

## Candidate 1 evidence

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2	<p>The Democrat viewpoint states that the Democrats clearly won the 2012 elections by convincingly defeating the Republicans at every level. Evidence from source A shows that in the 2012 elections the Democrats <sup>gained</sup> won 51.1% of the total percentage of votes, which on % votes alone was more than the Republicans 47.2%. This would indicate that the Democrats won the most votes, and a slight majority of total % votes in the 2012 election. In addition to this, evidence also from source A shows that the Democrats gained 332 electoral college seats compared to the Republicans' 206 seats. On this measure alone the Democrats won the most electoral college votes, more than the Republicans. Evidence from source B shows that in the 2012 election the Democrats gained 55 senators to the Republicans 45 senators and gained 201 <sup>representatives</sup> <del>senators</del> to the Republicans 234 representatives who were elected. This shows that the Democrats gained the most senators, more than the Republicans but the Republicans won the most representatives as they had 33 more representatives gained. This means</p>

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	<p>That although the Democrats clearly won the most % votes, it was not 'convincing' since it was only roughly 4% more than the Republicans and thus only 1.1% of an majority, nevertheless the Democrats won the most seats % votes!</p> <p>In terms of electoral college votes, the Democrats clearly won the most seats as they gained <del>then</del> over 100 more electoral college seats, which <del>was</del> convincingly defeated the Republicans as the Democrats significantly outperformed the Republicans. Despite winning 10 more senators than the Republicans, the Democrats did not win the most representatives, thus meaning that the Republicans were not convincingly defeated in the House of Representatives. <del>Therefore</del> Therefore, the Democrats did not "clearly" win the 2012 elections since the % votes was very close to the Republicans and the Democrats failed to gain enough representatives and the Republicans were not "convincingly defeated" on every level as they actually won, thus defeating the Democrats in the House of Representatives.</p>



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	<p>although still winning the most electoral college seats, their majority reduced as their performance in the electoral college was not as good as in 2008. In addition to this, despite the democrats lost senators and lost no representatives, ultimately losing a majority in the House of Representatives which is far from being "impressive". Therefore, since the democrats lost 7% votes, lost electoral seats, lost senators and representatives on every single one of these measures the democrats did worse than they did in 2008 and so was not even "almost as impressive" as in 2008 but was actually worse.</p>
	<p>The viewpoint states that in the 2012 presidential election, Barack Obama defeated his republican opponent Mitt Romney by decisive margins across every area and in all sections of society. Evidence from source C shows that Barack Obama won in the East, Midwest and West regions but lost in the South to Mitt Romney by about 15%. In the regions that Obama won in his greatest victory was in the East with a 15% lead over Romney but lowest lead was in the Midwest by only 5%.</p>

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	<p>Evidence also from Source C shows that Obama won big cities by about 40% and won mid size cities by almost 20% but lost towns to Romney by about 10% and lost suburban/rural areas to Romney by about 2%. This shows that although Obama won 3 out of 4 Regions and won 2 out of 4 communities, Obama only held a "decisive" margin in the big cities which was a huge lead of 40%. but in the <del>suburban/rural areas</del> Midwest, Obama's lead was far smaller and the result was very closer between Obama and Romney (5%). This would suggest that Obama didn't defeat Romney by decisive margins in every area since Romney actually won in the South, towns and suburban/rural areas and not all of Obama's wins were large enough to be 'decisive'. Evidence from Source D shows that Obama for Gender, Obama won 55% of females and Romney's 52% of male voters meaning that Romney out performed Obama among males and so Obama did not have a decisive victory among the gender votes. Evidence also from Source D shows that Obama only won 18-24,</p>

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<p>25-29 and 30-39 but non men with significant margins of 60% to Mitt Romney 36% which is more than double.</p> <p>Whereas, Romney won the older vote with wins amongst the age ranges of 40-49, 50-64 and 65+ but with smaller margins. In addition to this, source D shows that in terms of income, Obama only won 2 out of 6 income groups and thus the lower income voters voted for Obama as the Under \$30,000 voted 63% for Obama and 35% for Romney and \$30 - 49,999 voted 57% for Obama and 41% for Trump with all the remaining income groups voting for Romney. Therefore, in terms of sections in Society, Obama only won the Female vote, young people, and low incomes as well as every Ethnicity Group except from Whites which Romney won by a margin of 20%. This would suggest that Obama did not defeat Romney in all sections of society as he merely won female, young, low income and every ethnicity except whites, and <del>did</del> <sup>did</sup> win by decisive margins since every region and area voted <sup>which</sup> for Obama was a significant margin (i.e. all above 5%).</p>	

