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SCHEDULE OF QUESTIONS:

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STUDENT 1

1. The 2016 election results did not shock me as having a racist, white male be elected as President of the US is neither new or uncommon. However, I was surprised that in our "progressive" society, our people elected somebody so explicit and divisive in his views. In my opinion, Trump won for a few reasons. One, he represents direct opposition to the "political machine" and the "establishment" (similar to Bernie Sanders) that Hillary represented in many's eyes by simply being "himself." He isn't a politician, he can't be blamed for previous political blunders. So if people are opposed to the current state of government, he would be looked at favorably to change it. Secondly, his xenophobic, sexist, (insert almost any other "-ism") nature clearly resonated with many given the current fear in the US of terrorists and muslims as well as other social issues in the US which gave these people this vision of "change." Third, he is an extremely wealthy, straight white man... the stereotypical "leader" and definitely in regards to US Presidents, fits the mold. Fourth, as a whole, Trump was not taken seriously and that was perpetuated by the media which allowed him to be grossly underestimated.

Clinton lost for a few reasons as well. First of all, her image (like Trump's) was seen as unfavorable by the majority. She never did the necessary work to repair her image among any groups, she was seen as very untrustworthy, not personable, and representative of the "establishment"

2. Thomas theorem can support why many people bought into Trump's vision... Islamaphobia is real and people truly believe it as an issue so when Donald Trump is selling his plans to fix terrorism, and people think its some a serious issue, they will buy into it. The same would go with his immigration reform. Another concept, I found interesting to this is identity salience. This is because many people found it strange that the majority of white women voted for Trump instead of Clinton but there are many aspects of our identity besides our sexuality that guide our beliefs and actions within women, there are a diversity of experiences within these women which may guide their political views.

3. One factor is how the media shaped the election, Trump wasn't shown as a serious candidate compared to the experienced Clinton, which in turn led people to underestimate his popularity.

4. I'm not sure where Trump himself will take the country because as we stated in class, who truly knows Trump's position on anything? However, I think Trump's election may have negative implications because of people's response and what it conveys about equality and the "progressiveness" of our country. In reality, the president doesn't have absolute power so I don't fear so much for Trump but for what this means to citizens in this country.

STUDENT 2

5. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

I'm in the process of mourning, so I will be wearing all black for about a week. While going through the process of mourning, my emotions have been in a cycle. Initially, I was a bit in disbelief about how Trump was in the lead, but I had a feeling that in the end Clinton would pull through. When she never did pull through, I was somewhat in denial but I was really feeling devastated (and I never considered myself a Clinton supporter). I was devastated but when I woke up in the morning, my feelings quickly turned to anger. And since yesterday morning, I've been going back and forth between numbness and anger. I feel as though my anger will fuel my resistance against Trump and will help me stay resilient. Generally, I think that Trump won and was able to capture the votes of white women in particular, because whiteness was the more salient identity to them. Their whiteness trumped (no pun intended) or transcended their womanhood. Similarly, most of Trump's supporters are working class whites who would not benefit from a Trump presidency economically, but history has shown that working class whites who are oppressed by upper class whites will choose racial interests (their whiteness) over their economic situations in order to preserve the privileges that come with whiteness.

2. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

Double Standards Theory definitely applies in the context of the election. Double Standards Theory states that minority/marginalized groups have to work harder to get the same type of recognition or "respect" as a privileged person who didn't work as hard. In the context of the election, Hillary Clinton has been considered one of the most qualified candidates in history, while Trump has not held political office or had any political experience. And yet, he still was able to beat Clinton.

3. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

People feel like Clinton is apart of the establishment and has baggage from the past 30 years. Whereas, Trump claims to not be apart of the establishment and is not a politician. Trump supporters found that to be refreshing. Additionally, Trump has a big personality which meant that Trump supporters were more enthusiastic about Trump than Clinton supporters were about Clinton.

4. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

I think that because the majority of congress is republican and because Trump will be able to appoint a Republican/partisan justice for the supreme court, I'm not very optimistic about how Trump will lead this country. Although there will be people on both sides and parties who are willing to help Trump so that he can better lead this country, so I feel a little more optimistic. Still, I am anxious about Trump appointing Giuliani or Christie as Attorney General, because I think that no progress will be made in terms of the criminal justice system or addressing #BlackLivesMatter. On the other hand, it's not necessarily just about his presidency but the fact that Trump has made it okay to be hateful towards other people. Just day one after Trump's win, there have been many reports about minorities being harassed, threatened, or assaulted by Trump supporters all around the nation. I predict that this will eventually become commonplace or accumulate to major ethno-violence in the future, and I don't have confidence that Trump will properly address these issues.

STUDENT 3

1. I think voters made a grave mistake. I am scared, hurt, appalled, and worried about the results from the election. On a graphic I found online, it showed that 63% of white men and 52% of white women voted for Trump. While 80% of black men and 93% of black women voted for Clinton. Another graphic I found showed that if only millennial votes counted in the election, Clinton would have gotten 504 electoral votes over Trump's 23 electoral votes. I think that people were afraid to say they were voting for Trump, so pre-election polls showed that Clinton would win. But conservative people came out in boatloads and voted, and liberals didn't. The most frustrating part is that Hillary won the popular vote by 200,000 votes, yet Trump won the right votes in the right areas and was able to get to 279 electoral college votes and win the election. It is a corrupt system.

2. I think this election shows the amount of covert racism that exists in this country. We wanted to believe that because we elected Obama, an African-American man, to be our president for 2 terms we were living in a post-racial society. But in reality people are trying to be colorblind, which is possibly worse because it is just pretending that race doesn't matter, but it does! It always has, and always will. I think this election also speaks to stereotypes, because many people chose to vote for Trump because they didn't think a woman was ready to hold a position with so much power. This is also double standard, because Hillary had to be 5 times more qualified to even be taken serious, and even with that she still lost.

3. While a Trump presidency is terrifying, the worst part in my opinion is the amount of support that he garnered. 50% of America voted for him, support him, and his values and ideas. We as a population have elected a man who has said hurtful things towards almost every minority, marginalized group in the country. What The fact that 52% of white women voted for him shows that these people identify with and will choose their race over their gender. This election felt like it was so much more than just an election. It was so much more personal, it was more than just picking a Presidential candidate, it was a statement to everyone in this country. While I don't think that everyone who voted for him is racist, everyone who voted for him voted for a racist man, and they have enough privilege to be able to ignore this part of his character and look at it as a minor flaw.

4. We have a system of checks and balances. This means that the President does not have sole control and cannot make decisions alone. The problem is that now, the Senate and the House are both majority republican. While not all republicans agree with Trump, he will not have as much party opposition. Especially cases such as Roe v Wade

and female reproduction rights, LGBT rights and marriage equality, gun rights, and Obamacare, the republican party agrees with Trump and it will most likely not be hard to pass, or to overturn bills. Already, this election has had negative outcomes in my opinion. African-Americans have been attacked verbally, physically. Transgender kids have committed suicide. Latinos have been fearing the deportation of their families. Muslims have stopped wearing their hijabs for fear of their safety. The impact of his election is so much bigger than just policy, it has enormous social impacts with people who have prejudices feeling justified to discriminate these marginalized communities.

STUDENT 4

1. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

I am very disappointed in the overall election, trump won because they saw Hillary as a criminal but there were no emails that were exposed, and they saw her as “change”, Trump sparked up a fire that was true but made it visible to everyone worldwide to see. The united states is seen as the land of opportunity. But there is so much racism in this world that people just see the united states as a joke. He has sparked white supremacy. I think Hillary should have one because she is for the people and trump is for the richer people trying to make them even richer. Hillary didn't win because there is a woman, because she has experience in politics, because she actually wanted to help the people. As for trump only wanted to help himself and cut off the opportunities for other people that don't look like him.

2. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

Theories that can explain the outcomes of the election can be prejudice, levels of discrimination and face work.

3. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?
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One thing that worries me is that my dad may come home upset because he wasn't able to do his job because someone told him to leave because he has the skin completion of a Mexican. Trump has no idea what he is doing. He has no experience with politics. On social media I have seen that when people apply to jobs, there better be a “no experience needed”. Trump has expressed his ideology. The protests that have happened were for reasons. The outcomes will be completely negative, he plans on taking away Obamacare, plans on doing the total opposite of what Obama did.

STUDENT 5

1.This election was very predictable. Donald trump won the election because many working class whites believe minorities are taking over different aspects of the country like jobs, and minorities are to blame for own failures. Clinton failed to mobilize the white women, college educated, and working class suburban families. The DNC failed to mobilize first time voters, Black, Brown, and other minorities. Last, DNC neglected to connect to Bernie Sanders supporters. Basically neo-liberals and and limousine liberals lost it for the Democrats.

2. Two concepts and theories that support Trump winning and Clinton losing is doing gender and ultimate attribution theory. Throughout the election Donald Trump played a very “masculine”, dominant, and aggressive

role. However, when Hillary Clinton portrayed the same straights she was look down on and called derogatory names. Hillary clinton was held accountable and confronted with every scandal attach to her, but scandals such as "Trump University" and rape allegations toward Trump were dismissed by followers.

3.Factors that impacted the election that our theories cannot readily explain is how nearly every Pollster had Hillary Clinton winning the presidency and trump winning the white women vote.

4.Trump presidency will have a negative impact on minorities within the country specifically Blacks and immigrants. Donald Trump presidency will strengthen and bring forward more oppressive and overt racist policies within institutions like the legal system.

STUDENT 6

1.) Personally, I am a Trump supporter so I am happy with the way the 2016 election went. I think one of the reasons Trump gained a tremendous age among his counter part, Hillary Clinton, is because of the media. Before the election began, Huffington Post gave Donald Trump a 2% chance of winning the election. Because of this, I think many Clinton supporters believed she had the election in the bag. On the other hand, I think this fired up many Trump supporters forcing them to go vote, and voice their opinion.

2.)Cognitive Dissonance, obviously played a major role in how the election ultimately went. This is when one holds two conflicting beliefs simultaneously. Personally, as an active parishioner, I am Pro Life, because of this, I did not agree with Hillary's views on abortion. This is ultimately, one of the major reasons that I voted for Trump.

3.)I think many impoverished people did not have the same ability to vote as those who are wealthier. Because of this, the election could have been very different.

4.)I think President Trump will secure the southern boarder effectively, resulting in less illegal immigration. Because of this, there will be many jobs for the unemployed citizens who pay taxes to be in this country. In addition, I think that with a business mindset, trump can successfully boost economy. Finally, becoming allies with Russia is huge, and ultimately may have stopped a potential war. These are just three of many reasons why i think Trump will have a positive impact on this country.

STUDENT 7

1. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

The results are very upsetting but eye opening to the society that we are living in. I think that I got out of my fantasy world that as a country the United States is progressing. The statistics of this election show that white men and women are in support of Trumps racist, sexist ideas and didn't sway their position no matter what he did. I

believe Trump was able to win because he appealed to the white people living in the rural parts of the U.S. who felt neglected for several years. He was able to place the blame on certain groups in the U.S. and use them as scapegoats to all of the countries problem. Clinton I believe lost because she had too much confidence that she would win certain states and opted out of doing the work needed to convince people she was the best candidate.

2. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

One theory that supports Trump winning was his technique of “othering”. Trump was able to use “othering” to place blame on immigrants, Muslims and other minority groups for economic issues as well as safety issues in the U.S. He got several Americans who agreed and believed with his conclusions. The social exchange theory can also be used to discuss Trump winning because the people who voted for him believed that they were previously involved in a government where they were not benefiting, therefore they got out of this relationship.

3. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

I think that location, and the race of the voters that elected Trump has a lot to do with his victory.

4. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

Trump has no plan to do anything but deport people. I am afraid that Trump will take the country in a direction of more covert hate and discrimination.

STUDENT 8

What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

When I woke up on Wednesday morning and checked the results of the election, I was honestly shocked. I was so sure that Hilary Clinton was going to be our next president. It's not even the fact that Hillary was such a good candidate and so fit for the position—because in my eyes she was not—it was that Trump was so radical in everything that he posed and promised to do that made me believe he would never win. Obviously other people thought otherwise, which is why he is now the President of the United States, but I still truly believed that the majority of Americans would disagree with the kind of person that Trump is and therefore vote against him. I am not quite sure why Trump won over Hillary because from what I have heard Hillary was the candidate that won the most votes. I also do not know much about how the electoral college works so I do not know how he ended up becoming president, but I do know that the “silent majority” ended up getting what they wanted. Those people who truly believed that Trump can “make America great again” won the election. I think Hillary may have lost the vote of many because of her gender (men did not like the idea of a woman being president so they chose the latter). I also think Hillary lost some votes because of the scandal that came out about the emails. People viewed what she did as a long period of time of lying and dishonesty, while they viewed the scandal of Trumps “locker room talk” as a one time thing. Lastly, I think that people viewed history as a businessman could potentially benefit our economy. Overall, however, I am not entirely sure how the results turned out the way that they did and I am still in shock.

- **What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?**

I guess one concept that I briefly explained in question one that could support Trump winning the election is his diffuse status characteristics. Diffuse status characteristics include the characteristics such as your hair color, eye color, etc. Therefore, all of his diffuse status characteristics make him a male which many people probably preferred to represent them as the president of the United States. This also shows the theory Doing Gender being inaction. In class we also spoke about how the socioeconomic status is all about a person's occupation, education, and income. Therefore people were probably attracted to his income and previous occupation as such a successful businessman and therefore voted him as a president. Additionally, in class we talked about how people tend to conform to what the majority. With that being said, I believe that when people saw how many supporters were attending Trump's rallies they probably wanted to join the majority and support him as well. Lastly, I think framing may have played a big role in swaying people's votes. I think that the way that Trump framed his "Make America Great Again" campaign made people want to be on his side because they wanted to make their country as good as it can be. He also framed what he was saying into making it seem like white Americans did not have much of a choice but to vote for him so that he could protect their rights.

- **What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?**

Additional factors that impacted the election are the multiple scandals that came out and the timing of them. The email scandals were released very close to the final election, which most likely caused many people to change their minds on their vote and therefore give their vote to Trump. Also, the fact that so many polls were closed early and therefore people were not given the chance to vote. This eliminated many voters and could have potentially been voting for Hillary. Lastly, I think a lot of people may have changed their minds about how they were voting for. They may have said that they were going to vote for Hillary all throughout the entire campaign process because they did not want to be frowned upon for genuinely wanting Trump to win, but then ended up voting for Trump in the end. This created a false projection of the number of people that were going to vote for Hillary, and therefore caused many people to believe she was surely going to win, but then ended up being the complete opposite.

- **What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?**

I definitely think things are going to change around our country, and I hope that we are still able to maintain the rights that we have to this day. I also hope that the minorities living in our country are able to live peacefully and without being genuinely afraid for what might happen to them. If Trump really follows through with everything that he was promising to change and to do if he was elected president then I believe that the outcome will be negative.

1. I am overall very disappointed because neither one of the candidates was "good" enough to be the leader of the American society. It is always hard to choose between a politically inexperienced business man who has said tons of racist or sexist statements in public versus a typical politician who has "made" multiple "mistakes" with her way of handling the emails etc. As a sociology majored student, i was shocked to see how many minority voters supported Trump as he continuously promote indirect white supremacy and nationalism, and it shows how many Americans actually agrees with him. In my opinion, Trump won majorly because of the urge that American wants to change. Instead of dealing with a typical politician like the rest of the former presidents, Trump is a successful business man who might be able to help the United States' economy.

2. I think racism plays a huge part in this election along side with the age gaps of the voters. Since Trump's campaign slogan is "make america great again," which implies that american was great at one point. Based on the statistics, more than 50% of voters aged 18-45 mainly supported Clinton and more than 50% of voters aged 46 or above mainly supported trump. here shows that the older generations (the baby boomers) favors trump more than the younger generation. also, based on the statistics, the mid-west and the south mainly supported Trump yet the west and east coast mainly supported Clinton. as i know the mid-west and south are not as racially diverse as the coast area.

3. i really have no idea. Since he is not a typical politician, it is scary because of the uncertainty

STUDENT 10

1. I think there was always an underlying impression that Trump could pull through, simply because he was so vocal and appealed to those that had lost out against the legal system. To a certain extent, I think Clinton was too confident in certain areas, and did not put in enough effort into appealing to key issues. Analytics showed that she had a tremendous advantage at points, and she listened to the numbers. Clinton failed to pull the voters that Obama had pulled. She did not have the power to bring those same voters out and get them to vote. Statistics showed that white voters showed up to vote consistently, yet minority voters did not come out in the numbers they had for the Obama elections. Also, Trump seemed to have the ability to sell his businessman persona against an unsatisfying economic state the democratic party will soon leave the next president with, pulling in blue-collar workers from key states.

