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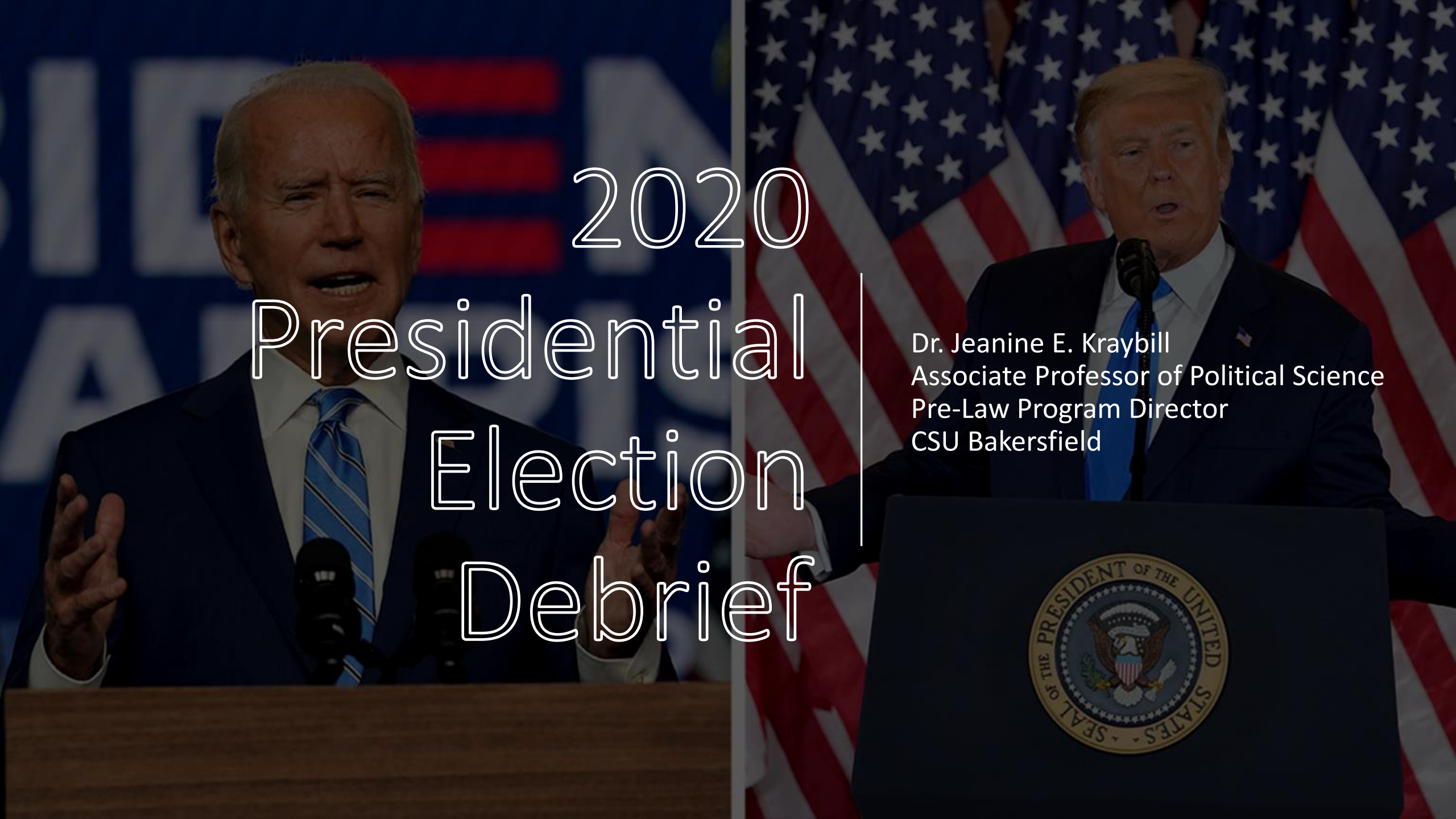


