016)

The 2016 election is between the people and the corporations. Independents will determine who wins in November (they outnumber registered Democrats and registered Republicans). Bernie is the overwhelming favorite nationally (and in swing states), and would easily defeat Trump. If the DP fields Hillary Clinton against Trump, Trump will win. <> (5 June 2016)

Among the people: Bernie's supporters are the most alert, Trump's supporters are the most bitter, and Hillary's supporters are the most deluded. <> (5 June 2016)

If the Democratic Party apparatchiks (the paid minions of the 1% oligarchs) can beat back the hostile-takeover Sanders insurgency of popular and populist democracy, and put Hillary Clinton forward as the party's champion in the general electoral joust, then President Trump will be inaugurated in January 2017. The Democratic Party apparatchiks are first and foremost fighting to preserve their patronage positions (to hell with the country). A President Trump is no threat to their ambitions, but a nominee Sanders — whether subsequently president or not — would mean that a revolution had occurred in the Democratic Party, and the Obama-Clinton apparatchik gravy-train derailed. <> (27 February 2016)

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President Trump

8 November 2016 (revised 11 November 2016)

President Trump is popular America's (as opposed to institutional America's) equivalent of a Brexit from neoliberalism and globalization.

Part of the political rejection elevating Donald Trump to the presidency (beyond excruciating economic pain) is a popular emotional rejection of social attitudes and would-be social norms (as advocated by "advanced" worldly people) that are taken as threats to local distinctiveness, local traditions and old "religious" and ethnic customs, where those old customs are largely forms of bigotry passed down through families as basic elements of social and personal identity.

As is true with ISIS, the Taliban, Syria's Assad, Turkey's Erdogan, Iran's ayatollahs, Egypt's generals, the Chinese 'geriatocrats,' and every "conservative" authoritarian regime around the world, all socially "liberal" ideas like women's rights (reproductive, marital, sexual) and equality with men (political and economic), secular parliamentary government, the illegality of institutional racism, the illegality of the persecution of homosexuality and gender relativity, are all seen as part of "world governing" capitalist globalization taking over and diluting (to zero) local power structures (which are basically certain types of regional-national male classes defining the nature of their societies, and compelling all others to fit into their assigned places in these inequitable hierarchies).

This rejectionist and xenophobic nationalism is keenly and emotionally felt as "patriotism," the defending and maintaining of "our (local) way of life" against the invasions by heartless, impersonal, unpatriotic trans-national and exploitative world economic forces, with no loyalty locally or nationally (e.g., job offshoring, foreign tax-haven sheltering "world capital"), and whose human faces are self-aggrandizing elitists who have personally removed from themselves any localisms and "backwardness" that would connect them to the communities they would rule over from afar, in order to be most efficient in advancing their own personal ambitions. Hillary Clinton is a perfect

example of such an elitist, happy to homogenize (and “feminize”) the USA in order to make its exploitation by “world capital” more efficient.

Hillary Clinton is certainly more capable than Donald Trump would ever be at managing the economic system that currently owns the USA. But the popular preference for a President Trump is an angry rejection of that Wall Street neoliberal globalized system. They don’t want Trump to run it better than Hillary, they want Trump to destroy it and give them something new, which makes them feel good within their local distinctiveness, as they imagine they would have “in the good old days.”

Personally, I wish the Democrats had run Bernie instead of Hillary. Oh well, you reap what you sow.

I voted for Jill Stein of the Green Party.

Trump has triumphed, and all the institutions, who were uniformly against him (including a significant portion of the Republican Party Establishment), have been shamed. The American people have unleashed their political berserker.

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However you fell about it, Trump’s victory is:
- the result of an honest democratic election,
- a victory for populism, and
- a defeat (electoral) of the neoliberal establishment.

I have no doubt we could have had the same electoral result with Bernie Sanders, as President-Elect.

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