2. I think two important concepts in this election were the ingroup and the outgroup. The ingroup became Clinton's supporters and the outgroup were Trump supporters. With ideas such as racism and sexism closely tied to Trump, many supporters feared to be vocal about their support. This resulted in the inaccurate projections of pollsters, so much that some had given Clinton a 98% chance of winning the election.

On a side note, it was a little ironic to personally hear and see how many vocal anti-Trump millennials and celebrities actually admitted afterwards that they did not cast a vote.

3. I find it a little disheartening to feel the need to say that I did not vote for Donald Trump nor am I a Trump supporter, but to defend Trump in any way on a campus such as this one would have been social suicide. In class, someone spoke about the Trump campaign being one of fear, while comparatively, the Obama and Bernie campaigns were based off of hope. I think that this is a completely false assumption simply because of our local demographic. As you mentioned, we live in a bubble and are fed prepackaged news about the rest of the nation. The hope that each person feels is differs from others, and it is unfair to judge others by their decisions and actions while we judge ourselves by our intentions. Trump supporters were crucified solely based on some of Trump's questionable remarks, yet much of Trump's opposition was ignorant of why Trump had the type of support he had. He gave hope to the blue-collar workers, the working men and women who were getting their jobs outsourced and their factories closed. He gave hope to those that were frustrated with the political system and its carefully molded players. His campaign slogan was a hopeful belief in the land.

4. I think the country as a whole will do fine. There are going to be certain moments where he may screw around with foreign affairs where he can speak freely, but in general we have a system of checks and balances that protects us from unprecedented power. There are those who point towards the Republican majority in both the House and the Senate, yet Bush had that same benefit and did not have extraordinary results. I think that there is a huge issue of people hearing whatever they want to hear. From Bernie conceding to Hillary to Hillary conceding to Trump, people like to listen to their candidate until they hear something they don't like. In Hillary's concession speech, she says that this may not be the outcome her supporters wanted but to remember that "Our campaign was never about one person or even one election, it was about the country we love and about building an America that's hopeful, inclusive and big-hearted." Even with this, people aren't showing the love they preached just a week ago. There is undoubted concern for the Trump and his antics, but he still received 47% of the popular vote. The face-work that most of our politicians do has spanned their entire careers, and Trump did not go into the political scene with the same luxury which left him very vulnerable to attacks about his past. I don't agree with his character or all of his opinions, but he was elected fairly. We are a part of a system meant to take into account multiple sides. The system encourages us to debate and disagree, but chants of "not my president" get us nowhere. In Hillary's words, at the very least, "We owe [Trump] an open mind and the chance to lead."

STUDENT 11

1) When the election results were still being counted, I looked at the live tallying of the votes and I was in a state of disbelief and shock that Trump was ahead of Clinton. I decided to not look at the results until the next day and went to sleep to see if I could ease my emotions. In my mind I thought that the unimaginable couldn't become the reality and went to sleep. The following day, I woke up feeling anxious and dreading to see the results, I searched up the news of the election and it seemed like my feelings of anxiousness, shock, disbelief, fear, and sadness were magnified at the sight of the name of who would be America's newest president, Trump. I must've stared at the name for 5 minutes because I couldn't believe that what I thought was unimaginable actually became reality. All the polls, news, and social media adamantly said that Clinton would win; the truth could not be farther away from reality. I looked at the map of the results, seeing the alarming color of red states and very few blue states. There are a variety of reasons that I believed Trump won and Clinton lost. I believe the media, with its biasness and unreliability hypnotized the public on the antics of Trump, here is a man that fascinates the public because he is an outsider to the world of politics. Trump's ideas and beliefs captivates the racism and xenophobia that circles around America.

2) I believe doing gender could be applied in the case of Trump and Clinton, because as discussed in class, women and men are held to different standards and are treated differently. Both Clinton and Trump have done some shady stuff, but some people overlook the shady side of Trump and believe he could be a better president, even though he has been accused of rape. Clinton is a woman and because there has never been a female president before, many people are judgmental and skeptical of what a woman in office could be like.

3) I think how Trump grabs people's attention and their votes and even the fact that he has no experience in politics seem to baffle me and many other people. There is also how the tables have turned moment that is the polls predicting that Clinton would win the presidency over Trump, because it seemed so sure that Clinton was going to win and that Trump would lose.

4) I do not like President-elect Trump, and many others also have the same thinking as I do. I am unsure of Trump's policies and ideas, I think he can only surprise us and show us what he's got for America, because before being republicans and before being democrats, we are Americans first and foremost. I want to keep an open mind to the

new president even though it is quite difficult to do so, there is nothing I can do but to accept the fact that Trump is America's newest president.

STUDENT 12

The 2016 election was a surprise to many people. In my opinion, Trump originally ran as a joke. The fact that he was able to get this far and make it into this high office in the United States is concerning. People are very uneducated on the situation and just hear that there were things wrong with Hillary's campaign, without comparing it to Trump. Both Trump and Hillary were bad candidates, but at least Hillary had comprehensive plans that she wanted to put into action, whereas Trump does not have logical ones and has no political background. Trump won because there are too many people who are uneducated and cannot vote in this country. Many foreigners would have voted against Trump; however, they were not registered to vote. Clinton lost the election because too much of America is not ready to see a woman President in office and would rather have an unqualified male.

2. A theory that we discussed in class that can coincide with this is doing gender and intersectionality. Since Clinton is a woman, she has to go out of her way to do more than Trump to even get the same recognition. She is also looked down upon for not being emotional enough as a woman, even though, if she were a man, people would claim that she is powerful and a strong leader.

3. We cannot explain why some people wrote in dumb candidates. There were over 11,000 people who stood in line to write in Harambe and I believe around 35,000 who wrote in Hennessy. This is a disgrace and disrespectful to our American rights.

4. I think that Trump is going to make bad foreign relations. He is not very good at accommodating to the feelings of other racial and ethnic groups other than white males, so I don't believe he will do a good job at keeping our foreign relations in tact. He wants to further America, but this is hard to do without strong relations with other nations. He is also very strongly against abortions, birth control and the LGBTQ community, which have huge negative implications for America's future.

STUDENT 13

I am saddened and ashamed of America's decision on Tuesday, but at this point, not surprised. I believe that Trump's victory over Hillary happened for many reasons, including racism, frustration, elitism and more. I view this as a strike back at the democratic, liberal and inspiring change that we have seen throughout our country under the Obama administration and unfortunately know that the strike back is about to get worse. Already today, we have seen mass protest in the streets, most peaceful, and in the past year, we have watched as America became a country divided once more. After a period of grievance for our country, for my family, for my fellow women, for my friends, and for anyone who is scared to live in a country where a racist rapist rules all, I have decided to make the best of the next four years in any way that I can. At this point, although I am still hoping for a surprise outcome on December 17th, I know that the Electoral College has decided its winner.

I thought that Obama's speech outlined this trend well. He spoke about the "zig and zag" of American politics and how it wouldn't be America without this. Unfortunately, after 8 years of progress, the opposing "zag" went too far.

I have been reading a lot today, and have learned more about Trump's policies than I wish I had to. Immediately, I believe that the outcome will be poor. Already, Trump has elected a climate denier to run the EPA, has incited massive stock market disruption, and has created an America that many are not proud to live in. I sincerely hope that this changes within the year. I feel that in this country, there should be no election where 50% of the people are scared and crying over the outcome. In addition, I feel that the Electoral College let us down. But when 59.9 million people vote Hillary, and Trump still wins, It shows us more than the fact that our system does not work, it shows us that racism has won, that the glass ceiling may never break for women, and that an unqualified man will always beat out the most qualified woman for the job. Sexism is alive, and now we must live with it for four more years. <https://mobile.twitter.com/i/moments/796417517157830656?m=1>

STUDENT 14

Personally, I did not support neither Trump or Clinton. Either way, Clinton as president would have meant basically a criminal and liar being in charge of our country and Trump as president is a racist, sexist, man with zero political background as our president. I think Trump won essentially because many, many uneducated people voted for him. I don't see how women necessarily could support him but he definitely had the support of the uneducated and the very rich, white men.

2. Gender plays a big role in this election- Clinton would have been our first female president, which definitely scared a lot of people. As a female, I think it would have been a good thing to show that a female is capable of doing anything a man is and can hold the same status and power in society. However, half of America disagreed. Trump stated in 2000 that if he were to run for president he would run as a republican because they will believe anything, he could lie and they would still believe him. Just because he was a man with high status in society already, I believe that helped him overall.

3. Voting- 11,000 people woke up on Tuesday and voted for Harambe, a dead gorilla and decided not to have any say in who will be our next president. It's a right to vote and each citizen should take a stance and assert that right.

4. I'm scared for the future of America- which i would be if it were Trump OR Clinton. 11,000 people woke up on Tuesday morning and voted for Harambe, a dead gorilla. This just shows that there are 11,000 Americans who did not want either one and decided to take it on as a joke anyway. Though Trump states all these things he's going to do, I don't think he will fulfill them. He is not the *only* one in charge and is surrounded by a team of the most intelligent people who will have to make decisions along with him. Though the house and senate is also controlled by the Republican Party, there are many republicans who do not support Trump's ideas. He will not get away with doing all these horrible things he wishes to do. Overall, having either one would not be ideal, however I believe that in the long run Trump would be a better fit for President than Clinton, which is surprising for me to say since I am a female. This does not mean I support Trump, I just believe that either way the United States would have had backlash.

STUDENT 15

1. My views on the 2016 election are I am disbelief that we as a nation let someone who had no political background/experience take the position as the most powerful man over someone who was well qualified and had a lot of political experience. I am very sad that we have to deal with Trump for the next four years. Also I am sad that Obamas are leaving us. This was my first time voting and I was so disappointed at the the selection I had to choose from. I believe that Trump won because a lot of people really do agree with him and his views. Especially racism. Also I believe that Clinton underestimated him in a way.

2. I believe the theory of "othering" will be one of the outcomes from Trump winning the election. Being though the way he views women as if we are beneath him. He believes that women don't hold any power what so ever and that we don't matter.

3.The factors of the media had a big impact on the election. I feel that the media played a big part in this election because the media is what kept people up to date throughout the election. Had it not been for the media we would not have known about the emails that Hillary sent or about the rape charges that trump had. I believe the media also affected the votes during the election. People were tuned into the media and seeing Hillary was up in the poles and made them think they did not have to go out and vote.

4.I believe Trump will set this country back decades. What I mean by set us back is, taking us back to a time where racism wasn't a big deal, a time when inequality was overlooked. I believe he will undo all of Obama's hard work. He has no intentions and having a positive outcome of him being president.

STUDENT 16

1. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?
 1. Honestly I'm pretty upset about the election results. I was in a state of complete shock yesterday and I felt like I couldn't breathe. I think Donald Trump won because the people most passionate about this election were the entitled white folk who want this to go back to the way they were. Hillary's supporters were shaky at best, while Trump's were diehards.
2. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?
 1. I think ultimate attribution error played a huge role in this election. For every shady thing that Clinton did, it was blown out of proportion and attributed to her identity as a person and as a "nasty woman". With Trump people constantly made excuses for his behavior. In addition, doing gender played a huge role because despite Clinton's surplus of experience she still lost to this fool who hasn't been in public office for a damn second in his life.
3. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?
 1. I think it's especially difficult to explain why so many people who didn't like either candidate chose to go with Trump. No one has been able to explain to me exactly why Clinton is such a horrible person. They say that she would have brought ruin to this country when it seems like her term would have simply been more of the same status-quo (which has not been that bad).
4. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?
 1. Despite my whole body and soul going into shock yesterday I want to believe in a positive future. I want to believe that he won't do too much damage and that we can come together as a nation after this. So hopefully the outcome can be positive, but I still feel shitty about the whole thing.

STUDENT 17

I think the 2016 election was a shock for everybody. Personally, I always had a feeling that Trump was going to win but a couple of days before the results I was second-guessing myself. Around campus and all over social media I saw posts from Hillary supporters so I thought that maybe she could pull it off and win. Even though Hillary won the popular vote, I think the reason why Trump won overall is because he got all the people who don't normally vote to vote for him. States that have previously voted Democratic for Obama, such as Florida, Pennsylvania and Ohio, all voted for Trump.

2. Trump's views on the economy and jobs can relate to the term "ethnocentrism" we discussed in class. He wants to reform the tax code and trade policies to make it easier to higher, invest, build, grow, produce, and manufacture in our country. He wants to stop China from stealing our jobs, and make America the best place in the world to do business. Even though Trump called Mexicans "rapists" and "criminals" and said he was going to build a southern border wall, Trump did better among Hispanic voters than 2012 Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney.

3. I think one of the main reasons Hillary lost is because people believe she is a crooked politician. The email scandals definitely did not help her campaign. The use of her private messaging system software and a private server violated State Department protocols and procedures, as well as federal laws and regulations governing record keeping. After these incidents I think people lost trust in Hillary.

4. I believe that President-elect Trump has good policies for our country's future. Just because he wants to enforce our immigration laws doesn't mean he's going to deport every single illegal immigrant. As a businessman, he wants what's best for our economy, and reforming the tax code and trade policies will ensure this. And as a college student, I approve of his plan to support parents in affording paying for college and making sure students aren't buried in debt. Our country is probably still in shock from the result of the election, but I feel that we should support our new president and trust that he will make the right decisions.

STUDENT 18

I honestly did not think they would let Trump win. I think he did win because society has more racists and sexists, etc than I realized who support(ed) Trump. Heck, he has the support from an ex-KKK leader.

2. I think social stratification had a lot to do with Trump winning. Social stratification reflects the differing amounts of power, status and prestige a group has and Trump being a rich white man can use his power and status as well as his white privilege and influence/manipulate Americans into voting for him.

3. Our theories thus far have not gone in depth into privilege and white privilege which I think really impacted the election. Trump had more than just white privilege but the privilege of being rich and a man as well allowed him more power and a higher status.

4. I think the impact of the negative effects he has our showing already in the protests/riots happening around the world. Trump does not have a political background but a reality TV one and I think that is how he will treat America. Like his own reality TV show to direct and that will not better America. I am worried for how America will turn out under his care. Already Muslim women have spoken out about fear of wearing their hijabs because Trump is now president. With him president all the racists and sexists believe they can do what they want and it will be acceptable with him as president. We are already heading down the wrong path and I really don't want to see what will happen when he takes power in the White House.

STUDENT 19

1. The results of the election Tuesday night are the single most shocking event to occur in my lifetime, or at least the most shocking event that I've been old enough to comprehend. I am deeply saddened by the results, as clearly so many of the wonderful things I believed about the country I lived in are categorically false. I believe Trump won because he was able to get his followers more excited than Clinton was able to with hers, and unfortunately much of Trump's base consists of uninformed, ethnocentric and xenophobic whites with no grasp on how other classes and demographics in this country continue to struggle every day.

2. I'm worried about the decisions Trump's far-right supreme court will make. At this point in time, it seems to me the decisions on gay marriage, abortion, and so many others are in great danger of being overturned. I'm holding on to enough faith that the more senior and experienced members of congress will be able to prevent him from single-handedly destroying the economy or getting us all vaporized, but from a social perspective, I fear the great work done over the last half-century will be undone in the span of four years. I very much hope I am wrong.

3. The problem is that so much of Trump's base doesn't see their inherent discrimination as racism. They don't understand the state that urban areas are in. This is likely an unfair and broad generalization, but they are unable to see or comprehend anything that isn't taking place directly in front of them. Given the amount of racially charged events and hate crimes that have already happened in the very short time since Trump has been elected, I can't see the racial divide in this country doing anything but widening over the next four years.

ELMS QUESTIONS –

Many of the discriminatory and racial theories we've discussed over the past few weeks in class explain Trump's victory. Some amount of inherent prejudice and racism exists in more parts of the country than any of us wanted to believe. I'd be interested in hearing theories on why women and minorities still turned out for Trump the way they did after the horrible things he's said on so many occasions. I would theorize that some amount of learned helplessness is involved.

STUDENT 20

1. I woke up in the middle of the night and started watching the election on Youtube and checking google. I'm shocked and disgusted by the result of Donald J Trump winning the presidential election. One of the main reasons Clinton lost is because people saw her a corrupt and untrustworthy candidate, but also did not motivate her voters to get out and vote.

2. From the beginning it was a terrible choice to pick Clinton to represent the democratic party because she was the unpopular vote compared to Bernie Sanders who motivated everyone go get involved in politics. Trump also appealed to those who have lower education from our country and places many other ethnic/race as scapegoats.

3. A giant factor was that many voters did not go vote this year compared to previous years. Both candidates were the most unpopular people running for president in history.

4. Based on what the republicans won this year, there is almost nothing we can do to to stop him. He's going to be one of the most powerful people in the world, but hes also grossly unprepared. Trump is going repeal many of the delegation we made so far such as gay rights, abortion, and environmental policies. We can only try to unite and stop him while he make decisions but also congress can try hold him from funding anything he things is positive.