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2020 Presidential Election Debrief

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Record Number of Voters

- [Associated Press 'declared' the election for Biden-Harris](#)
- U.S. Population & Voting:
 - U.S. Population ➤ 328.2 million people
 - Voting Age Population ➤ 257,605,088
 - Voting Eligible Population ➤ 239, 247, 182

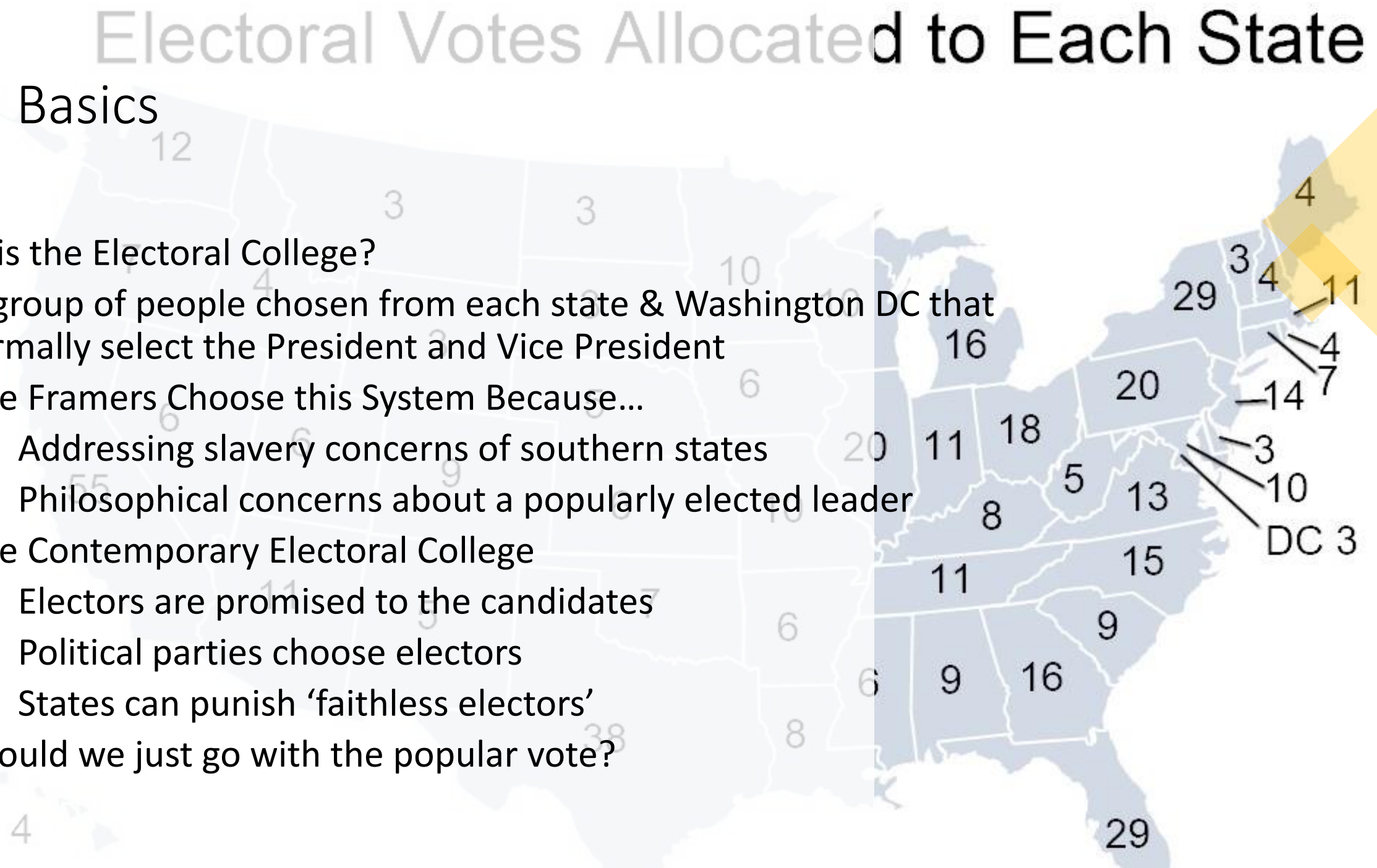
Turnout statistics

Election	Voting eligible population (VEP)	% Turnout of VEP
2008	229,945,000	57.1%
2012	235,248,000	54.9%
2016	230,931,921	59.2%
2020	239,247,182	66.4% - 72.1%