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	but notably not across all sections of society.
	The newspaper states that the Republican candidate in 2016,
	Donald Trump, performed significantly better among all
	voter groups compared to Mitt Romney in 2012. Evidence
	from source E shows that on the voter group of gender,
	Trump gained 1% more for males and 2% less for
	females, which shows that Trump very marginally improved the
	male vote but worsened the female vote slightly. In terms of
	Age, Trump only performed better in the 25-29 age
	category by 1% and 1% better among 50-64 age group
	which are marginal improvements and Trump remained the
	same for 40-49 and every other age group performed
	less well than Romney such as among 65+, Trump performed
	3% worse than Romney did. In terms of Ethnicity, Trump
	improved among Blacks by 2%, Hispanics by 2% and Asians by
	3% but lost support slightly to amongst Whites reduced by 1%.
	since 2012 and Other by 1%. This would suggest that although
	Trump made improvements in some of the ethnic groups,

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	he did not do better than Romney amongst Whites. In addition
	to this, Trump only improved on Romney's result by 6%
	amongst under \$30,000 and 1% among \$30 - 49,999 and
	7% among \$200 - 249,999. Although Trump gained significant
	support among under \$30,000 and especially \$200-249,999,
	he did not increase support, or increase support significantly
	on every income group compared to Romney. Therefore,
	based on all these measures, Trump did not perform
	significantly better among all voter groups compared to
	Mitt Romney in 2012 since Trump lost votes among women,
	18-24, 30-39, 65+, Whites and \$50-99,999, \$100-
	199,999 and \$250,000+ thus showing that there was not
	an increase in support for all voter groups
	mainly a few voter groups, and only a few were significantly
	better than Romney as most were either marginally better
	or marginally worse, not all were increases.

## Candidate 2 evidence

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2)	<p>The first part of the first viewpoint says "The Democrat clearly won the 2017 election by convincingly defeating the Republicans at every level". Source A shows that The Democrats had a greater %age of votes compared to the Republicans with 51.1% to 47.2% and in the electoral college votes they also defeated the Republicans with 332 votes to 206 votes. In both %age of votes and electoral college votes the Democrats defeated the Republicans. Source</p>

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B shows that in 2012 the Democrats won more ~~2~~ members in senate as they gained 2 and Republicans lost 2 as well as this the Democrats gained more members in the House of Representatives as they gained 8 and the Republicans lost 8. Overall the Democrats had the highest % of vote, highest electoral college votes and biggest changes in senate and House of Representative members. However the

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Democrats still didn't have more members in the House of Representatives as Republicans had 234 as opposed to 201. Also the percentage of votes was less than a 5% win. In evaluation this part of the viewpoint is wrong as the Democrats didn't convincingly defeat the Republicans and they didn't defeat them at every level.

The second part of the first viewpoint states "and their performance





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viewpoint is wrong. This is because there was a difference of 33 electoral college votes which is significantly more. Also there was a difference of 13 base of registration but meaning the Democrats didn't do that well as expected in 2008.

The first part of the second viewpoint says "In the 2012 presidential election, Barack Obama defeated his Republican opponent Mitt Romney

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	<p>by decisive margin over every one. Some charts that by region Barack Obama won in the East, the Midwest and West. For example he won with over 50% in the east and Mitt Romney only got 40% of the east. Some charts also show the Obama won in big cities and mid sized cities. In big cities he significantly beat Romney, so Obama had almost 70% and Romney had under 30%. However some charts show that Obama</p>	

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	<p>           lost in the South            as well as in towns            and in suburban/rural            areas. Therefore Obama            only won in 3 out of            4 regions and only            2 out of 4 counties,            In Evaluation Obama            didn't defeat Romney            across every area            as he lost in the            South / towns and suburban/            rural areas. As well as            the in the areas            he did win they            were not always            decisive as he won            by less than 5%            in the Midwest.         </p>

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	<p>The second part of the second viewpoint states "not in all aspects of society". Source D shows that Obama won 75% of males and 55% of females <del>compared</del> <sup>compared</sup> to Romney who had 57% of males and 44% of females. Source D also shows that Obama won more votes in the age groups 18-24, 25-29, 30-34 where as Romney won the 40-44, 50-54 and 65+. In the Ethnicity category Obama won more votes with Blacks</p>

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	Hispanics, Asians and others.
	Where as Romney won
	the most White
	voters with him
	getting 54% and
	Obama with only 31%.
	Source 1 finally shows
	that Obama only
	won <del>in</del> <del>the</del> the
	categories under \$50,000
	and \$32,44,994 in
	the income category
	with Romney performing
	better in the rest. Overall
	Source 1 shows that
	Obama only won
	in about half of the
	categories. In evaluation
	this part of the

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as Obama did not win  
in all sections of  
society. This is because  
Mitt Romney won  
a greater % age of  
votes in Moles, half the  
age category, the White  
ethnicity group and  
more than half of  
the options in the  
income categories.