STUDENT 21

1. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

The results were something that I hoped never happened but it is something that some part of my mind knew would happen but just hope it didn't. The reason why Clinton lost was not about her emails but was the fact that she was a woman, and she was a threat to the whole image of America as being the strongest and most formidable country in the world. Women and men did not think she was capable primarily because of how women are still viewed in the society. It is really sad that this was a prime example that no matter how far you reach or achieve as a woman there would be man that is less qualified than you that comes along and would be much more favored for a desired role than said woman. Trump won because he represented what a lot of the majority groups have kept within them but feared to express because of the possibility of being called a racist and excluded from society. But having someone as president that represents they probably felt gave them more chances to have their voices heard without thoughts of repercussions.

1. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

The racial and gender divide that is present in the society that was believed to have been sustained came in full force this time. People that were not college educated, did not associate themselves with people that were outside of their world. Especially because the country is still so segregated in certain areas, there is still so much anger and stereotypes that are present. This contributed a lot to rural while non-college educated males coming out and representing and voting for him. One video I watched online discussed that statistically over the years this happening was already set in stone. This is because in history it was seen that every time the country was able to progress in terms of racial and gender equally. But when that happens what happens is that country reacts by choosing an individual that would effectively squash all these progress.

1. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

Why women did not support Clinton, why are women more inclined to choose a man (in regards to Sanders) in comparison to Clinton. The fact that her husband was a factor in people voting against her, because of their distrust of him and the scandals he was in had negatively impacted her image.

1. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

I think that my thoughts are primarily negative, even though I wish that he doesn't end up burning the country down because I am still living here. That would be like wishing the pilot of the plane to crash while still being on board! But the fact that there is a sexist, racist and entitled man in the position of power in charge of one of the strongest nuclear weapon in this planet and it is scary. The fact that people that are so ignorant about other people would so readily want to get rid of them. I feel like with all the violence against people of the minority group would intensify because now I believe those people would not feel like there is any time of resistance against them.

STUDENT 22

What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

When I was deciding on whom to vote for I was extremely conflicted. On the one hand, Clinton is basically a criminal. On the other hand, Trump is not a really politician he was a TV star. He was also accused of sexual assault many times and is an extremely cocky bigshot. For me there was no right candidate to vote for. I am from California, which is a democratic state, so my vote either way wouldn't matter that much. I think a lot of people were turned off from Hilary because she is a criminal and doesn't take the law, which she is supposed to represent, seriously. A lot of people chose Trump because they felt he was the "lesser of two evils".

2. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

I think the concept of "Doing Gender" is one reason that Clinton lost the election. Many people in America believe that a man will be better at taking the position of president than a woman and I am sure that many didn't vote for Hilary for that reason. In addition, the double-standard theory relates to what I have just mentioned about the fact that Hilary lost partly because people didn't trust a woman to be able to take on such a high position. Due to the fact that Trump is a man (versus Clinton as a woman) his status allowed him to gain a greater number of supporters.

3. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

It is confusing to me how he won because of all the responses since he was elected. I have heard more "F trump" and nasty statements against Trump than pro trump. Besides for the gender issue, it is hard to construct an explanation for why Trump won.

4. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

I am only nervous for his presidency and where he will take America. As someone who identifies as Jewish, I think and hope that he will only build and maintain a positive relationship with Israel which was not very strong during Obama's presidency. I am trying to think positively and hope that Trump surprises all of us during his presidency.

STUDENT 23

I personally didn't follow the election as closely as a lot of other people. Based on the small amount of political knowledge I have about the candidates I was not very happy to find out Trump won. I think Trump won because a lot of the people in our society who hold power and status believe Trump will be able to express their beliefs and help them maintain power and status. On the other hand I think Hillary was more focused on becoming part of the ingroup to relate with the voters but it rarely felt sincere.

2 this election feels like an example of gendering and larger social structures pushing the country toward the wealthy white male instead of potentially having problems related to stereotypes of women.

3 I think a large part of the discussion and normalization involved with this election took place online and over social media. I think it would be interesting to understand the social forces in play with online interactions

4 originally I was convinced Trump would completely destroy the world if elected but now faced with the reality that he is now president I'm changing my outlook to a more positive attitude. My hope is that instead of giving into stereotypes that the public created about him, Trump will somehow prove everyone wrong and use his skills to bring progress and success to the US

STUDENT 24

. I am disappointed in our country by the election results. I believe that Trump won because the majority of our country was able to overlook his racist, homophobic, sexist, and just generally bigoted opinions so they could "make a statement" about how they do not like politicians or Hillary Clinton or whatever stupid protest vote they wanted to make, There is also a proportion of his base that supports his bigoted opinions, and I am now scared that they feel like half of the country supports their beliefs and they will be more willing to act out on these beliefs. I am scared for myself and for my friends if these people get the bigoted policies they want

2. When we discussed just how racist and sexist our country was it went to support Trump winning. Also when we discussed collective behavior and group think, which shows that over time people in groups adopt the most extreme position, it makes a bit of sense.

3. Honestly, I just didn't think our country was this bigoted. I thought there was more good than bad.

4. He's going to ruin our country and everything it stands for. Socially, he wants to take rights away from literally every minority group. Economically, his tax plan is going to bankrupt the country like he bankrupted his businesses, by cutting taxes for the rich and raising spending. He wants to be a warmonger in the middle east and literally has been quoted wanting to blow it up. He believes in using nukes, which is terrifying especially with how close to DC we live. He's spreading a culture of hate and fear, which has been shown to increase terrorism both from foreign sources and from within our borders. He gets to choose at least one supreme court justice, which is just great because he wants to change the constitution. Lastly, he has a republican congress which will allow him to pass whatever shit he wants. On top of it being terrible for the country, it personally effects me not only as a woman, but as a daughter of an immigrant from Lebanon. When he starts passing his anti-Muslim legislation it will personally effect me and my ability to work in the government. I want to work in counterterrorism, which will become infinitely harder now with this idiot running my country. It's also effecting all my friends negatively. Many of them called me crying that night because they live in predominately Republican areas and they were afraid to go outside, to go to work, and to go to school anymore. Because they were openly members of the LGBT community, their safety was in danger.

STUDENT 25

1. The 2016 election results were very shocking to me, as I really did believe that Hillary Clinton would win. Frankly, I am very disappointed in my fellow citizens of this country because it is blind blowing to me that there are so many people who agree with what Trump stands for. Although I did not believe that either candidate was really the right choice for our country, I stood by what Clinton thought and preached more than Trump. Trump won because of the electoral college; Clinton won the popular vote. With that in mind, I think that the electoral college should be looked over again and see what ways we can improve it.

2. Discrimination is a key concept that we talk about in this class that support Trump winning, but in the wrong way. It appears as if the citizens of this country are supportive of racism, and discrimination. Trump hates Muslims, Black people, people of the LGBT community and frankly in my opinion, that is unacceptable as a president. In addition, with regard to Clinton using, one can apply the idea of intersectionality. People's identities are multiplicative, it is not acceptable for people to just hate; she is a a white woman trying to make a change in which I agree with. Clinton won the popular vote, therefore more people did want her to win, just maybe from smaller states.

3. I think a lot that has to do with the results of this election has to do with education and some theories regarding that perhaps that we have not discussed. Our country needs to be more educated. The less-educated people are

the ones who predominantly voted for Trump. Society needs to emphasize the need for learning and understanding because I think that those lead to acceptance, which is key. Our world needs to accept everyone and anyone. Racism and sexism is clearly still around in our society and I think both of these had much to do with the election outcomes. Too many people in our society still believe that people of color are bad and that women and men are not equal.

4. I am a strong believer in taking action and making the best of every situation. With that in mind, although I am not a supporter of Trump by any means, at this point I think people need to accept and move on and hope that he takes our country somewhere great. I think the outcome for many people will be negative, but I can see how certain aspects to what Trump talks about can be beneficial to a select group of people in the United States. I really have no idea where Trump is going to take our country and what aspects he will approach first, but I do really hope that it turns out positively.

STUDENT 26

1. The country is divided on what it truly wants. But Trump was able to focus the angry white vote into his favor. There are more people that are upset with how America was running before the election. But apparently now-a-days whenever there's a problem the thing to do is riot and protest instead of actually deal with the problem. But when everyone is given a trophy for participating, nobody knows how to lose.
2. I guess the only one I can think of is the network system. A voter for Trump may have been affected by some policy or something that Obama put into place and they eventually got sick of it. Then they would talk to their friends and family about it and start to realize that they're not the only ones who are bothered. So instead of voting for a criminal and having four more years of the same stuff, they want to vote for somebody who will bring back the values they grew up with or are familiar with.
3. How many people really despise the direction in which the nation is heading. There are a bunch of Americans that couldn't stand Obama. So I guess the silent majority played a bigger part than people would imagine. But Trump did the impossible, he beat his party, he beat his opposing party, he got to the election and he won, but being able to relate, or convince the people and there were enough people to back him. He was tired of the way things were and wanted them to change.
4. The outcome could be either or. All people have to do is give him a chance. If people can't get around to doing that and shut down before he ever gets a chance, then nothing will get done. For example people are complaining that "He's not my president" well Obama wasn't mine, but I still dealt with him. All people need is a chance, but if liberals can't get over themselves and learn how to work with opinions that aren't theirs then we as a society will get nowhere.

STUDENT 27

1. When it comes to the election results, I have to say I was initially shocked at the outcome, but after having some time to reflect on it, I've been able to realize the reasons as to why Trump might have won. I believe Trump won and Clinton lost due to a lot of reasons, but some big reasons include 46% of the population not voting, some people who did vote not taking it seriously (i.e. voting for Hennessy or Harambe, voting 3rd party), voter suppression, and the silent majority we didn't know even stood behind Trump until the poll numbers on election day started coming in. However, the biggest reason I think it comes down to is retaliation of having a black president in office for 8 years which threatened white males egos; the fear of a "women in power"; and the heightened divide seen in this country in terms of political views and racial tensions over the years. It was people trying to make a point.

2. Concepts that definitely came into play in this election were "doing gender", intersectionality, double standards theory as well as prejudice, which all played a role in people undermining Hillary Clinton even though she was more than qualified to be president.
3. A factor that impacted our election this far that cannot readily be explained by theories would be voter suppression. Voters were discouraged or unable to vote for several reasons, which probably impacted the election results to be skewed in Trump's favor. Without access to the polls or the inability to vote due to certain laws or regulations enacted, it caused many people to not be able to participate in this election.
4. Trump will cause the country as a whole to regress. The effects of him being elected are already being seen with protests in response to the things he stood for and promised to do when elected into office, and I believe it will only get worse from here. His views and decisions will cause an even more divided nation in every sense of the word, and I think he will ruin a lot of what Obama has accomplished over his two terms in office due to his complete lack of experience in politics.

STUDENT 28

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What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

I honestly cannot put into words what I feel right now. I am so disappointed, ashamed, and afraid for our country. All day yesterday I had been crying on and off and I know a lot of other people have too. I am completely shocked by the outcome of the election. Every major poll and media sources seemed confident that Clinton would beat Trump by a landslide. It didn't even seem like a real option. I thought Hillary had it in the bag. These results showed me that I was so incredibly naive. I trusted too much in the American people. At a rally I was at tonight, a speaker said how CNN reported that voter turn outs for the black and Hispanic communities were below where they should have been and that is how Trump won. However, that is not the case. White people voted for Trump and they are solely responsible. Trump played into the deeply embedded racist, sexist, homophobic, xenophobic, amongst other things, qualities of Americans and it brought out America's true colors. Trump really struck a chord with how white people really feel about the direction this country has been going, and that's why they elected him.

- **What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?**

In class we talked about the concept of doing gender, and I think that had a huge part in the outcome of this election. When males are successful, they are liked more, by men and women. When women are successful, that is not the case. Hillary has been in the public eye her whole entire political career. Many agree that she has done great things and made great strides for America, but everyone makes mistakes. Then we have Donald Trump. He is an entertainer and has been seen as widely successful in the public's eye, but not for politics but rather for reality TV shows and his celebrity status. He had a, more or less, clean state when it comes to politics.

- **What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?**

One theory that I would like explained is how can people identify Clinton with being a liar, corrupt, or even should be jailed, but they don't see Trump in the same light. I'm not saying that Clinton is perfect, or that she has never lied, but there is actual empirical evidence done by political fact checkers that prove Trump has lied at a ridiculously higher percentage than any other political candidate, probably ever in history. I don't think this can be explained. People are just so sheltered and privileged to ever let facts, evidence, or common sense to sway their opinions. Actually now that I think of that, this can be related to class because of the idea of cognitive dissonance. People who are racist, sexist, homophobic, and other, need to have that consistency in their mindset.

- **What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?**

I have absolutely no faith that Trump will do any good for this country. He's is, without a doubt, going to take this country back decades when it comes to marriage equality, reproductive rights, and healthcare. The only thing he has going for him is his "extensive" knowledge of business and that maybe he can help the economy. Even though there is so much evidence that goes against this claim because of all his failed business attempts, such as his presence in Atlantic City, which completely destroyed a popular tourist attraction. I have little to no faith that anything positive can come from Trump's time in office.

Not that it was safe before, but race relations are certainly going to be reversed in this country. Trump's whole political platform is based on racism and the subjugation of minority groups, and that is what made him gain a following. This promotes racism and violence at every turn. It hasn't even been 24 hours since the results and we have already seen a rise in previously suppressed racism, being brought to life.

STUDENT 29

1. My views on the 2016 election result is that I am mostly shocked out of anything else. I truly thought that Hillary Clinton was going to win, as she was projected to by many media outlets and scholars. I think the reason why Trump won and not Clinton was because many people might have publicly said they were going to vote for Clinton and then when it came time to vote on election day, they either changed their mind or secretly was always voting for Trump and was too nervous to come out and say it. Also, I think some people were so upset in Obama with his economic policies that they wanted someone with a new way of thinking to fix that.
2. Some concepts and theories discussed in class that support Trump winning and Clinton losing is unfortunately stereotype threats and Ethnocentrism. A large portion of Trump's campaign was against those of color and against Muslims and immigrants. I think a lot of people in this country unfortunately support his ideas that immigrants should be departed and minorities should have not as many rights.
3. Additional factors that impacted the election that our theories cannot explain are how a little more than half of America supported Clinton, but Trump still won. This is the idea of how even though a candidate

may have a higher popular vote, but if the electoral votes are higher than the other candidate will win. I think Trump needs to address the other half of the country that does not support him and radically opposes his views. He must be able to compromise his views to the rest of the country.

4. My thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take this country is economically very good, but socially not as good. However, our country has already come so far with LGBT, women and civil rights, that we cannot reverse that progression, no matter how much he may want to. There is also too many people out there that oppose him on those views, that he will not be able to change that. Personally, I think it is too soon to predict the outcome of this election but we as a nation have to keep an open mind as to what will come next because no matter how much some people may not like it, he will be the next President of the United States.

STUDENT 30

. I am sad and scared after these election results. A lot of people- minorities- are going to be negatively impacted. Trump won because he had the most electoral votes even though Clinton won popular votes. I think that we are so shocked by these results because of people who did not ever say that they supported Trump but then voted for him.

2. I keep seeing comments (that I agree with) that we have this woman who, although she has made mistakes, has worked in this field and climbed her way up yet she is being forced to compete with a man who is under qualified. This reminds me of double standards theory because Clinton is expected not to make a mistake or she will be labeled as incompetent while Trump gets away with a number of negative things. An example of this is his "locker room talk". This cannot be ignored, he is perpetuating rape culture in our society.

3. Some people did not want to openly support him yet voted for him. This threw off the way that we "predicted" the outcome and explains why the results were surprising.

4. I think that Trump used a lot of fear-tactics and extremism in order to win the election but that he will not be as bad as we've seen throughout his campaign. However, his morals will lead to many negative outcomes for a lot of people in this country. People are afraid to wear their hijabs in public because of possible backlash from Trump supporters. Klu Klux Klan members were seen celebrating Wednesday morning.

STUDENT 31

I am scared because of the results of the 2016 election. I think that Trump won because there were a lot of votes that were put towards third party candidates, Harambe, and other things that didn't actually contribute to the electoral college's decision. Trump also won because of the lack of people that voted. Minorities and women voted for Trump but only because they were against Hillary. Clinton lost because she was too far left and didn't have this email issue handled during the campaign cycle. Also, Hillary didn't appeal to the younger people who are typically more liberal which is where she could have gotten more votes than she did.

I'm scared for what President-elect Trump is going to do with our country. I think that the outcome will be negative because of the fear that him being in charge insights in people. I think that there will be good things that come out of his time in office but that as a happy, free, diverse, country, we should worry.

One implication for racial reversal on our country is the fact the KKK endorsed our future president. The fact that our next president wants to build a wall to separate Mexico from us and that he has used so many racial slurs and

microaggressions and not-so-micro-aggressions to discuss American citizens to the world but the majority of the country felt fit to have this man as our leader.