Electoral Votes Allocated to Each State

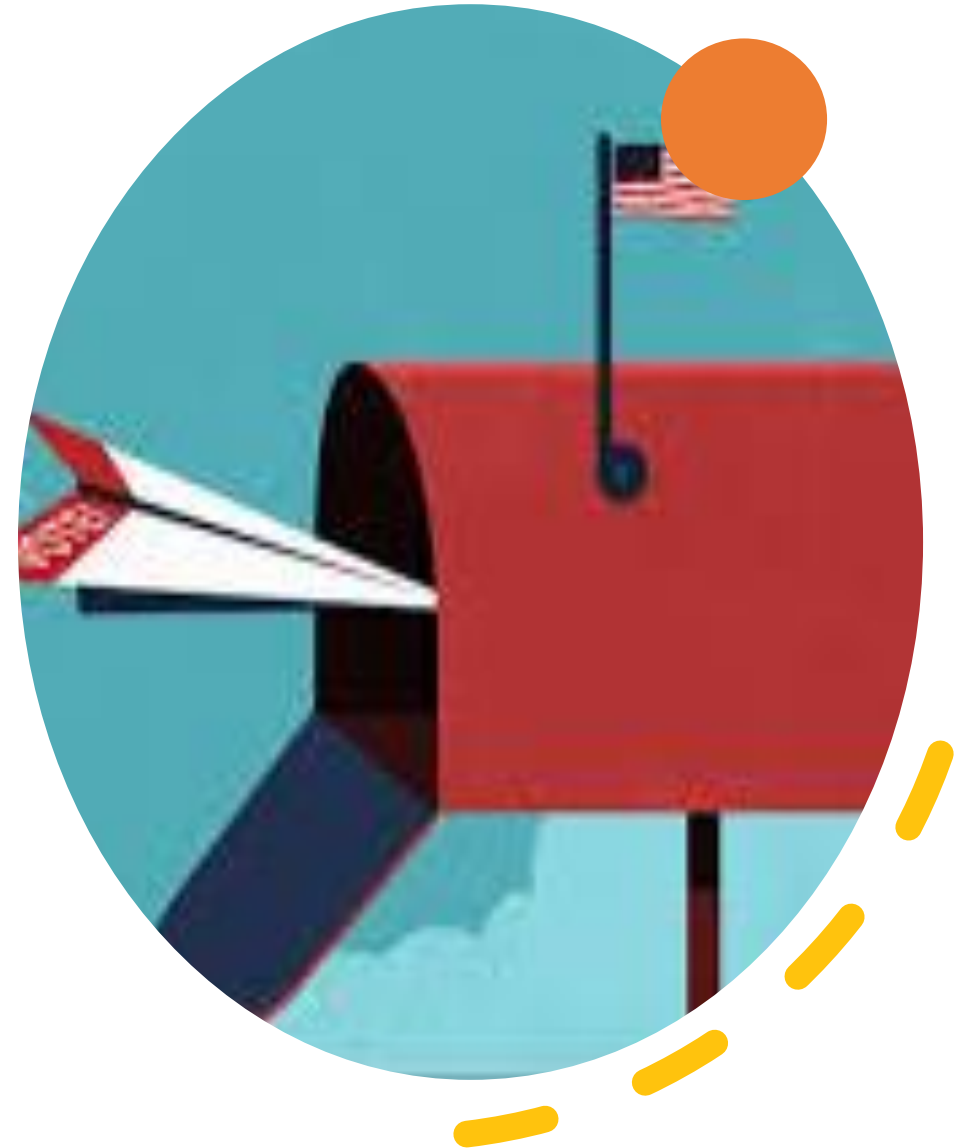
The Basics

- What is the Electoral College?
 - A group of people chosen from each state & Washington DC that formally select the President and Vice President
 - The Framers Choose this System Because...
 - Addressing slavery concerns of southern states
 - Philosophical concerns about a popularly elected leader
 - The Contemporary Electoral College
 - Electors are promised to the candidates
 - Political parties choose electors
 - States can punish 'faithless electors'
 - Should we just go with the popular vote?



Voting by Mail

- Voting by mail (VBM) fraud is very rare
- The United States has a de-centralized voting process
 - Variance of laws
 - Curing of ballots
 - Certification process
- Oregon first state to pass an initiative to start wide-ranging VBM
- Pre-2020: Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah had entire VBM systems
- VBM has steadily increased since the 1990s and over 20% of people exercised the franchise this way in 2016
- California's VBM also increased in the 1990s and AB860 authorized VBM across the state





Legal Challenges

TRUMP CHALLENGES THE VOTE

- Lawsuits (focus on key states since 11/3/20)
 - Pennsylvania
 - Michigan
 - Arizona
 - Georgia
 - Nevada
- When would SCOTUS intervene?

EXAMINED

The Peaceful Transition of Power

- There is no Constitutional requirement to concede
- Peaceful transitions
 - Important concept and value in democratic societies
 - Have had in American history since the first party revolution in the Election of 1800
 - The transition in the U.S. is institutionalized through when the leader is declared through the symbolic act of the Presidential Inauguration
 - The General Services Administration
