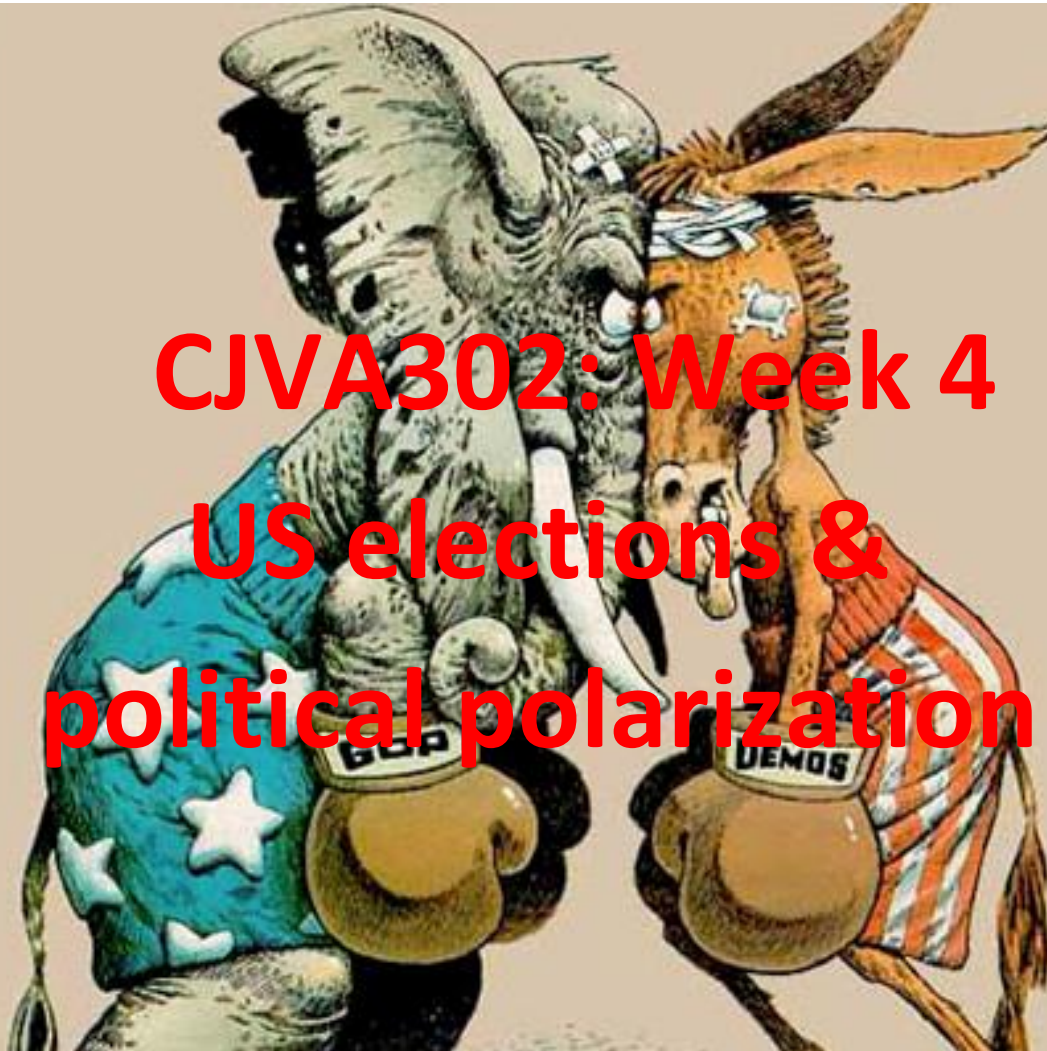


CJVA302: Week 4
US elections &
political polarization



Student presentations

- Magda:
 - Political polarization in US
- Paulína:
 - Presidential & senatorial elections + potential outcomes

Homework

- Presidential debate:
- What were the key moments from the debate?
- Was there a clear winner/loser? Do you think it will have an impact on the election?

Reading 1

“In the latest [NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll](#), Biden leads Trump 54% to 43% nationally among likely voters.”