STUDENT 32

There is a large number of people in the country that do not feel that they are represented by our government. Part of Hillary's campaign was an attempt to be more of the same, and a continuation on the Obama administration. For the people in the country who are losing their jobs or not doing well, they think that is a negative thing and that they wanted change. Trump signified change for these people, since he is not a part of the political establishment. There's also a large number of people who saw Trump as someone who means what he said, and will make change, unlike all the other politicians who just say things to get votes. Finally, the media played a large role in his victory by demonizing him as well as the nonstop coverage. People don't like to be told what to think, and the media constantly telling people they're wrong for voting for Trump certainly made some people want to vote for him even more. The fact that the media had nonstop coverage of Trump made some of his big scandals blow over very quickly, because by the next week, we were on to the next scandal.

2. There was certainly an ingroup vs. outgroup during this election, where the two candidates created their own groups, and supporters of the other were seen as having irreconcilable differences. Doing Gender may have played a role, as there are a number of people in this country who still truly believe a woman cannot be president.

3. Globalization clearly played a role in the election, whereby people who were negatively impacted by it supported Trump, and did not care to consider the big picture. This can be seen in Ohio for example, where people were outraged by closing factories.

4. Unless Donald Trump completely switches his mindset from his campaign and somehow becomes presidential, the outcome will certainly be negative. He has developed an ideology where he feels that he is the savior of the country, and that he has some sort of insight that others cannot see. The fact that he won the presidency when everyone told him there was no chance of winning by running a racist campaign will even further push this ideology onto him. It has already been seen by his comments about knowing more than the generals and our intelligence agencies. If he continues at this rate, some very poor decisions will be made for our country.

STUDENT 33

1. I am not a big fan of either candidate, however, I can not say that I am a huge Donald Trump fan, especially with a lot of the controversy that surrounds him. I believe that Hilary Clinton lost to Donald Trump because there was a need for change in the country and many believed that Donald Trump's "upfront personality" would bring about that change.
2. Social Exchange Theory is a great example of this because many people did not agree on President Obama's changes, such as Obamacare, and saw Trump as the polar opposite to repeal it. It was more of moving from one political party to the next.
3. The ideas of racial injustice and how one with such a dodgy background would possibly be elected to run the country. I would also think the internet of course helped either candidate grow in a sense because people would create memes about either candidate to sway peoples' opinions.
4. I, truthfully, do not think it will be as bad as people are making it out to be. Everyone fears the world will come to its great ending but I believe we should give Trump a chance and if he fails or threatens national security, then we have things in place to remove Trump from office.

STUDENT 34

I am heartbroken by the 2016 election results because America showed its true colors and voted for the candidate that best represented them. Donald Trump won because he out played Hillary Clinton. If Hillary was a man I believe that she would have won. America was not ready for the first female president. Considering the events leading up to the election, for example the multiple killings of blacks by law enforcement, I am not surprised. Trump is corrupt like most politicians, he looks to better his agenda and will do it at any means necessary. The majority of people who will benefit from Trump being president are wealthy and white and they fueled his campaign. The number of citizens who did not vote was extremely high, just based off people not "liking" the candidates they had to choose from. The lack of voters really killed this election because Hillary should have won. Whites oppress everyone who is not wealthy or white, men and women oppress women, and americans oppress anything that is not american. Donald Trump planned this out to a T, because he figured out how to bring whites and blacks together. He made common enemy out of women, Muslims as well as Mexicans. In doing so publicly, he provided an opportunity for blacks, women and the overall "other" to fit better into white supremacy. Donald Trump won by creating a social contagion that tapped into everyones bias, prejudice and hatred. Similar to the way that obesity spreads through social networks, the more americans that interacted with that in support of Trump the easier it was for people to make the decision to vote for trump. He will make the country even more divided, there will be two defined groups of people the haves, and the have nots. This in theory could be positive because it forces people to really work for what they want in life, and his plans may overall benefit our relationships with other countries when it comes to "deals". When it applies to the actual wellbeing of the citizens of the nation I see that falling drastically. For some, Trump is what they have been waiting for, but for the remainder of the population he destroying their lives by putting them in a cycle of poverty.

I was very shocked as I thought Clinton was going to win. Trump won because he got the states with more electoral votes, whereas Clinton did not.

I believe Trump is fully passionate about bringing the country to its best as he believes he will make America great again. The outcome will go both ways depending on who you are and how Trump decides to lead, but I feel he will bring more positive.

Trump seems to be very aggressive regarding race as he wants to build this wall indicating hate towards a particular group. However, all of this could very well be a way for him to gain support in a radical way.

STUDENT 35

1. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

The 2016 election results were surprising to many people. Throughout the election process, Hillary Clinton had been seen as the favored candidate and been favored to win the 2016 Presidential Election. The surprise came Tuesday night when the results revealed the opposite. Donald Trump had won the electoral vote and had become the President-elect. One major factor that played into Trump's win is his campaign to get the votes of those "forgotten voters." Similar to the 2008 Presidential Election in which President Barack Obama was able to get American Citizens to go out and vote in the Presidential Election, Trump had "silent supporters" that went out to the election polls and provide their support. One major contributing factor to why Clinton lost may have been related to the miscalculation of her total supporters. In the polls, Clinton was favored by those that identified themselves as being of a minority race and those in the younger generations. Being a female, Clinton was believed to have been also favored by those who identify as female or non-male. This was where the miscalculation

happened, as the results showed that those identifying as white females were more likely to have voted in favor of Trump.

2. What are the theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes that support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

- Ultimate Attribution Error
- Social Contagion
- Othering
- Subjective Uncertainty
- Marginalized Identity
- Cognitive Dissonance

3. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

Was there other factors that occurred on Election Day or during the voting process in which affected the ultimate outcome.

4. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

I think that President-elect Trump will provide some change to how the country is. There is some uncertainty from everyone right now as President Barack Obama has been in office for eight years now and President-elect Donald Trump has expressed some changes that he would like to see as this country moves forward. I would like to think that the outcome will be positive because that is how democracy is supposed to work.

STUDENT 36

1. The 2016 election results is, for me, a joke. From my point of view, Donald just picked up politics as a hobby, not something to be taken lightly. Hilary, on the other hand, has extensive experience working in the field of politics, and is on paper, the best choice for the job. However, her questionable choices, and lack of experience working collaboratively with the right people made her an unpopular choice. People have argued that because she's a woman, she lacks the gumption to do what needs to be done, but honestly, that's what bothers me. Nobody has the gumption to do what needs to be done, otherwise, there would be a civil war every presidency. The whole point of politics is doing what the the people want, in order to get re-elected. That's fine, but that's what played into Donald winning the Presidency over Hilary. With the recent fears of ISIS attacks, and the erroneous feeling of losing jobs to immigrants, Donald played the public. He took the fears and worries of the American people and placed them on a pedestal. His agenda was playing on the fears of the American people and it worked. Hilary raised proper topics, but no one cared about them, because she wasn't talking about the issues Donald was.

2. As discussed before, Donald's methodology for his Presidential race was focused on placing the fears of the American people on a limelight. He mentioned building a wall. The biggest wall. The greatest wall, you'll ever see.

Mexico will pay for it. He put the American people on his strings and played them like a puppet, with how easily he manipulated the people.

3. Breaking the law. I believe it was James Comey (or something like that). He was an FBI agent who discovered a link in the emails sent by someone who collaborated with Hilary. These emails weren't investigated in the original investigation regarding her deleted emails, and so he sent a report to Congress, saying he was going to investigate these claims. There's a law, however, that prevents a government organization from releasing evidence, no matter if it's inconsequential, that could swing a vote in an election.

4. What I hope President-Elect Trump will do, is do what all Presidents say they will do when running for office. Do not follow through with the actions. Everyone says they will do things when they get in office, but rarely do they do so. I'm hoping he keeps up the same tradition. I'm praying that the outcome is positive; however, if his behavior during the Presidential race continues, I see him getting impeached due to a lack of international relations or hostile relations, whichever's worse.

STUDENT 37

- The 2016 presidential election is an example of both the system failing the people and the people proving that they can be manipulated. You showed us that education did not play a role in voter choice, but I believe the type of education is where a big problem lies. Many voters were college educated, and although I lack the information to verify, I would say that a large portion of these voters studied more practical fields rather than something like humanities. When a practical student has to go through only a couple humanities classes, they view it as a waste of time because they do not delve deep enough into the subjects to understand. They probably feel like they are being robbed in return for impractical information. These people then go on to lack the emotional intelligence to understand that tax breaks are not worth destroying the environment and sacrificing years of social progress. Almost all Trump voters would call themselves morally sound people and when people think they are in the right it's hard to tell them they are wrong. These are people who were faced with questions of morality years ago, and at the time they were probably proud of progressing. Now that they believe their progression is complete, they are not open to the details of these extremely complicated social issues. Even the most intelligent and in-touch people need to be corrected when it comes to these things. This causes people who don't want to constantly reevaluate themselves to shut out the voices and go into their bubble world. They think that if they wave to their minority neighbor every Friday while mowing the lawn that means they are not racist and cannot be blamed for the larger picture of Trump. Many other issues caused this. I believe all your examples in class were right on the money. Thank you for being an educator of such important things at a time like this.
- I believe there have been years of doing gender against Hillary. She has been bashed over and over again for things that men would not see scrutiny over. There are people who can't quite pin down what it is about her that makes her so untrustworthy, but we know what that means. Also, I believe that othering had a huge part in this. Many people carried this sports team attitude about Trump, as if it is some game, us versus them.
- There are too many complex issues weaving in and out of each other to boil things down to a point where we can make completely valid sociological postulations. Soft science is getting there but it is a struggle. This also goes back to why we thought Hillary was going to win. Sociology right now relies a lot of the internet and technology, but some people are out of that bubble.
- I believe Trump is likely to bring absolute terror and destruction to this world.

STUDENT 38

1. I was utterly shocked Tuesday night into Wednesday morning. I was filled with absolute dread as I was watching the coverage. I went to bed late enough to know how it was going but still prayed for a miracle. I actually had a dream that Hillary won, but then I woke up. Trump had won. I honestly have been crying for hours at a time since. I am slowly working through the stages of grief with everyone around me.
2. Some of the theories I have been hearing that make sense to me are the ones about the silent majority and effect of media coverage. In most places it was not socially acceptable to be a Trump supporter. I've seen this in the 5th grade class I go to every week. There is only one boy whose family supports Trump and when he said that the class exploded before the teacher quieted them down. There obviously were more Trump supporters than we thought. I feel like the kind of media coverage definitely played a hand in this whether they meant to or not. My view is definitely skewed because I don't watch many major news outlets...actually any major news outlets. I watch late night comedy shows that are always commenting on the election. Of course they're comedy but they made Trump out to be a joke which made us Hillary supporters feel safe but it was a false sense of security by not taking him seriously.
3. That false sense of security has been also aided by the polls that predicted Hillary as the winner. Many factors went into the polls being wrong. One would be the convenient sample they took which leaned democrat

4. I pray that we will all be shocked and he does not bring this country to its knees but the damage has already begun. Not even 48 hours out and he has already had a very negative effect on the country. People all around me are full of fear for their safety. There have been numerous assaults around the country and even on campus. People don't feel safe anymore. I am a very religious person and know God can get us to a better place but I see it being a long, hard and dark road. I myself cannot see exactly how good will come of this but I am trying to be hopeful and praying for Trump to turn around and come through for us for the sake of the country. I can't see much evidence for it but I live in hope.

STUDENT 39

Question 1 - To start off, I would honestly say this is the first election that truly had me in tears. As a Muslim-American, minority, and the child of immigrants I was heartbroken. I was born and raised in the United States, and the DC area is all I have ever known. On election night, as the results kept coming in, the DC area was shining blue. However, as I looked around America was bleeding, and it stained me. The stain America has left in me is not a stain I can ever erase. It has reminded me that I am so much less of an American than the white male standing next to me. It has truly made me understand that if I ever leave this area, I would realize just how blessed I was to be born and raised in an area that has sheltered me in so many ways. This election was heartbreaking, and I honestly have no words. I feel that Trump won because hate won. I feel that Trump won because people are so closed minded. I feel that Trump won because hatred won. Yes, Trump had policies that made complete sense, and maybe as Americans we do need some change. However, why are we moving backwards as a nation? Why are the children of immigrants wondering what will happen. Why should we be discussing things like taxes, minimum wage, and the rate of college tuition. However, instead I am wondering what is going to happen to my Muslim sisters who wear hijab, and the mistreatment that is to come. My parents were reassuring me that this election was okay, and that it would all be okay. My mother turned to my father with a shocked look and said "he can't really do anything to us? Right?". It is insane to me that as immigrants that are reassuring each other of these things, in 2016, in the United States of America. Immigrants who have been here since the 1980's and have done nothing but good. They escaped a nation of war, met in the United States, got married, and had children, who they sent to college. They pay taxes, and like the millions of other immigrants - they are amazing people. I feel that Trump won because white America won. I am just utterly shocked, and disappointed. America could not handle

the fact that minorities are growing so quickly, and that a woman would be in office. White America could not handle it.

Question 2 - I feel that Trump won because of the Bradley Effect. This is not a class theory exactly, but as a sociology major it is a term that we constantly use, especially during the elections. The people who are your neighbors, your friends, and even your family were supporting Donald Trump all along, but never wanted to say it maybe out of fear of being looked down upon by others. Also, I feel that white America's sense of "self" was low. They felt forgotten. There was a black president in office, and white America could not handle a female coming in after that. Barack Obama built a campaign based upon hope. and change. I was young then he won in 2008, but I remember the hope and change that were felt throughout the nation, and the difference in feelings the day after Donald Trump was elected.

Question 3 - I honestly have no words at this point. I do not understand why he won. I just know that reading the posts on the internet following his first day of presidency, hate crimes against Muslim-Americans and the LGBTQA community are so much higher than I have ever seen, or ever remember. I am so disappointed in the American people. I now know that I have been raised in a very sheltered area. As I stated above, the DC area shined blue, yet the middle of America was bleeding red. What truly frightens me is not the things that Donald Trump said, but that Donald Trump said these things and people believed him. America agreed with the things he said. I know we can argue back and forth. However, Donald Trump has zero experience compared to Hillary Clinton.

Question 4 - I do not truly know where Trump will take our nation. I just am praying and hoping for his success. I say this because right now Donald Trump is the pilot on the airplane that we are all on board of, and wishing for his failure is like hoping the airplane crashes, and airplane that we are all on. I hope that Donald Trump makes it a point to get to know the minority communities that he has hurt. However, that is so much easier said than done. I want to be optimistic and say that he might financially take this country to a better place, if you are a middle class white family. However, socially, I feel us going more backwards than ever before. I was looking at the statistics of the polls, and over 85% of people between the ages of 18 to 25 voted for Hillary Clinton. After I saw that, I know that there is hope for the future of America. As a millennial, I am constantly reminded of how behind our generation is. However, after looking at that statistic I was so proud of our generation. At my current state, I am just praying for his success in the most optimistic way possible.

STUDENT 40

1. My views on the results of the election were that I was extremely shocked and confused as to how all of this happened without much warning. I think that Trump won the election because he had supporters who actually went out to vote when no one thought it was possible while Hillary supporters didn't vote.
2. I think that a theory that could support this outcome would be ethnocentrism because there is more to Trump being elected than just the entire country. He is responsible for being a leader of the world and that doesn't limit itself to the United States alone.
3. I think Trump is going to take the country somewhere, but unclear where that is. I am nervous that I will have less freedom. I also think that a lot more is said than can actually get done. I don't see any changes being made immediately and I think he has to address the nation and calm the rest of America who didn't vote for him before he can do anything in office.

4. I think Trump is a symbol of a lot of negativity and people feel that since he is elected they have the right to voice those negative opinions. He needs to remind the country that we should be respectful and encourage the best in each other. I think if he does not address these things than it will be a racial reversal.

STUDENT 41

1. I feel that whoever got elected, there was going to be backlash. With Trump coming out victorious, I am scared for our future. Both candidates were bad, but I feel that Hilary would have been a little better. The reason that Trump won was he got all of the uneducated votes. Many people that live in rural areas that have never voted and know nothing about politics came out to the polls to vote for a racist and sexist man that they support. Clinton lost simply because of her reputation. All of her scandals made it hard for people who hated Trump to even vote for her.
2. Race and gender were both huge parts in this election. First, Clinton would have been the first female president in US history if she had been elected. Also, Trump mentioned many times about kicking out immigrants and people of muslim faith, so race played a very big part in this election as well. In class we discussed concepts of doing gender and doing difference. Both of these played a part when it came to voters deciding who to vote for.
3. One factor that we cannot readily explain is voter turnout. It is peoples right to either vote or not, and each year voter turnout varies greatly. The voters in rural areas really decided to come out hard this year and vote for Trump, which allowed Trump to win states, for the electoral vote, that Republicans were not known to win.
4. I really hope that all of the nonsense that Trump talked about throughout the course of the election is not real. Trump has proven himself as a proven business man, so I expect the economy and our foreign relations to improve. I am concerned about his running mate, Mike Pence, who is very very against gay marriage and abortion. Although I feel that the country will be okay, I think Trump's presidency will really bring negative effects on society as a whole. Many issues with race and gender and sexuality will be constantly talked about throughout the time Trump is President, and I think overall society will be negatively impacted.

