

The 2016 Presidential Election

In this essay, you are asked to write an analysis paper in English on why Hillary Clinton lost to Donald Trump in the 2016 Presidential Election. You should address part or all the following issues. You are not limited to the following issues. You can come up with your own insights.

- 1) In the 2016 Presidential Election on Nov 8, 2016, 65,844,954 people voted for Hillary Clinton, and 62,979,897 people voted for Donald Trump. That is Hillary Clinton received 2,865,057 more votes than Donald Trump. But Donald Trump will be the next President of United States. Why? What made Donald Trump the next President even though Hillary Clinton got 2,865,057 more votes? Is this fair? How to define fairness? Should the criteria of fairness evolve over time or stay still? (Remind yourself the notion of fairness criteria you just learned in this chapter.) “All men are created equal”, Thomas Jefferson first used the phrase in the U.S. Declaration of Independence. It was thereafter quoted and incorporated into speeches by a wide array of substantial figures in American political and social life in the United States. Do you think when electing the President of United States, are all men and women (voters) equal?
- 2) What kind of people in US voted for Donald Trump? Or, what kind of people made Donald Trump the President of United States?
- 3) What are swing states or battleground states?
- 4) What do you think the reasons are that almost all major media, journalists, pollsters made incorrect predictions before the election? (They almost all predicted Hillary Clinton would win.)
- 5) Do you think the personality difference between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton played an important role in the election?
- 6) Voter turnout is the percentage of eligible voters who cast a ballot in an election. Voter turnout in US Presidential Election is typically low, at about 50% for every US Presidential Election. What do you think the reasons are?

You can also touch on issues related to concepts from this chapter (can presidential elections be improved by changing to preference ballots, using a different voting method, etc.). Remember besides Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton, there were third party and independent candidates in the 2016 Presidential Election as well, for example, Gary Johnson from Libertarian Party, Jill Stein from Green Party, Evan McMullin, Independents, and Darrell Castle from Constitution Party. In the current United States Presidential Election system, each voter is allowed to vote for one and only one candidate.

Resources:

- 1) 2016 United States Presidential Election, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_presidential_election,_2016
- 2) Article “Where Were Trump’s Votes_ Where the Jobs Weren’t”, see separate document. Please note you don’t necessarily need to agree with what this article says. This is only for your reference. You don’t even need to read this article if you know what and how to write in your own paper.
- 3) Article “Time to End the Electoral College”, see separate document. Please note you don’t necessarily need to agree with what this article says. This is only for your reference. You don’t even need to read this article if you know what and how to write in your own paper.

- 4) Article “Sorry, Liberals. Bigotry Didn’t Elect Donald Trump”, see separate document. Please note you don’t necessarily need to agree with what this article says. This is only for your reference. You don’t even need to read this article if you know what and how to write in your own paper.
- 5) Article “Electoral College Settles Donald Trump’s Victory, but Little Else”, see separate document. Please note you don’t necessarily need to agree with what this article says. This is only for your reference. You don’t even need to read this article if you know what and how to write in your own paper.