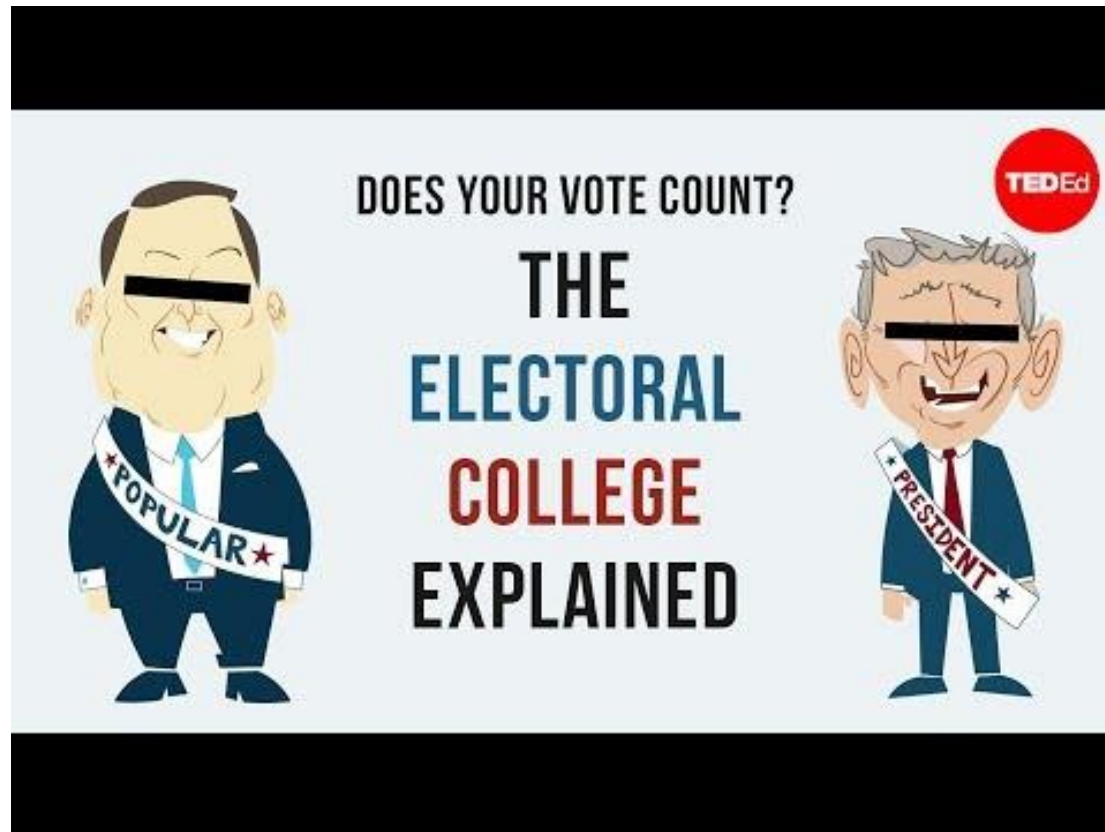
- Is that a reliable indication of who is likely to win the election?
- Was the new format advantageous to Biden?
- Should the Commission have included foreign policy as a topic?



Reading 1

- **Vocabulary**
 - To balk
 - Dueling
 - State of play
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- What words or phrases did you look up?

The Electoral College



- Why does it exist?
- Does your vote count? The EC explained

Tribalism

“Americans have come to view the Constitution not as a statement of shared principles but as a cudgel with which to attack their enemies.”

The Threat of Tribalism

- What is tribalism?
- According to the article, what are some of the drivers of resurgent tribalism?
- What have been some criticism of the Constitution?
- <https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2018/10/the-threat-of-tribalism/568342/>

The Threat of Tribalism

- What is tribalism?
- According to the article, what are some of the drivers of resurgent tribalism?
 - Demographic changes, declining social mobility and growing class divide (i.e. economic inequality), modern media trends
- What have been some criticism of the Constitution?
 - It is actually plutocratic and undemocratic.
 - Founded on faulty moral principles.

Voter registration by party affiliation

	Republicans	Independents	Democrats
	%	%	%
2020 Sep 14-28	28	42	27
2020 Jan 2-15	27	45	27
2019 Dec 2-15	28	41	28
2019 Jan 2-10	25	39	34
2018 Dec 3-12	26	39	32
2018 Jan 2-7	22	44	32
2017 Dec 4-11	25	46	27
2017 Jan 4-8	28	44	25
2016 Dec 7-11	28	39	29
2016 Jan 6-10	26	44	29
2015 Dec 2-6	27	40	30
2015 Jan 5-8	29	42	28
2014 Dec 8-11	27	40	31
2014 Jan 5-8	24	45	29
2013 Dec 5-8	24	44	30
2013 Jan 7-10	27	38	33
2012 Dec 27-30	27	36	34
2012 Jan 5-8	27	42	30
2011 Dec 15-18	30	42	27
2011 Jan 7-9	29	37	31
2010 Dec 10-12	33	34	32
2010 Jan 8-10	28	36	34
2009 Dec 11-13	29	36	33
2009 Jan 9-11	30	33	36
2008 Dec 12-14	26	35	37
2008 Jan 4-6	30	35	34
2007 Dec 14-16	27	39	33

The Threat of Tribalism

- Do you agree with the view of American exceptionalism expressed in the article?
- What else impressed you from the article?
- Your questions?



Tribalism

- Do you see similar trends in your country?
- Why or why not?