STUDENT 42

1.) I do not think that the presidential election is really all that surprising. People are disillusioned about the state of our nation and are willing to do whatever it takes to change that. People also do not really like Clinton whom to many is seen as a liar and a member of the political establishment. They believe that anyone but Clinton would be better. I also think that people are not likely to answer that they support Trump in polls because of stigmatization! So, therefore the polls were overly representative of Clinton.

2.) People are scared of what they do not know. Therefore, people participate in othering. Othering difference is probably the most pertinent in terms of this election. People believe that their jobs, their money, their everything is being taken away from them. They believe that those people, those immigrating to the country, are the others. These others will then take their everythings and run away. So from this perspective, people want to obscure the identity of the others so that they can remain on top--so that they can retain their resources, their goods. People are also prejudiced against those who are different.

3.) Additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot explain are why people, even with knowledge that there are these concepts and theories, still choose to actively ignore the reality of the situations they are in and vote for someone like Trump.

4.) I personally think it will not be all that bad. I mean there are checks and balances on the president and while these are also conservatively oriented at this point in time, I think that these people are knowledgeable enough to know that their positions are now held in contention and that all eyes are on them. These checks probably cannot and would not risk everything to support Trump 100%. I think that perhaps the country will for a short time become more dangerous for minorities, but that it will level out.

STUDENT 43

Trump won over Clinton because we falsely believed that Hillary Clinton was going to be the winner of this election. Thus, people were more apt to vote for third-party candidates or simply not vote. Trump's supporters turned out to the polls and fought hard the last stretch of his campaign for their candidate. Many Clinton supporters' only motivation in this election was preventing Donald Trump from winning the presidency. Compare that to Trump supporters, who adamantly defend Trump and genuinely want him in office.

Theories we've discussed in class such as group-think, prejudice, and discrimination have all affected the results of this election. Donald Trump's most adamant supporters do not care about politics or policies. They are angry, they are scared, and they want somebody to blame. Donald Trump came at a time in our country where he could easily take those negative feelings and manipulate them. Now those people are blaming all of America's problems on Mexicans, immigrants, muslims, and other law-abiding American citizens. (Compare to Hitler's rise in Germany).

Another factor that contributed to the support for Donald Trump is the general feeling of distrust and anger felt toward our political system and politicians. Many people submitted their vote for Trump as a giant "fuck you" to this country. Now we will have to clean up the mess they've caused.

President Trump will take the country back in time and undo much of the legislation we have fought hard to accomplish in recent years. The race war in this country will continue, and POC, as well as women, muslims, immigrants, and LGBTQIA individuals, will struggle for their status in America

STUDENT 44

1. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

Trump won because people's racism is stronger than their desire for gender equality. The majority of white women voted for Donald Trump instead of Hillary Clinton. The Clinton campaign was counting on those votes. "Secret Trump voters" may have said they were voting Clinton but their xenophobia, fear and nationalism was stronger this election.

2. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

Trump represents the interests and fears of the ingroup. Clinton ran on a platform that was more welcoming to outgroup members such as Syrian refugees. By inciting fear in the working class white voters of the outgroup, Trump was able to get the votes of the white voters whose white identity they felt was more salient.

3. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

People lying about who they would actually vote for, Trump, provided false data to people who surveyed and predicted that Clinton would win the election.

4. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

STUDENT 45

I am scared that with a Republican controlled congress and senate and a conservative supreme court majority that Donald Trump will defund planned parenthood, deport people, put heavier taxes on the working class to provide tax breaks for businesses, allow for big energy companies to pollute the earth, and take back many federal laws that protect human rights.

- What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

I am deeply upset by the 2016 election results. I did not leave my apartment for the entire day and felt sick to my stomach. I felt as if these results defied everything that I thought it meant to be American; to be accepting and embrace our diverse background of all ranges of races, ethnicities, orientation, abilities, gender, and more. With Trump elected people have voluntarily chosen to have a figurehead that mocks people of certain races and disabilities. It pains me to think that this many people think America is going so desperately in the wrong direction. It pains me to think that some of the implication that this presidential election gives is that a woman cannot beat a man, even if she is more qualified. Waking up on November 9th and not being completely terrified is the definition of privilege.

I believe Clinton lost because Trump spoke a message of change. People decided that both candidates were equally horrible, either racists or criminals and equated those. Then, they decided on their president based on wanting change because Clinton seemed like another Obama to many people.

- What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?
 - Doing gender is quite in play here, or so it appears. The double standards theory stating that individuals with salient diffuse characteristics (Clinton as a women) have to perform better just to get the same competency evaluations as men (Trump).
- What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

The media's focus had a big part in the election. Trump got a lot of free media and made it more apparent and a more and more realistic candidate to the American people.

STUDENT 46

What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

I honestly don't even want to think about it, but I have reassured myself that there are enough checks and balance in our system that ideas that he had like "building a wall so tall in will make this ceiling look like peanuts" and "a ban on all Muslim immigration" will not actually be enacted. I do believe we will see changes in health care and taxes. I hope the outcome will be positive, but there is really no telling what this presidency will look like. Unfortunately, right now it has started a lot of anger, fear, and hatred in the American people.

1. The 2016 Election resulted differed significantly from predictions due to the fact that the democratic candidate was attacked on the email issues although unnecessary. The republican candidate created a lot of fear and hatred amongst people. When breakouts occurred in the country, the events reinforced the deep hatred held by many and as a result he won.
2. Status and role played a key part to the election. Many voters may have not been interested in voting for a female candidate, even though she was more qualified for politics than the republican candidate. The intersectionality towards females affected the outcome.
3. People who have not received the education necessary to view improvements in society made by progressive groups have always remained the same in their decisions. They may have wanted a direct president who says what he has to say directly without worrying about the consequences.
4. The Democrats made a lot of progress towards equal rights and better living conditions. The Republicans, controlling both the Executive and Legislative branch may easily halt some of the improvements.

STUDENT 47

1. I am disappointed in the 2016 election results. I really didn't think a hateful bigot would win. I really just thought Hillary would win and maybe that's because of my geographical position and privilege. Trump won because of the overwhelming rural American voters who hadn't voted this strongly in many many years.

2. We talked about double standards and how it's usually harder for women than it is for men when trying to prove themselves. We also talked about ingroup vs. outgroup and this can be seen in Trump's ingroup (straight white people) fearing or having prejudice against the outgroups (ethnic minorities, women, the LGBT community). We learned about discrimination and how racist people supported and voted for Trump to build a Southern Wall and prevent refugees from seeking refuge in America.

3. Many racial ethnicities actually did vote for Trump which was very surprising. Also, states that have voted blue in more recent elections voted red. The millennials didn't really show up to vote- only about 47% of eligible millennials voted.

4. I don't think Trump will take the country to good places. He will further the hate and mistrust perpetuated against non straight white people and start wars with other countries. He will repeal or overturn policies which we

have worked so hard to create and please only his constituents. He will not make the country safe for minorities, women, or the LGBT community. He will work to incarcerate more latino and black men with his belief in stop and frisk laws and private jails. He is the polar opposite of what we should be teaching our children and yet he will hold the highest position in the United States.

STUDENT 48

1. I am not very surprised about the election results, yet I am very unhappy with them. My theory on why Trump won embodies many reasons. First of all, Trump represents the Republican party and Clinton represents a very liberal point of view in the democratic party, which caused people to want to stay in the republican party in their voting. In addition, Trump represented change and is separate from "the institution" while Clinton represented the institution. People who are fed up with the government. Lastly, there are many other reasons in Trump's policy as to why people would've voted for him, such as his stances on international affairs and domestic affairs. This is why he won and Clinton loss. The reason that it was such an upset is because I don't think people were necessarily being honest about the candidate that they voted for, because they were embarrassed.

2. I believe that social institutions is a huge concept that relates to this election, as I said earlier. Trump represented someone who was fed up with the social institution of the government, which really attracted people to him as a candidate. Also, he went against many social norms and this is a revolutionary idea to people who no longer wish to conform. In addition to this, Trump's impression management was almost non-existent. This is something that's very interesting, because he really didn't care much about what people thought, and I think that this inspired a lot of people and made people realize that he is more so a real person than other presidential candidates in the past who only focused on impression management. Social networks also influenced the election, because I feel as if people who know people within their own network who voted for Trump were more likely to feel confident about voting for him afterwards.

3. I think that geographic geography, religion, and demographics also influenced the election and cannot be explained by our terms and theories.

4. Trump led an election campaign strikingly similar to that of Richard Nixon's so I don't think that the end of the world is coming with him as president. What I do think will come is change that we were not used to under the Obama administration. Unlike many presidential candidates, I think that Trump will go through with his plans (well, at least the reasonable ones). For example, Trump published a 100 day plan, and I feel as if he will actually do that. His 100 day plan gives me hope, because it really doesn't look that bad. In my personal opinion as a democrat, the outcome of the election will be negative, because republican values will be pursued, but as an American, I think the outcome may be positive.

STUDENT 49

1. Leading up to the 2016 election results, I spoke to many people who were certain that Clinton would run away with the election, but I always challenged this notion because there is a group of Americans that are rarely accounted for: the impoverished whites living in middle or rural America. We live in an extremely insulated community that is progressive and traditionally more liberal and as a result people neglect to reflect on the other regions of our nation. In my personal opinion, I voted for Hilary because Trump's campaign opened a path for open bigotry, discrimination, and acts of hostility towards minority groups. However, I believe Trump was able to do what so many politicians fail to: rise up the silent majority that comprises middle America. His campaign mirrored in reality television persona as a crude discriminatory figure and what people do not realize is that Trump is neither Republican nor Democrat. He is an enigma of completely different standards and bylaws, noting on his transition

between being a Democrat and Republican. Trump's voter demographic tended to be people who earn under \$100,000 per year, and his scapegoating and fear-mongering campaign reflected - to a lesser extent - the scare tactics Hitler used in his initial speeches to scape goat the Jewish people. People have an inherent need to place blame, and he gave them a vehicle.

2. This campaign exemplified the notion of doing gender and doing difference. Clinton had to carefully walk amongst the fine lines of not being lady-like versus being too feminine. She was doing difference in running for political office and asserting herself as an empowered woman. On the other hand, in many of her speeches she referenced her being a grandmother, showing her try to compensate and make up for her female gender in a typically masculine roll. Conversely, Trump exhibited symbolic interactionism and the meaning placed on people or symbols. Every politician he was up against he labeled from Marco Rubio being "Little Rubio" to Clinton being a "Nasty Woman." Trump used subtle sexism and modern racism to strike people's implicit stereotyping.

3. One thing that cannot be explained is the results of the popular vote versus the votes from the electoral college. This can be studied in the macro social context and viewed with methodological holism because it examines the individual beliefs of the people in relation to their place and position in society.

4. I am unsure where Trump will take the country. Historically speaking, presidential candidates become more moderate when in office because they are no longer fighting for the partisan vote. Trump himself was formerly a democrat and only ran on the Republican ticket because he knew he'd have a greater chance of winning. I am trying to think positively of the outcome, so in terms of my optimistic perspective I think that this election set the precedent for greater public discourse and community involvement to maintain the progression of American society. I think this also awakened the American people to truly see where we are as a nation, and what it will take to actually make us the greatest nation in the world. I believe Trump himself in office is a horrible example of the advantages in being the majority. This is something that Americans can unite against, and I believe it will foster a greater sense of community among peers and this will produce greater change, greater voice, and greater interference from society.

STUDENT 50

1. I think most people in America felt that we didn't have any good candidates for any of the political parties. For this reason, while people may have felt that Clinton was a better candidate they refrained from voting for her. On the other hand, the people that supported Trump went out and voted. I also think some people aren't ready for a women to run this country, which is sad. For me personally, it's very scary to believe that Trump actually had millions of supports and that many of the people in this county have the same views and values as him.

2. I think discrimination definitely played a role. I think some people discriminated against Hilary because she's a women.

3. I think many American are not educated on how the election process work or educated on the importance of voting. They could of have effected the election outcome.

4. I think the overall outcome will be negative. I think Trump is going to set this country back. In terms of the financial state of this country, I feel that he may try to help out with that but his main focus will be on the middle and upper class.

STUDENT 51

- What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?
 - I am saddened by the election results. Trump evoked feelings of white supremacy, racism, closed-mindedness, sexism. I think that Trump won because of the silent majority who voted for him. Also, white women definitely contributed to his victory. Especially middle- aged white women and very religious white women.
- What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?
 - In-groups and out-groups are definitely relevant to Trump's victory. Trump created a feeling that his followers were the "in-group" and everyone else was the "out-group". Prejudice and discrimination were also huge aspects of Trump's campaign. He constantly made racist and sexist comments about groups. Othering is another theory that contributed to Trump's win. Trump also put the blame on other groups of people for the issues America is facing today.
- What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?
- Overall, I would say Trump gave very simple solutions to extremely complex problems in the United States (ex: building a wall, blaming Muslims, etc). The human mind loves simplicity (which is why the 2 party system exists).
- What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?
 - I think (or at least hope) that Trump is starting to realize that he isn't just governing the people that voted him into office, but that he also has to reach out to the people that he alienated in the process of running for president. Although I hope that he will be able to turn his views around, I think he will be disastrous for certain issues, such as immigration, abortion, and foreign policies. RELIGIOUS VIEWS SHOULD NOT INFLUENCE DECISIONS IN OFFICE!!!!

STUDENT 52

- What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

- I think that Trump won for a majority of reasons. I think that first, most media outlets that released polling information, gave some voters the impression that Trump had no chance which resulted in them feeling as if they didn't have to vote. So I think voter turnout had a reason to do with it. I also believe that there was a silent majority that was not taken into account in Trumps favor that wasn't included in to polling. I think that Clinton lost because certain voters were very tired of the ongoing scandals and her previous track record in politics.

- What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

I think that Trump was about to appeal emotionally to certain voters. Attributing that to the psychological principle that we learned in class, I think that he was able to aim at voters to feel as if they voted for Clinton that there would be no change and I think that affected the feelings of people.

3 What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

-I think that the media had a negative affect on Clinton's chances because of how biased they were. I think that altered peoples perceptions of how the actual race was going.

4. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

- I think that Trump will take the country in a positive way. I think that he needs to aim at unifying the country. Our country is a divided one, and I think he really needs to work on trying to unify us the best way he can. Which I think that he will and can. I also think the country will go forward positively with things other than just race relations.

STUDENT 53

1. My views on the election results are in the minority in Maryland. I'm happy Trump won over Hillary. I believe Hillary lost because she did not come clean and kept lying about everything. The biggest thing being the emails. People do not want that as a president, and many people do not see her as a leader. On the other hand, Trump won because he does not care what he says. He is very charismatic and has his own ideologies which he is not scared to voice. Many people view him as a leader and a businessman who can help Americas economy. One big slogan that got many people to vote for him is "Make America Great Again".

2. The ultimate attribution error can help explain why Trump won and why Hillary lost. They view her as the outgroup (woman). When she makes mistakes its because she is a horrible person innately, while when Trump makes mistakes he has the charisma to back it up and people view it as a mistake. People think Hillary is the biggest criminal in politics and how corrupt she is, because she is part of an out group.

3. Some additional factors that impacted the election are that there were sleep Trump supporters. Many people thought Hillary had it in the bag due to the polls and how few Trump supporters there were in certain areas. This gave incentive for Trump supporters to get off their butt and go vote for their candidate. Also because certain people thought Hillary would win so much, they did not vote for her. There are some other factors that theories cannot explain such as SES and availability to voting.

4. I believe Trump will be beneficial to the country. He knows the government is corrupt and wants to fix it. He is not part of the establishment and wants to revive Americas economy. It does have the potential to be negative,

but that is why there is a checks and balances system. Trump has a HUGE ego and wants to be a great president. He wants to be the best president in history if possible, so he does have potential to make America great again. Again, because he is not part of the establishment, I believe he can make a change in the corruption in the current government.

STUDENT 54

1. There are many different views on the 2016 election results. I think that people honestly do not want a woman president. Many people feel that presidency is a man's job and even though Clinton may have been more qualified the fact that she was a woman really hurt her in the election. Going into the election based on all the support I saw for Hillary on Facebook and other social media platforms, and very few posts supporting Trump, I thought Hillary would win. I think that people who voted for Trump know that they would be chastised for posting so they didn't, which is why many people were surprised by the outcome.