Finally, the third part  
of the second viewpoint  
states the Republican  
candidate in 2016,  
Donald Trump, performed  
significantly better among

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all voter groups compared  
to Mitt Romney in 2012's  
Some E shows that  
Trump won 53% of  
males and 42% of  
females and Clinton  
won 41% of males  
and ~~38~~ 34%  
of females.

## Candidate 3 evidence

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2)	<p> <del>the</del> Although the democrats did receive a greater percentage of votes in 2012, as seen in Source A, the margin to which they gained the majority was a mere 3.9%. However the Democrats did see great success in the Electoral College votes, where in 2012 they gained 126 more seats than the Republicans (Source A).         </p> <p>           Although as seen through the mix of results in each category in Source D, <del>it</del> it shows how it wasn't a totally convincing victory. <del>As</del> more the Democrat's Obama appealed to 3/6 of the age ranges, and <del>gained</del> gained majority vote in just 2/6 of the income categories.         </p> <p>           The performance of the Democrats in 2008 saw a higher vote share, 1.8% more than was seen in 2012 (Source A), added, their number of Electoral College votes was considerable <del>more</del> <sup>higher</sup>, <del>for the same</del>, in both the Senate and the House of Representatives 33 seats to be exact.         </p>	

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	However one area where the 2012 results were
	better were with <del>the</del> the Senate and the
	House of Representatives, as source B
	shows that there was a post-election
	positive change of 4 and 56 in the
	Senate and House respectively.
	This therefore shows that the statement of
	the performance <sup>in 2008</sup> being nearly as impressive <del>is</del>
	accurate in comparison to 2008's result, is
	accurate
	In the 2012 general election, although
	Barack Obama won overall, there were many
	areas where he lacked support. This is shown
	through source D, which shows that Obama
	failed to record a majority within male voters.
	Added, Obama lost out to Matt Romney in
	the 3 age <del>age</del> categories ranging from the age
	of 40 through to those over 65 years old.

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	<p>Although this balance of results changes when looking at how votes were cast dependent on ethnicity, Obama gained huge support across blacks (93%), Hispanics (74%), Asians (73%) and others (58%), the only ethnic area Obama lost out in was whites, yet he still managed to get 39% of their votes.</p> <p>One category where Romney pipped Obama in vote percentage was income, with Romney gaining the majority vote for those in the income brackets of \$50,000 or more.</p> <p>Another area where Obama failed to see decisive margins was within voting habits categorised by religion and community, Obama struggled to gain high number of votes in the South/West of the country, as well as in towns and rural/suburban areas (source).</p> <p>Source B also shows us that within the senate, the Republican's Romney gained more post-election</p>	

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	Senae notes that the Democrats.
	Therefore showing how although Obama was
	in many areas, it certainly wasn't a
	whitewash win, with his <sup>being</sup> support, considerable
	higher in many sectors, leading to his overall
	success.
	The 2016 republican candidate Donald Trump
	performed well in many areas, ultimately leading to his
	victory. However, out of a total 19
	individual areas within each category, Trump
	has gained <del>more</del> support than Romney in
	9 areas, whereas Romney also gained more
	support in another 9 areas, thus showing,
	how Trump's performance could not be
	considered significantly better. (Source D and E)
	However, when looking at each category
	individually, Trump managed to see a positive increase
	support in ethnic groups, with the Republicans

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	gaining considerable percentage points from the Democrats. (Source B)
	Overall the performance of the Democrats within between the 2008 and 2012 elections was better <sup>than</sup> that of their Republican counterparts, however, <del>and</del> although in some areas a decline margin was shown <sup>for Obama</sup> , there were many where Romney's Republicans gained significant support.
	Romney's results in 2012 left it hard for Trump to improve on significantly, although he did gain support in areas such as those with lower income brackets (Source B), he struggled to appeal to a consistent age range, only gaining minimum percentage points as Romney in 2 age ranges.