CHA-CHA-CHANGES?

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2016 was an ordinary election, not a realignment

County Vote Shift, 2012-2016

r=.95

Larry Bartels, in WaPo
2010 was an ordinary election, not a realignment

Larry Bartels, in WaPo

r=0.98, Beta=0.92. Source: NYTimes results. @TKOPolitics
2020 was an ordinary election, not a realignment.
HOW WILL USA DEAL WITH END OF NUMERICAL WHITE SUPREMACY?
DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE ➔ INSTITUTIONAL PANIC?

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  • Flight
  • Institutional transformation

• Until they get over it
  • Lots of cities.
  • CA
“THE SUBURBS”

How do they fit in the Democratic coalition?
URBANICITY AND PARTISANSHIP

New Deal Alignment

“Red-Blue” Alignment

% Dem

Urbanicity

Urbanicity
URBANICITY AND PARTISANSHIP

Congressional Districts, by urbanity-type

District Urbanity-type by Party

Rural
Suburban
Urban
NEW LOCAL DYNAMICS ON THE METROPOLITAN PERIPHERY

Congressional District %White, 2000-2016
GROUP THREAT IN THE SUBURBS?

Predictors of Support for Immigration

- NW Influx Burb
- GOP7
- Family Income
- White Suburb
- ImmAll
- ImmWhites
- ImmBurbsWhite

Predictors of Racial Liberalism

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(2016 CCES, US Census)
COOK COUNTY, IL

- 2nd Largest county in nation (~5m)
- ~50% is Chicago, 50% suburbs
- Overwhelmingly Dem
  - 75% for Biden,
  - Dem majority since
- Incumbent progressive prosecutor Kim Foxx (county-level)
- Progressive taxation measure (statewide)
All-white areas showed far more support for Biden than for taxation and a progressive prosecutor.
Rich areas in Cook County leaned toward Biden, but not progressive taxation or a progressive prosecutor.
Among white-majority precincts, support for Biden was higher in rich places, but support for Foxx was low everywhere.
HOW WILL THE GOP DEAL WITH THE END OF NUMERICAL WHITE SUPREMACY?
PAST AS PROLOGUE?

AMERICA OF THE MELTING POT COMES TO END

Effects of New Immigration Legislation Described by Senate Sponsor of Bill—Chief Aim, He States, Is to Preserve Racial Type as It Exists Here Today

HOW NEW LEGISLATION WILL CHANGE THE FLOW OF IMMIGRATION FROM EUROPE TO THE UNITED STATES

FLOW UNDER THE PRESENT LAW

FLOW UNDER THE PROPOSED LAW

(Under the House Bill 141,000 Would Be Admitted)
PAST AS PROLOGUE?

Bill Thompson

Anton Cermak

“A House for All Peoples”
POLARIZATION OR FRAGMENTATION?

2000

2016

ENETH

1-1.5
1.5-2.5
2.5-3.5
3.5-4.58
THE RAPIDLY DIVERSIFYING METROPOLITAN PERIPHERY

- Then
- Now: 2018
THE RAPIDLY DIVERSIFYING METROPOLITAN PERIPHERY

- Then
- Now: 2020

Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthy (D)
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• Crisis phase or durable democratic backslide?
Election Showed a Wider Red-Blue Economic Divide

Some partisan differences were scrambled, but places with brighter future prospects swung toward Biden.

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Figure 1. Candidate's share of 2018 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by county in the 2020 presidential election

- The less-than-500 counties won by Joe Biden generated 70 percent of America's GDP in 2018
- The more-than-2400 counties won by Donald Trump generated 29 percent of America's GDP in 2018

CLINTON’S LOSSES WERE RELATED TO POPULATION SHIFTS

% Change in Adult Population, 2000-2016

- MI
- OH
- PA
- WI

HRC16-BHO08  lowess hrcbo08 pop16shift16

Graphs by group (stusab)
RUST BELT AREAS GROWING SLOWLY (OR NOT AT ALL)

Select Rust Belt States and City Population Change, 1990-2016

- Det, -0.345
- OH, 0.071
- Cle, -0.237
- WI, 0.181
- Mil, -0.053
- PA, 0.076
- USA, 0.299
- Phi, -0.011
- PIT, -0.179
- Col, 0.363
- USA, 0.299
Racism Is Everywhere, So Why Not Move South?

By Reniqua Allen

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