2. One theory that we discussed in class that was prevalent in the election was intersectionality. Intersectionality discusses how Clinton is not just White or not just a Woman, but that she is a White Woman. This is one of the reasons as to why I believe Trump won. As I wrote above, I think that many people are just not able to get past the fact that Hillary is a woman and that is why she did not win. Another theory that we discussed is the front stage and backstage. Trump has a very strong front stage and appears to be very confident however, his backstage is that he is not a good person and is not for a lot of issues that need to be addressed. The public only sees the front stage and doesn't necessarily see some of the issues with him being president.

3. Other factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain is why so many white women voted for Trump. I saw a demographic that showed how upwards of 40% of white women voted for Trump even though it was very clear while he was campaigning that he would not be looking out for women during his presidency. I would have thought that these women would realize that he is not keeping their best interests in mind and even if they had a strong distaste for Hillary they would still side with her.

4. I think that Trump could have both a positive and negative effect on the country. It could be negative because so many people do not trust him and even if he will do some things well they just can't like him. I think he could have a positive effect on the country by helping with its debt. Although he doesn't have military experience or know how to run a government it is very clear that he does know how to manage money and may be able to help with the national debt.

STUDENT 55

1. I think the results of the 2016 election were completely shocking. I never thought that this could be possible. These results are indicative of the number of racist and uneducated people in America. It is scary that this is our reality. I think Trump won because people would rather have a racist prick leading our country than an educated woman. Many Americans are so sexist and racist that they continued to support Trump even after he showed us all that he was unfit to be the president of the United States.

2. Intersectionality and doing gender play big roles in why Trump was able to slither his way into the White House. Many people, mostly men, cannot stand the thought of a woman running the country. It does not matter what type of background, education, skills, professionalism, or insight Hillary Clinton brought to the table, it would never be enough because she would still be a woman at the end of the day.

3. Statistics stated that around 50% of Americans simply did not vote. I am not sure why they decided not to vote but I can only assume that it was because they were not satisfied with either of the candidates. I understand that neither candidate was perfect but obviously one was far worse than the other. The verdict is still out on how Trump won the republican party in the first place.

4. America is in big trouble. Specifically, women, non-whites, and the poor are in big trouble. His racist views lead me to believe that we will be cutting ties with other nations and will no longer be providing aid to those in need if he does not like them. I think that he has the potential to do good things for our economy but at the expense of our people and our image in the eyes of other nations.

STUDENT 56

1. My views on the 2016 election results are that people don't realize how much their votes matter, and impact results. It was a very close election in many states, namely Florida, and had more people voted, or used their votes more effectively (not petitioning both candidates by using a write-in or voting third party) I think we would have seen an entirely different election. I recognize that every race has a winner and a loser, and I accept the results, because that is the way our democracy works, and that is who the greater portion of the American people chose to represent them. I hope that it is a good choice, and that we can see positive results.

2. I think Trump's win and Clinton's loss goes to show how sick and tired American people are of the normal political agenda and way of doing things. Just as President Andrew Johnson, Trump was an unlikely candidate for Presidency, but he offered a fresh perspective, not a washed-out politician that people see every four years. It was something new, something that offered unusual changes, and something that the American people ran with, and brought to office. Some theories that relate to this are a lot of the group concepts we talked about. For example, the bystander effect. In terms of voting people probably thought their votes wouldn't count, and they would let it be someone else's problem.

3. I think the media had a lot to do with this election, and a lot to do with the reason people were so surprised by the outcome. Almost no available network advertised truly how much support Trump had. They focused on Hillary's support, Hillary's opposition, definitely Trump's opposition, and negative factors of both candidates. Very little was exposed, except by them, of their true ideas and visions for the country, or how much support either candidate had. Because of all the blown up controversy around Trump, I think viewers have been given the impression that he was not the likely candidate for election. However, this was clearly false.

4. I have an open mind about where Trump will take this country, namely because that's all that we can have. What's done is done. I think in some aspects, hopefully, he will use his professionalism in the business world to redirect the economy of the country, and hopefully turn some things around. This is the only aspect of his presidency I am genuinely positive and hopeful about. Most other topics I tend to disagree with his stance on, and I hope in some aspects that the things he has proposed are not permitted to be in effect.

STUDENT 56

1. I'm not exactly stunned or shocked that Trump won. It feels surreal that he did, but I'm not particularly surprised. I believe one component of this is that people underestimated him because he didn't have prior political experience and thus, proposed some impractical solutions on how to lead this country next, to put it lightly. I also believe that another component of this was that he exposed a particular group of people that identified with his

beliefs and people also underestimated this group of people. However, in the end, it was the electoral college that made Trump win even though Clinton won the popular vote.

2. I believe a concept that supports Trump's victory is self-justification. His victory provides a platform for his voters to openly discriminate against other groups, particularly Muslims, LGBTQ, women, immigrants, and people with disabilities. It justifies acts of sexual assault, hate crimes, and discrimination on all types of levels.

3. I believe that this country still wasn't quite willing to accept a female president. Clinton still had to fight just as hard, if not harder, against a man who had no prior political experience, despite her vast qualifications. I feel like there are many who still put Clinton under the stereotype that are women are too emotional and overall not good enough to be leaders. It's unfortunate but I do think that this has had an impact on the election.

4. I think there's still a lot of uncertainty about where he and Mike Pence will lead this country. Based on his campaign and the behaviors and beliefs he displayed, there are, understandably, many people who fear for their lives. However, I still believe that many of us can fight to make positive changes in our country, even if he wants to bring negative change.

STUDENT 58

1. There are so many factors that play into why Trump won and why Clinton lost. I think that one could be that the past four presidents have switched parties every eight years. In other words, we had a republican president (George H.W Bush) then democrat, then republican then democrat. Another reason could be that no one took Donald Trump seriously. I personally thought that Hillary Clinton would win by a landslide. 46.9% of eligible voters didn't vote. That is a lot of people. I know a lot of my friends didn't vote because they didn't change their voting address and it was too much of a hassle (in their opinion) to do anything else. For example my one friend spent \$5 just to vote, because she couldn't do it on campus.
2. I strongly believe that one of the main reasons Hillary did not win the presidency was because she was a female. I think "doing gender" was very present throughout this whole election. Hillary was scrutinized for every little thing. Almost every single president has had a scandal like Hillary Clinton and her deleting emails. But I think since she was a woman she was criticized much more. Also, some people considered her scandal with the emails worse than Donald Trump's scandal with women accusing him of sexual assault. This alone says a lot about the way society views women.
3. Why the polls were so much different than the results
4. I do not think that he will do half of the things he said he was going to (for example build a wall). I don't think that he will do anything too drastic. The media will not let him get away with anything. But, there is a very negative impact on the people that we are seeing already. Having Trump as the next president has given a lot of people validation to be racist, homophobic, sexist, etc. in their minds. The nation is divided. It is very scary to see what impact his presidency has had on the people when he hasn't even been sworn into office yet.

STUDENT 59

1) I was indifferent to the elections results. I personally voted for Trump and was glad to see him win but at the same time if Hillary would have won the election it would not have been the end of the world. She has stands that I agree with, but not to the extent as Trump. Both candidates ran a great race; a lot of blood, sweat, and tears was lost by both. Trump won the election via the Electoral college.

2) It could be argued that “doing gender” played a role in this election. Hillary Clinton was the first woman to run in the presidential election and the expectations that this country put on her were different than those placed on her male counterparts. One thing I clearly remember through this election was all the negative comments made of Hillary’s choice of clothing and the way she looked. None of the male candidates had to worry about what they wore on stage being an aspect of their running for president.

3) I personally believe that people in this country want a change, they want to give someone a chance who is not part of the status quo of Washington, D.C. I also believe that the FBI release of the last batch of emails harmed Hillary’s numbers.

4)As a country we need to give Donald Trump a chance. Regardless of how you feel toward this man, he is our next president. This elections does not change who we are as Americans.

STUDENT 60

1. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

I am surprised by the outcome of the election, as I know many Americans are. I know all the polls and the experts said that Hilary was going to win the election of 2016, in a “landslide decision,” but people who tell pollsters who they are voting for on the phone doesn’t decide the election, as we have now seen. We experienced one of the strangest elections where two major candidates were so disliked, that the news coverage was more about how bad they were, instead of what good they can do. I am not defending Trump for his comments, but the media focused so much on how “negative” he is that voters probably felt slightly ashamed that they wanted the, “racist, sexist, homophobic guy” to be president than a woman who was the poster child for the issues seen in DC. Trump won because his voters weren’t vocal about how they were voting, so when results were shown, it took America by shock. Clinton lost because she was not able to get out the vote in minorities like Obama was able to in 2008 and 2012.

2. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

All the theories that we talked about can be explained why Trump won and Hilary lost, but I think the social exchange theory relates best. Democrats and Republicans both enter relationships with one or the other party because they think that party or candidate can provide them benefits the other can’t. That is also why we have such a divide when it comes to elections. One side thinks their side will benefit the country more, and the other thinks their side will benefit the country more. They already have a relationship with said party or candidate, so usually you cannot persuade them with anything. That’s why Trump didn’t lose much support after the leaked audio, or Clinton with the emails.

3. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

One thing that was interesting in this election was the people that strayed away from their usual social groups. As stated above, people flock to the group that they think will benefit them most. However, in this election there were thousands of Americans that turned their back on the group they were supporters of over and over again, just because how bad the nominee for president was. I think this is an anomaly, because it’s so seldom to find an election where both options have such horrible approval ratings from their own party.

4. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

The outcome will be positive if the people let it be. Trump has never held public office before, so he will ask experienced men and women on both sides of the aisle to help make big decisions. As goofy, and as ignorant as some of the stuff he has said in the past, he is not a stupid man. He has created a multi billion-dollar brand for himself, and he has said he will bring that same determination to the presidency. If he is serious, and actually conveys that to the American people that he can provide change, then people will get behind him and think more positive about him.

STUDENT 61

1. I was extremely disappointed that Donald Trump was voted the President-elect, though after retrospection I was unsurprised at the results. The results just prove how divided this country is. I believe Trump won due to one of the reasons Obama was elected eight years ago: Trump motivated a whole group of people who were previously not registered to vote, or who never had an interest in voting, to go out and vote for him. His campaign appealed to rural Americans, including poor white Americans who feel as though their way of life has changed. They saw Trump's platform as a way to reclaim their way of living that is often thwarted by large cities and liberal principles. As I read in one opinion article, Clinton lost because she offered fine-tuning to the political machine, while Trump promised to take a sledgehammer to it. Though Trump preached hateful rhetoric, he created a movement about thwarting the "system" of politics that is always more of the same. Clinton was the wrong candidate to run against Trump, as Hillary is a big name in our system of government; a name that many Americans polled as not being able to trust.

2. Doing gender is the first concept that came to mind after viewing the election results. When our society thinks of a president, a man comes to the forefront of our minds. Women are less liked by men and other women as they gain power, in this instance political power. It also relates to the common misconceptions about status in groups; men and women both do not think that women should legitimately hold higher status positions, such as that of a leader of a country. As Hillary noted in her concession speech, women have yet to break the highest and hardest glass ceiling: that of being the president of the United States. In this respect, Hillary Clinton was reminded and held accountable to the social norm and rule that an American president is male. The election results, and campaign in general, also shows that amount of unconscious and institutional racism and discrimination that is still present in our society. Trump's campaign allowed individuals with prejudicial views to vocalize these opinions and also be a part of a group that shares these same views that had been dormant. Though I do not want to label Trump, he facilitated a divide in American citizens during his campaign that acted as a social contagion using the process of othering. His rallies often pointed the blame of our country's problems onto other sources such as China or illegal immigrants.

3. Though this has been discussed, I think one factor that cannot be solidly explained is why groups that have been discriminated against, verbally or otherwise, during Trump's campaign would disregard that fact and vote for him anyway. For example, the white women's vote, that was projected to be for Clinton and therefore deter a Trump election, was a group that ultimately elected Trump even though Trump has had many allegations against him concerning sexual assault (that were thought to take away women's votes for Trump). I think another factor that is puzzling concerning this election is how the Republican party became split due to Trump's nomination, yet he still ended in victory. I also think the fact that many individuals who voted Democratic for the last election in favor of Obama also voted for Trump this election cycle is an element of this election that calls for further investigation.

4. I have tried to remain optimistic about where President-elect Trump will take this country. I hope that his grassroots campaign that was based on dismantling the corrupt system of politics will shake things up in Washington, and challenge the biases and stalemates that has marked our government for years. Trump has a lot of wounds to heal due to the overall tone that this campaign set, and the divides it created and deepened. I also hope he proves to be a president that advocates for all citizens. Trump also has the opportunity to salvage ties between the United States and Russia, which has the opportunity to be a positive outcome of his presidency. Since

he is a businessman, though how successful his businesses have been is debatable, he has a background that enables him to make a positive impact on the country's debt and budget. That being said, I believe that his victory will be a negative for the progression of social issues due to the House and Senate also being dominated by Republicans who lean conservatively. I predict his election will be marked by an increase in conservative policies and attitudes.

STUDENT 62

What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

My views on the 2016 election results were shocked to say the least. Personally I did not support either candidate but according to all of the projections I saw Hillary was supposed to win pretty easily. I believe the reason why trump won was because he had a similar slogan with "Make America Great Again" as Obama did in his first election with "Change We Can Believe In". Americans are rarely satisfied with the way things are in society and are constantly seeking advancements. With this being the case, it made it easier to rally around Trump. Why I believe Clinton lost was because of her track record that frightened Americans to put her in a position with such power. I also believe there was a silent majority for Trump in comparison to Hillary supporters and that is why it was such a shock to see Trump get elected.

What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

I think that social structure and personality concept because Trump had a good understanding of what most Americans believe and desire and used that to advantage. He was able to use his personality of a star and success from a financial stand point was able to convince enough Americans that they can have that type of success in moderation.

What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

One theory that I have and am skeptical about is voter suppression. I saw various accounts through social media of certain voting stations not being able to run properly on time for early voting, or absentee ballots being sent out late, or even electronic malfunctions at certain voting stations. A number of these are up in the air and in gray areas which are near impossible to monitor nationally.

What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

At this point he is our president and I do not see any positive repercussions for not supporting him. Besides he has not done anything we so I am patiently waiting and hoping that he can use his business mind to help our nation's economy. Truthfully, I genuinely do not know what to expect. I think in the beginning the outcome will be negative and he will have to earn the trust of the nation fully, but towards the end of his term I do believe that it will become positive.

STUDENT 63

1. **What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?** I think that it is natural to see a divide after an election and for people to be unhappy with the president-elect. However, I think that the country is very largely divided right now on their beliefs and their opinions of

this election. This is really my first time participating in an election, and I wonder whether this passion and emotion is typical of all elections. I think that people are not being open minded into how they are interpreting the election of Trump as the future president and are fixated on that Hillary did not win. I think that people need to address the reality that Trump was elected and focus on ways they can make their opinions and views known in the upcoming months. I think that people have become fixated on the people running and not the views that they have. Why did Trump win?--It would be because he got the electoral votes.

2. **What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?** I have seen a lot of labeling theory with the responses to the election. The country was divided by those who support Clinton and those who support Trump. After the election, I have seen so many things on social media where people are saying that "Trump supporters are uneducated" and that if you support Trump, then you should "explain this to your female, minority, etc." friend who feel unsafe because of Trump. I use this example, because it is the most significant and most seen as people react to the election.
3. **What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?** I think that the response to the election are very emotional--people were impacted by Clinton being a woman and the advancement that this shows for our society. In response to the "secret Trump voters" I would say that this is greatly impacted by the area in which we live. I don't think that they were always 'secret' it was more that they did not express their opinions on the election as avoidance, where they don't want to offend people who are not align with their political views so they avoid both the subject and others who they know disagree.
4. **What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?** I think that people will interpret the outcomes of the next 4 years of President-elect Trumps presidency very differently. After the election we saw that a large part of the population was not happy with the new president-elect and I think that this will shape how they view his presidency. It is likely that people who are not happy with Trump, will view him in the most negative light possible--fixating on anything he does badly, and ignoring any accomplishments. Though it is natural for this to occur, and for people to be unhappy with the president (after all we have never had a "perfect president," and it is likely that we never will). I think people who are more open-minded will be more willing to acknowledge both the positive and negatives of Trumps election. The country was divided on how should be president, they're divided on how they feel about the president-elect and I think that we will again be divided on how we interpret President-elect Trumps term. re additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

STUDENT 64

I didn't really look into the results all that much after hearing Trump won. But from what I did hear the electoral college is a big reason for the loss. Some places get a higher weight in votes which is unfair.

I think that even though Trump said he would do a lot of things not a lot is going to get passed because of checks and balances in place. Republicans hopefully won't let Trump give them a bad name and try to filter what he actually does. This probably won't lead to a great outcome but at least not a negative one.

