

## US Government: “What happened and what will happen, US election 2016” Essay

Recommended Due Date (Full Credit): Friday, January 13, 2017

Question: On November 8, 2016, election results revealed that Donald Trump won the Electoral College in the form of winning the popular vote in enough states to exceed the 270 electoral votes needed to be next President of the United States elect (this means that Trump is not president until the electors gather on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> to vote in Congress.) This result was very unexpected by the mainstream media, and virtually all of the political pundits and poll watching number crunchers were caught flat footed by the result. What happened? Why did Trump win over the heavily favored Hillary Clinton? What will a Trump presidency bring to the U.S., and the world?

### Sample Outline:

1. Introduction / Thesis Statement – Introduce your topic, and declare your opinion/position on the topic of the research paper
2. Body – the bulk of the paper is here, in data taken from the readings and other evidence you have found to support your position
  - a. Defining the Presidential Race
    1. The Candidates
      1. Hillary Clinton (D)
      2. Donald Trump (R)
      3. Other Candidates
        1. Bernie Sanders (D?)
        2. Jill Stein (G), Gary Johnson (L), Marco Rubio (R), Ted Cruz (R)
    2. The Positions
      1. Civil Liberties
        1. Black Lives Matter
        2. Immigration and the “Wall”
        3. Racism and Sexism
      2. The Economy and Trade
        1. Jobs and the Great Recession
        2. TPP, TTIP, NAFTA, and Other Trade Agreements
        3. Inequality and the Wealth Gap
      3. Other Issues
        1. Terrorism, Syria, ISIS, and the War on Terror
        2. Hillary E-Mails and Wikileaks
        3. Trump Sexism
        4. Unfavorability of Both Candidates
          1. Scandals, bad press?
    3. The Primary and General Elections
      1. The States and the Electoral College
        1. Popular Vote vs Electoral College
        2. DNC, RNC, Rules for Voting, Third Parties
        3. Voter Fraud or Electoral Fraud?
      2. Media and Propaganda
        1. Truth or Spin?
  - b. The Trump Presidency
    1. Deliverance or Destruction? (or Somewhere in-between?)
3. Conclusion – Summarize the important points, and restate your thesis in terms of the DPE (Data, Proof, Evidence) you presented.

### Required Elements:

1. Make sure to include citations *every time you use a statement or an idea from the readings that I have provided, or that you found in your own independent research*. Use APA citation notation (found on website). Using others work without providing proper citation is plagiarism and grounds for immediate failure on this essay.
2. Papers should be 2750-3000 words and 9-10 pages in length in Times New Roman or Ariel 12 point font, double spaced, pages numbered, cover page optional, references on last page (as per APA notation), 1 inch borders on top/bottom and left/right, stapled (no covers or binders). Be sure to include name, period and word count of the title page.
3. Underline your Thesis.
3. Please type all work on a computer.