

Analyzing the 2016 Presidential Election: How can it be explained?

In a 6-8 paragraph essay, construct a unique claim about the 2016 American Presidential Election that both responds to the article “*Hillary Clinton and the Populist Revolt*”, and can be substantiated by what you have learned about America’s

- political culture and ideology (the American Creed, liberal vs conservative, etc)
- media (roles played)
- political party system (Democrats vs Republicans vs 3rd parties)
- method of electing a President (primaries, campaigns, debates, Electoral College, etc)

IN YOUR ESSAY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU:

- Respond to issues addressed in the *New Yorker* article
- Discuss relevant evidence that substantiates your position: exit polls, electoral map
- Utilize descriptive and appropriate political terms and examples demonstrating knowledge of listed topics
- Include your final evaluation of the “health” of the American body politic and your expectations of a Trump presidency in your conclusion

The purpose of this essay is for YOU to analyze the results of the election, based on what you have learned and been assigned to read—NOT the opinions of random journalists and random articles. DO NOT conduct outside research WITH THE EXCEPTION of using exit polls (CNN shows results best) and the electoral map, if desired.

You can probably write this response off the top of your head—just do so with your notes open, to make sure you are utilizing the relevant political terms and facts you have learned to substantiate your thoughts!

Please double-space, use 12 pt font, and 1” margins.