Racial progression will be stopped to a certain degree in our country because now we all see here and outside of the US the American president has no problem being racist to his own Americans.

STUDENT 65

1. My views on the 2016 election results are positive. I personally have conservative values, although I personally thought that neither candidate were a good option, I couldn't support someone like Clinton. I believe Trump won over Clinton because people want change and Clinton would either be the same as Obama or worse, in my opinion. Overall, regardless of the results of the election, I think we need to stay positive because we live in a wonderful country.

2. I honestly don't know what theory or concept would apply. Maybe doing gender? or doing difference?

3. Individuals personal thoughts and feelings are factors that I believe impacted the election. Their personal thoughts and feelings are something that I believe theories can't really explain.

4. I think positive actions will come out from Trump's presidency. As long as he watches what he says, I do believe he loves our country and will strive to make good things happen. The number one thing I think he needs to be cautious of, is the fact that he needs to think about how he is going to say/go about something, instead of immediately speaking his mind.

STUDENT 66

1. The views I have on the 2016 election is shock due to Trump actually winning when he was the biggest underdog out of all the candidates for the republicans. I believe Trump won because he went after the xenophobic people and the working white class, who actually voted for him the most, and blatantly spewed out the things they wanted to hear. I believe Clinton lost because everyone that voted for Trump I believe are living in the 1920's and weren't ready to have a woman lead them as a country so they went and voted for Trump to secure their beliefs.

2. Cognitive dissonance probably played a role in Trumps win because as stated before, he went after mainly the xenophobes in my opinion. Since there's a lot going on with the world most individuals are going to have some type of cognitive dissonance. They want to avoid disharmony so the stereotypes start to come out and gets applied to individuals who aren't a part of the crisis but look like the individuals causing the fear and harm. People want the social norms to hold true so they don't have a woman, aka Clinton, to lead a country, but instead have her in her place.

3. I feel like the additional factors of how Trump came out on top was that people who didn't vote before aka some the xenophobes, came out to cast their vote in for Trump. another factor were all the dumbasses who voted for a dead gorilla and for hennessy.

4. I feel like we're going to go through hell with Trump and Pence. The main concern isn't Trump but Pence due to his outrages viewpoints. The outcome is going to be negative and a lot of fear is going to be present for the next four years.

STUDENT 67

I wasn't too shocked about the election for several reasons. The first is because I felt like the country could only handle one party being in office for up to eight years, and after that a change is needed. Secondly, I felt like majority of Americans were not in favor of both candidates, so they were either not going to vote, or vote for the one that seemed more honest. In this case, it was Trump, because he said what was on his mind at all times. Hillary just did not appear genuine. I think more Americans were disappointed in the fact that Hillary was the Democratic candidate, instead of Bernie. I believe that Trump won because there are still many Americans who feel and think

in the same way that he does, and are silent. When I say this, I am talking about the older voters who were around during segregation. I believe that this was the first time they've had a candidate who was very loose in rhetoric, and stated just what they wanted to hear about minorities. He not only spoke to them, but he spoke to the majority, which is the white working class, and the majority won in this case.

I am little apprehensive when I think about where Trump will take the country simply because I feel as though he does not have a filter. I only hope that his advisors will give him the best advice, and that he is slow to talk and slow to act when it comes to dealing with foreign affairs. We do not need more enemies. I mean realistically the president can only control but so much when it comes to the country, but I am not in any way at ease because the Republicans have the senate and the house as well.

I think this election has made it clear that there is no progression within this country when it comes to racial harmony. The only sad part about this situation is that the implication for electing Trump is to say that people no longer have to go around hiding how they feel. Americans no longer have to sugarcoat how they feel about anything, and the feelings of others are irrelevant. For America to elect a president that disrespected the black community, the LGBT community, the Muslim community, and women, it speaks volumes. The fact the Trump was elected following the historical event of a black president also speaks greater volumes. Racism is still much so alive, and white Americans are about to be even more vocal about it. After all, if their president can say it, why can't they?

STUDENT 68

1. I'm disappointed in the results of the election, especially since Clinton won the popular vote, yet Trump is the president-elect. I believe Trump won because of a great divide in our political system. Political parties are becoming more polarized and it's forcing people more left or right. But that is not the only reason why. What this election has showed me is that millions of people, half of all those who voted, believe a racist, sexist, bigoted, xenophobic, and unqualified man is better equipped to lead this country than the more qualified and highly educated candidate, who just so happened to be a woman. I can't help but see sexism everywhere in this election, along with a strong racial divide.

2. White men were the demographic most strongly in support of Trump. This may be due to the othering of a female candidate. The fact that a majority of white men voted for the white male candidate makes me think of both identity salience and commitment. Ultimate attribution error also applies; Clinton (outgroup member) and her shortcomings were seen as innate and more difficult to overcome than Trump's (ingroup member) numerous scandals.

3. As activist DeRay McKesson often states, "watch whiteness work". This idea seeks to explain how Trump has been excused from his various actions, such as stating previous instances of committing sexual assault on various women and being derogatory towards countless groups of people. Clinton is also white, but her less-privileged female identity made voters more likely to "other" her. Being a white man simply makes you more privileged.

4. While I don't believe everything he states he will do will happen, the rhetoric used by himself and his supporters is worrying, especially to marginalized groups (immigrants, Muslim-Americans, Mexican-Americans, and women). This, along with a Republican majority Senate and Republican majority House of Representatives will make Trump's easier to pass. Also, there is a vacant Supreme Court seat that will most likely be filled by a conservative judge. While I do not want to see the United States fail, I don't see how we can emerge from a Trump administration in a successful manner, without damaging American citizens along the way.

STUDENT 69

1. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

I have spent quite a while since watching the election results reflecting on this statement. In my heart, I thought I knew America. I thought I understood that although we had differing opinions, that we believed and supported equality. In my opinion the 2016 election results fundamentally retract what we have worked for in our nation. We have fought to achieve these last years. Having our first African American president, to me, signified that we were finally moving in the right direction. Although when the election campaign began, Hillary was not the most appealing candidate, she was able to change and stand for things that mattered to the people. She advocated for immigrants, for people of color, for students (working with Bernie Sanders to create an education plan to help college students with debt). But, as I watched the election results flow in, I began to wonder where all these things went wrong.

I have a few theories about why Trump won and why Hillary lost. My first was adopted from my life. I have lots of gov. and politics friends, since it is my other major. A lot of the "undecided" voters that I spoke to, were much more Trump leaning, but unwilling to admit it. This is something that one of the NPR podcasts that I listened to touched on. The phenomenon of voters that are in a way shy about admitting, who they are choosing to vote for, based not only on who they are talking to, but where they find themselves. My second theory is one that was much more eloquently put by Van on CNN on election night. He addressed the "white back lash" from America. I find myself very often in a "bubble". I am surrounded by people that have the same progressive ideals as myself, we are proud of who represents us and what they stand for. We believe that EVERY SINGLE BEING is important, and that legal

I think that there is a fundamental flaw in the Electoral College that should lead us to see it needs to be removed.

2. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

In class we discuss a lot about polling and understanding data, and how to conduct surveys. Group processes v social structure and personality. There should have been a better understanding of individuals and their behaviors and whether the surveys and polls being handed out to voters accounted for them.

Similarly if we were establishing processes and having understandings of how they operated. And understanding how primary groups and secondary groups might affect voting.

3. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

I think one of the big ones is polling errors, and the inability to account for factors that should have been accounted for.

4. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

I do not believe that Trump was the direction that this nation needed to be taken in. It's frustrating to see the outlandish racist concepts that people feel more free to discuss now that Trump has been elected. We are a nation

of immigrants and need to learn to understand each other. There will be a huge negative impact if he choose to remove things like environmental protection, planned parenthood, obamacare... etc.

NPR- people that respond differently depending on who is polling them, also the demographic that vastly voted for trump don't test to participate in polls

Also, they mentioned how Trumps numbers were significantly different, that even they didn't fully believe them

Also NC closed a lot of the polling locations, polling days, and that was a key swing state

STUDENT 70

1. I believe trump won for two reasons: the first was hillarys campaign was based almost entirely n simply not being trump and that was not enough, it only created apathy for the election. Second, trumps support was largely due to white racists backlash against the 8 year run of our nations first black president.

2. A history professor at american university, Allan Lichtman, has used an algorithm with 13 yes or no questions to correctly predict the last 9 presidential elections correctly. Also those who decided to vote for trump but kept it a secret in public.

3. I believe another factor that was difficult to account for was turnout, which ended being much lower than expected for all demographics not white.

4. Socially, it will be very negative and harmful, pushing our country backwards a decade or two. Economically, im trying to believe that he can handle at least some aspects of being president, and this might be the only aspect. A savvy overfunded businessman with a messy track-record isnt promising in any department, welcome to the big leagues.

STUDENT 71

1. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

I am deeply disappointed with the 2016 election results. I understand that a large portion of the country does not see the world the way that I do, and that is in large part due to the way I was educated and my background as a war refugee who survived an environment where scapegoating and bigotry became a threat to me. Nevertheless, I really did have hope that Trump, who is an unqualified candidate who based his campaign on discrimination, would not get elected. I do, however, realize that many of his supporters do not even realize the discriminatory nature of his campaign and/or are privileged enough to be able to look past it since it will never affect them. Also, I understand that the population that voted for Trump did so because they began to feel marginalized and unheard in society. Their geographical isolation is also responsible for their ideologies.

2. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

The concepts of In-group and Out-group describe this situation very well. Different groups with varying ideologies and concerns are in disagreement about what is best for our country. However, discrimination should never be accepted or tolerated.

3. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

Third-party voters affected the election. Is there a Social Psych reason for dichotomous politics?

4. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

Trump's policies will negatively affect minorities. Also, his campaign set a precedent for overt discrimination and bigotry, which is a cause for concern.

STUDENT 72

1. My views on the results reflect what the rest of the minority groups in society reflect. We feel as we've been stripped from our rights and targeted in the name of "America pride." Trump and Clinton were both unfit to lead and the basis on this election was targeting the ignorant and race. Corruption and scandals don't mean anything in a presidential election. The system is changing but right now we have stepped 2 steps back after taking a step forward. Trump won by targeting the rust belt and rural demographics of America. He used bigotry and racism to rally the white supremacists in order to support his policies on immigration, terrorism, guns, corporate taxes and climate change.

2. The idea of doing subjective uncertainty from Trump's supporters lead them to believe in nationalism only for whites and to stereotype and discriminate against minorities. Conflict theory supports Trump's cause due to creating conflict between different social groups in our society that pursue different goals. He manipulated some groups by radically labeling and demoralizing certain races and religions.

3. Other factors that impacted this election would be diversity in certain geographic and demographic regions. Hilary received many votes from large urban areas/cities and neighboring counties all over the country while Trump received many votes from rural counties in every state. My assumption and/or theory is those areas lack a diverse community and social institutions like education that focus on the real history of our people as a whole and not just the "white American history and dream."

4. My thoughts on Trump's future presidency right now is that it's looking negative and dividing. His words and views may not seem serious or extreme to him but to his supporters they speak otherwise. Trumps' supporters have shown violence, racism, sexism, and xenophobic attitudes and prejudice to other groups and now they have the stage to not hide their honest attitudes. It's a scary thought and I don't know how we can progress if he continues the route he took to gain his presidency.

STUDENT 73

What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

- I was shocked to hear that Trump won the 2016 election. It seemed like almost an obvious choice between the two candidates that Clinton would win but I as well as the vast majority was mistaken. I think that Trump won solely by appeal to a certain type of voter (white, wealthy, conservative, etc) and we didn't realize how many people like that are out there. I also felt that Trump was more aggressive with his rhetoric and campaign, something that Clinton in my opinion lacked, which probably led to her downfall. Even though we live in a pretty progressive/liberal era, I still think the vast majority of the nation still wasn't ready for a women president.

What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

- Concepts such as cognitive dissonance support Trumps winning. There has been evidence of him saying sexist remarks and supporting stereotypes like towards muslims and other minorities. His supporters have to be somewhat compliant to his thoughts if they support him and his quest to presidency, and him winning speaks volumes of our nation and their opinions.

What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

- Other factors such as why some predominately democratic states electoral college votes switch to republican and the lack of exposure (or indication) of how many supporters Trump has impacted the election in my opinion. There is no definite reason to why the votes turned out the way that they did, and none of the theories that we covered in class can readily explain the results of the election. From what I've read and have been hearing about this election, people are quick to call Trump's win a conspiracy because of the shocking turn out because there really is no concrete explanation of what our nation witnessed.

What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

- I think that there will be a lot of backlash between Trump and the people of the U.S, there are a lot of riots and protests occurring as of now because of this. I don't think there has been any instances like this in the history of our elections. I also don't think that there will be a lot positive outcomes from this election. I feel as if America is split right down the middle (literally and figuratively) if we look to the results of the election as a reflection of citizens mindsets. We can only hope Trump actually listens to the people (ALL people) and make some executive decisions that benefits our nation as a whole.

STUDENT 74

1. I am happy but at the same not time scared for the future with the presidential decision. The election was a very close call and honestly could have gone either way at the end of the day. Out of the two i'm am glad Trump won because he is known for being a business man with a plan. Clinton fans went out for early registration and i think Trump fans waited to leave america with more suspense.

2. With the poles i think a lot of people pay attention to them, even tho they are becoming not accurate to the major population of people who are going to vote. Othering definitely occurred with Trump in the election because he tried to present himself differently to america and they wanted to get on his and wagon and feel like same way he felt. He also had a way of connecting with america more than any other candidate has. He would not try an

speak like he was intelligent even though we all know he is. People understand what he was trying to get across more than Clinton.

3. Trump has under cover voters as well. He made people come out and vote that had not voted in years. This election was so important because of how our world is right now and that played to his advantage. Trying to get as many people as he could. I also think towards the end of the debates Clinton was not finishing strong with what she presented to America and this was also when both candidates' scandals came out.

4. I think the affect of Trump will be positive to us. He has plans and a set of actions, i just want to see him take them on and follow through. We have so many major issue right now and if the person in office does not fix we will be doomed. I think Trump is smart and can lead America in the right direction.

STUDENT 75

1.) My views on the 2016 election results is that it's an unfair representation of what Americans really want. Trump won because the system is rigged and Clinton lost because she's a pushover and also wasn't the best candidate to represent the Democratic Party.

2.) one theory that Supports Trump winning is othering because in the process he obscured the morality of the lower class group in order to create a definition of where America should be going. Social exchange theory was also used because individuals entered a relationship with Trump and also with Clinton in order to bring change to the country but it didn't help Clinton as much as it did Trump.

3.) Some additional factors that impacted the election is that we internalized stable sense of who we are including roles and identities. People say they know who they are but Trump completely turned that around.

4.) My thoughts on where president-elect Trump will take the country is that he will do unconventional moves that politicians everywhere were too afraid to do. I hope that the outcome will be positive but deep down I know that the outcome will be negative and effect our country in a negative way if he keeps his racist ideologies that he talked about while running.

STUDENT 76

1. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

I was shocked and very disappointed about the 2016 election results. Per polling statistics many of Trump's supporters are white and many of Clinton's supporters are black or educated white people. I think that Trump won because in sheer numbers (so not in proportion the larger group), there are more white people in poverty who probably did not have the resources to attain higher education. Trump appeals to the fear of people that is incited by the ignorance of other groups and situations that one racial group may be exempt from.

2. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

One concept that I think is extremely important in Trump's campaign success is the process of othering. By doing this Trump could reinforce racist ideology by making white people feel superior and focus on collective differences inciting by hate and mistrust.

3. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

I know of many people who justified voting for Trump because it is a tradition in their family to vote republican. I think that this is extremely disappointing to society and belittling to American politics to equate loyalty to a party as we typically would a sports team.

4. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

I think that Trump will backtrack on much of the social, medical, and educational progress that Obama has created and laid out for the country. I think that money will be spent on illogical ordeals that will end up putting our country in more debt.

STUDENT 77

1. My views of the 2016 election are not that positive. I believe Trump won the election because he gave a platform to the countries silences racism and sexism. It appeared to appeal to most of the white voters, and honestly, it isn't that surprising. I've read that around 48% of registered voters did not vote in this election, and that definitely hurt Clinton's electoral college count. In some cases she only lost by 1/10 of a vote, and this really could've been the difference.

2. Trump definitely managed his identity through his speeches. He knew exactly what to say to appeal to the crowd during rallies. He also changed it up as needed. His entire campaign was based on ethnocentrism, and he used this to undermine other cultures and unify those who viewed themselves as greater than the rest.

3. I really can't find a theory to explain why those who were eligible to vote, chose not to do so. This impacted the election more than we all imagined it would. I can understand that people did not want to settle for either candidate, but it ended much worse than in the end. I also read somewhere that thousands of people voted for Harambe. I can't understand how these people decided this would be fruitful to the elections.