- The Election of 1960
 - “Our country cannot afford the agony of a constitutional crisis” ~ Richard Nixon



How to Stay Engaged



**ACTION IS THE
ANTIDOTE TO
DESPAIR.
—JOAN BAEZ**

- Stay informed
- Keep tabs on your local officials/hold them accountable
- Watch or attend community meetings
- Create an information group among your friends/networks
- Consider running for office (Seriously, why not YOU?)
- Get engaged with organizations that protect the right to vote:
 - [Protectthevote.net](https://protectthevote.net) ► a non-partisan organization
- Don't just vote for issues, volunteer your time
 - Kern County Homeless Shelter
 - The Alliance
 - Kern County Center for Sexuality & Gender Diversity
 - Learn more about lobbying efforts through ASI
 - Engage in student clubs and/or local organizations

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Voters & Candidates in 2020

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Special Edition: The Election

The Headlines

These Latino voters are on a mission to persuade other Latinos to vote for Trump



Jorge Rivas, an immigrant who owns an eatery in Arizona, is an ardent Trump supporter. (Cindy Carcamo / Los Angeles Times)

Trump has Latino voter support that's as strong as ever. Why haven't his insults cost him?

It's no surprise that many Latinos don't plan to vote for Trump in November. What may be a surprise is how many do.



What We Do Know...

- ▶ The labels Latina/o/x & Hispanic are U.S. created terminology
 - ▶ Identity formation matters, i.e. the more that folks identify with the panethnic label the > the chances are they view selves as part of a larger part of the community
- ▶ Important to remember that when looking at this group – disaggregation is key