4. I can only hope the outcomes of Trump's presidency will be positive. I don't think this will be the case for the most part. I believe he will undo all of Obama's progress. I also believe that many minorities will suffer from his presidency. It has already been heard that hate crimes all over the nation are taking place against these groups. I can't imagine the racism and the sexism that his policies might and could promote.

1. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

I am going to assume many people who wanted Hilary did not vote. Perhaps many college students were too busy with other obligations and assumed with so much support in the media for her and against Trump that it would be okay not to vote. That perhaps they thought it was not necessary to vote.

2. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

Perhaps people had a certain attitude about women and thought that a person with the female status could not fulfill a leadership role. Perhaps people did not feel comfortable with change and that is why another white male won. Perhaps people thought she would be selfish or "too emotional" since she is a woman. The norm seems to be men are associated with the leadership role. People may have stereotypes about women and think they are selfish or unable to handle stress.

3. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

I have heard that some people are able to commit voter fraud with people registered to vote in many places. I am not sure how that works but I heard fraud could occur and if many people committed fraud that would have an impact.

4. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

With the many protests we have seen so far on the news, I don't think people will support his policies and perhaps may even look for ways to make them not work in order to prove that they were right about him. People seem to be very opinionated and I don't think people want to be proven wrong.

STUDENT 78

1. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

-Watching this presidential election play out for the past year has been a pretty interesting one to say the least. At the very beginning of the election season most people didn't take Donald Trump serious at all but then he just gained momentum and here we are. The reason that Trump won the presidency really isn't clear or based on a single factor. If you want to simplify it, in my opinion, Trump pushed his campaign into regions and places that past candidates hadn't and he gained support from individuals who hadn't voted in the past as well as in places that had previously voted for the Democratic Party.

2. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

-Both candidates practiced impression management, trying to persuade the American public that they were the better choice. They both attacked each other's character trying to give a negative opinion on the other in hopes that the American public would then view them as "nasty" or "racist." Trump won out in this regard in my opinion, in that after the email scandals the American people didn't have any trust in Hillary Clinton and didn't want someone they couldn't trust as their president.

3. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

-I think part of the reason why Donald Trump was because for the past two presidential terms there has been a Democratic president, President Obama, in the white house. I believe that the American people desire change in the Executive administration and because this year Trump was running as a Republican candidate he had an easier time winning the presidency. He is an outsider from the usual realm of politics and many Americans find it appealing having a businessman as president, thinking that he will bring some new perspective and benefit to the nation.

4. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

-I think that Donald Trump will induce change in this nation when it comes to business and foreign policy. Some

people may not agree and cry out in protest but I think that Donald Trump does have the potential to do some good in this country and change it for the better. I honestly didn't vote because this presidential race really didn't offer any candidates that I liked that I thought could win. All I can really do is hope that our new president-elect and his cabinet members will honestly do their best to better the nation for all citizens.

STUDENT 79

1. I was personally very surprised with the results, I always kinda saw Trump as a joke and i didn't think that he would even come close to Hillary in the Election. I think that Trump won because of two major reasons, first i think that there was a sense of complacency in the democratic party, like we had already won the election and that there was no real reason to vote because Hillary was clearly going to win, thats why only 25% of america actually voted. The second is that there were a lot of closet trump supporters out there, people supported him and his ideals but were to afraid or ashamed to go out of their way and openly show support. I think that this is very indicative of the situation we face in america now days surrounding racism sexism and other forms of oppression, this was a clear indicator that those ideals are still alive and well in the United States.

2. I think that subjective uncertainty played a huge role in this election, if a person doesn't know anything about either candidate and they just look at them, Hillary could have faced some forms of discrimination. Un-educated voters would see Hillary as a woman and stereotype her as not fit for presidential duty because there has never been a woman in the oval office.

3. Intergroup relations are something that impacted the election. Democrats began to think that there was no point in voting because they assumed Hillary would be the clear winner. This idea spread like wildfire and it easily outweighed the push from society to go out and vote.

4. I think that president Trump will do a fine job of improving infrastructure and other things that relate to his business ability (although most times unethical) however i think that we as a country are going to be set back very far because of this. Having a man like Trump running our country for the next 4 years is not what we need for our country right now. This is only going to create a bigger cultural divide between races, sexes, genders etc. when our country is already finding itself becoming divided naturally through institutional mistreatment of different types of people.

STUDENT 80

1. Trump won because the voter turnout was different than ever before. The polls did not predict for the amount of voters in the rural areas which to whom Trump appeals to mostly. Clinton lost because she did not receive the amount of minority votes and women votes that we're predicted. She not only lost swing states but states that democrats usually take in most elections, which really hurt her chances.
2. The idea of doing gender is definitely present in this election. Many people voted for Trump just because they don't believe a woman could be president. This is a huge stereotype that is held by both men and women and is truly saddening. This also shows the continued existence of prejudice in our country. Although voting for Trump does not make you a racist or a sexist, those who voted are still supporting someone who is both of those things. This is the idea of perceived discrimination, they are discriminating even though they are unaware of it. The exclusion level of prejudice is very present, because Trump has stood on the platform that minorities and women, especially immigrants are not welcome in our country.

3. The electoral college effected this election because Clinton won the popular vote but did not receive the amount of electoral votes needed to become the President, which is 270. She was not able to get votes in the states that really mattered. The Electoral college is supposed to be representative of the population, but many question if this is a fair way to elect our president.
4. I believe the country will take a turn for the negative. In our time, we are at a very unsteady place with how our citizens view women and minorities and if Trump were to continue to act as he has during the campaign I believe it will bring major repercussions and many will begin to protest and riot against him. Although I believe he will bring our country back decades, he may have the opportunity to re work American trade and help our economy since he is different than our past leaders, but I am not confident that he actually has these abilities and I won't be until I see him in action.

STUDENT 81

. Trump won because: racism, sexism, patriarchy, etc etc etc etc ad nauseum.

2. Cognitive dissonance: despite the outrageous comments Trump made during the race, people rationalized them to fit with what they wanted to believe about themselves and society in general (also self-justification of prejudice). Ultimate attribution error: if a person of color had said everything Trump said, they would not have made it to be a presidential candidate. Their comments would have been assumed to be characteristic of their race.

3. MEDIA. The way the debates were framed, the amount of coverage Trump received, etc.

4. The outcome will be negative. I am personally terrified, concerned for my physical safety and the safety of everyone I know (and don't know). I believe that people who have held prejudicial beliefs all along will feel emboldened to move from silent prejudice to overt discrimination and violence.

STUDENT 82

1. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

Im really amazed that trump won. Im shocked because he ran and won a campaign with no experience at all and it was based of racism and bigotry and didn't really take politics seriously. This showed me how divided and racist this country is. Additionally Hilary won the population Trump won for three reasons. The first reason is Hilary's fault for not campaigning in states like Wisconsin and allowing states that have been democratic for decades like Michigan and N.C to go republican. The second and most important reason why trump won was because of WHITE SUPREMACY. The third reason is white America makes up a majority of voters and Donald won that demographic, while minorities voted less for Hilary than they did for barrack. Additionally Donald won over the rural America and people flat out didn't like Hilary and loved Donald and his anti Washington

2. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing? We talked about the age gaps in America and it showed during this election because if you just take the younger generation between ages of 18-26 Hilary won in a landslide 502-36. But then when you add in the older generation Donald wins/won
3. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

46% people didn't vote. 24000 people voted for Harambe and Hennessey. Gary Johnson had over 3 million votes

4. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

Honestly as a black man I'm terrified to have an openly racist president who knows nothing about politics and is part of the top 1%

STUDENT 83

- I think its irresponsible to simply say that trump won because of racism and bigotry. Are there people that voted for him because they see him in that light? Of course. However, I don't think that was the driving force. Its important to remember that for him to win, he needed a significant amount of people to vote for him that voted for Obama. Are theses people racist? Of course not. Rather, I think he won because he made people who were ignored and neglected for years by democrats feel like they had a voice and were being heard. He made a point to reach out to the "blue curtain" of Wisconsin and Michigan and Pennsylvania, which no one gave him a chance to win. He won these because these people that felt like they were ignored lived in cities such as Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, and Detroit, and he had a higher vote from those three cities than any republican candidate in decades. It is important to note as well that trump did way better than expected among Latinos and other minorities. This cannot be attributed to low voter turnout, as most of these minorities voted in record numbers. I think that at least some of the people from Latin America that are here legally generally agree with the policy that those that are here illegally should not be, as it paints them all in a bad light. Therefore, some of them voted for who they thought could clear their name at least in a roundabout way.
- Lots of people are in fear of what he will do, as they perceive his election as an affront to their existence, an while I understand why they would think that due to tall the rhetoric, I believe we will not have sweeping change in order to unnecessarily strip anyone's rights. I think the biggest thing they'll change that was accomplished under Obama will be the repealing and replacement of Obamacare, which has arguably not been beneficial in the first place. I think an understated factor in all this is how nearly all of our foreign relations have declined in recent years, and would not get better under a Clinton presidency, as she was one of the ones in charge as secretary of state during this decline. Trump is in much better relationships with several important foreign leaders such as Putin and Netanyahu, both of whom a strong friendship with is incredibly important.

STUDENT 84

1. According to most polls I had seen a week prior and the day of, I was surely convinced that there was no way Trump could win but then he did. I was watching election night going on while I was grabbing a bite with some friends and we all for the most part were ignoring the tv's surrounding us because we were so convinced there was absolutely no other outcome than Clinton winning. Trump won because he got a group of people who are marginalized to come out and show their support for him.

2. There is stereotype threat that affected Hillary's campaign. A man who had zero political experience who spews hate and all of the -isms to exist managed to win an election while Clinton has dedicated her entire career to the political field, and she has done a great job in all of the positions that she has held. People easily use the fact that she's a woman, and use their sexist ideals to further believe that she would not have been able to run this country.

3. I think it's important to examine the privilege that some people feel, to look into why people can so easily overlook the sexist, racist, islamophobic things that Trump has to say and just take pieces that they want to hear/see and hold onto away from his speeches and his actions.

4. I think it is an emotional time for many, whether that be good or bad but I think the outcome can be positive if we work now to make sure he only has one term and that we start protesting and working towards the changes we want now rather than wait for 6 months before the next election. It is scary to think of a completely republican controlled federal government with the POTUS as extreme as he is. It is frightening to think of the changes that can be done to our country, the policies that we have put in place to pull us forward. It all has a potential to be unraveled by a man who picked up politics as a hobby a year ago.

STUDENT 85

1. I am disappointed by the results because I thought our country was better than this, but I guess I was wrong. Trump only won because of electoral college, if the election had gone by popular vote than Hillary would have won. Also, if you look at the numbers from the polls you can see that if the older generations didn't vote than Hillary would have won in a landslide. The future of our country didn't want this, not at all.
2. Trump supporters were motivated to vote for him because he was a symbol of their attitudes. A lot of people supported him because of self-justification because since he had the same values about races and orientation, voting for him made it seem like their opinions about those issues were valid.
3. People did not account for the fact that some people who support Trump were in the closet about their stance and that the more we talked about him, the more determined they were to go out there and vote.
4. I believe that the outcome will be bad. He has no experience in politics and his 100 day plan is not sound. Also, the climate of the country will be in disarray. Some people are already starting to act crazy on both sides of the issue.

STUDENT 86

1. I think that many people who could make a difference with their vote didn't vote which is very bad because Clinton could have won when everybody voted. Trump won because of the bad image of Clinton and her actions like the emails instead of the qualities of Trump himself. Even in the Netherland people want to start a revolution because of Trump.

2. Trump created an strong ingroup feeling. He used the other people as a threat which created a bigger in group feeling. He also used discrimination and subtle sexism. Gender played a major role in this election. People voted for Trump because they didn't want a woman after a black president is what many people told me. He also used ethnocentrism. The values of American people are the greatest and better than others and his supporters like this way of thinking.

3. There are some more factors. Some people "hid" their vote so it was suprising that so many people voted for Trump. Economical factors also played a role. People who were hoping for jobs that Trump promised voted for him.

4. He will create more jobs but he will also create more seperation between people. I think that black people will become more angry towards wide people. So the feeling of nationality won't grow among hispanic and black people. This is definitly negative. Trump creates chaos while stability would create more efficiency in my opinion.

STUDENT 87

1. What are your views on the 2016 election results? Why did Trump win and why did Clinton lose?

I am disgusted and angry. I believe the results show that as a country 50% of us support sexual assuage, racism, xenophobia and hate. I believe Trump won for one reason and that is fear. To win an election you instill hope or fear. Obama and Bernie gave hope. Clinton could not give that. Trump instilled fear and awoke a nation of white supremacists that we did not anticipate.

1. What theories, concepts, and empirical outcomes discussed in class support Trump winning and Clinton losing?

The concept is easy, socially you are afraid of losing your belonging. Your norms and roles are going to reflect on the fear that has been instilled in you, therefore voting for trump. Clinton supporters felt pressured to vote for her because they hated Trump.

1. What are additional factors that impacted the election that our theories thus far cannot readily explain?

The fact that white supremacists were hiding around the country. Also that half of our population did not vote. People underestimated the number of African Americans who voted for Obama. people underestimated the number of people who were going to vote for trump. Also the Melanie voters. there were many women who like Melanie or Ivanka Trump therefore voted for trump. Those votes were not counted.

1. What are your thoughts on where President-elect Trump will take the country? Will the outcome be positive or negative?

I think that it's going to be a scary 4 years. Republicans control the Presidency, senate, and house. That is a scary thought. I hope Trump is a moderate president and doesn't voice his opinions that often. Even if we are stagnant for the next 4 years is no major laws are passed I will be okay with that. A negative outcome is that countries like Russia and Israel are now our allies or if trump upsets another country we can easily see WWII.

STUDENT 88

. I am sad and shocked. But, I shouldn't be that shocked because in the back of my head I was preparing for this. A lot of people in this country suffer, and as they should, vote for the person they believe will deliver them from that suffering. Trump appealed to a lot of people who believe that their suffering exists because of the emergence of a diverse American population. This is why Trump's racist policy ideas, such as building a wall and registering muslims, appeals to this group. Our bubble prevented us from seeing the number of people who feel this way, and those people showed up in force to vote on Tuesday.

2. While we didn't discuss it explicitly in class, I think that the Bradley effect played a big role here. People who didn't want to vote for a woman, would say to pollsters that they are voting for Clinton or undecided just because of the potential stigma associated with voting for Trump in our University environment. Furthermore, the leadership position of President has not been associated with the female gender. In a way, the American people were doing gender by voting for Trump and not Clinton.

3. I think two factors: voter turnout and the media. Why is the voter turnout so low in this country? What role did the media play in this election? Are they culpable for the outcome in any way?

4. Negative. Let me start with the more tangible policy implications. I am turning 22 on Monday, before the Affordable Care Act, this would mark the day where I can no longer stay under my parent's health insurance. Now, when planning for grad school, I have to re-plan my finances so I can account for the \$3,000-\$5,000 extra that I may have to pay for my healthcare in my 22-26 years. Furthermore, 29 million people who have health insurance under the affordable care act could simply lose that insurance. Finally, companies could deny health insurance for persons with a pre-existing condition. This is disgusting.

STUDENT 89

American is also supposed to be the moral compass of the world...how can we be the moral compass of the world when Donald Trump is our President? I am afraid Trump will turn the world against us by burning bridges. Furthermore, he could escalate the situation in the Middle East based on his policies against ISIS and about the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

I think Trump has made it socially acceptable in some people's eyes to be discriminatory and racist, which is not OK. I fear he will turn this country into a more intolerant place than it already is.

1. I am extremely disappointed in the results of the election. First of all, both candidates had many flaws, but in my opinion Trump is an awful human being, who has little to no experience in politics. He had no detailed plan to what he was going to do that would actually help the country, rather he focused on a campaign full of bullying, lies, and disgrace. Trump won purely because of the older generation. Make America Great again may be the stupidest statement I have ever heard. What in the world was so great about America years ago, was it the racism or sexism that he loves so much. Trump has spent his whole life working for himself, the 'powerful white man' he does not care about us.
2. Trump will bring our country backwards, which is exactly what we don't need right now. We have made so many positive strides towards race and gender issues. But Trump has made it perfectly clear that this is not his agenda. He has continually treated women like objects throughout his whole life, along with the facts that he believes skin color defines a person. That is that exact opposite of a leader.
3. Prejudice, unconscious racism, othering, discrimination, doing gender, subtle sexism all fall under the ideal of Trump. He has shown to single out groups saying that they are now worthy just because of their appearance.
4. Trump is going to take the country nowhere, if anything we will be going backwards. Trump is going to make a major negative impact due to the fact that he is making it 'ok' for people to act ignorant and divide the country. He is a horrible example for children and a disgusting role model.