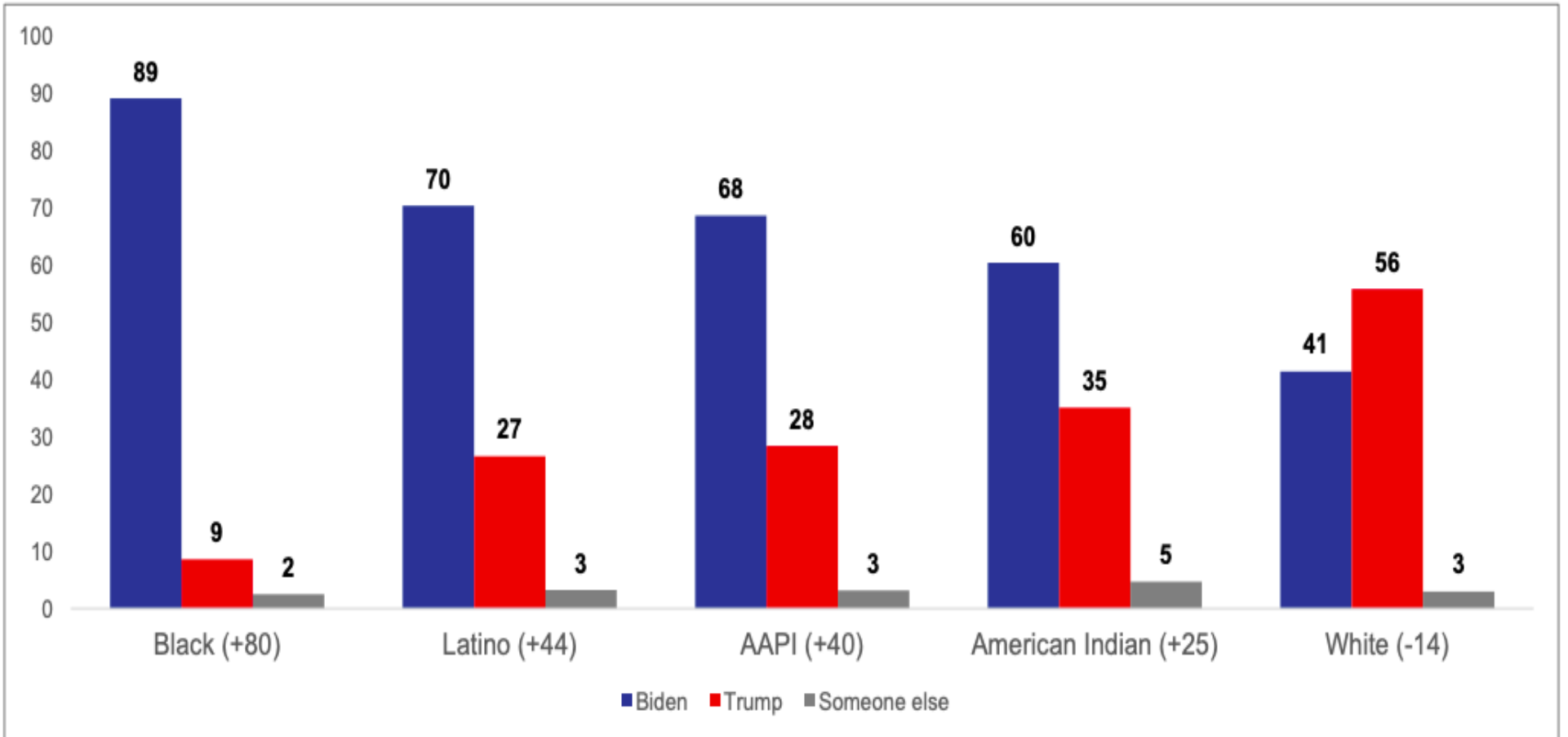
Issue Priorities

Across racial groups, there is broad agreement on most important issues.

	Latino	Black	AAPI	American Indian	White
Coronavirus pandemic	55	55	58	45	48
Jobs and economy	41	34	44	37	40
Health care costs	32	26	37	27	28
Discrimination and racial justice	19	37	16	21	11
5th ranked issue	Police brutality/ Police reform 18	Police brutality/ police reform 30	Medicare and Social Security 14	Medicare and Social Security 19	Medicare and Social Security 23

Presidential Vote by Race

In the election for President, did you vote for the Democratic candidate Joe Biden, Republican candidate Donald Trump or someone else?

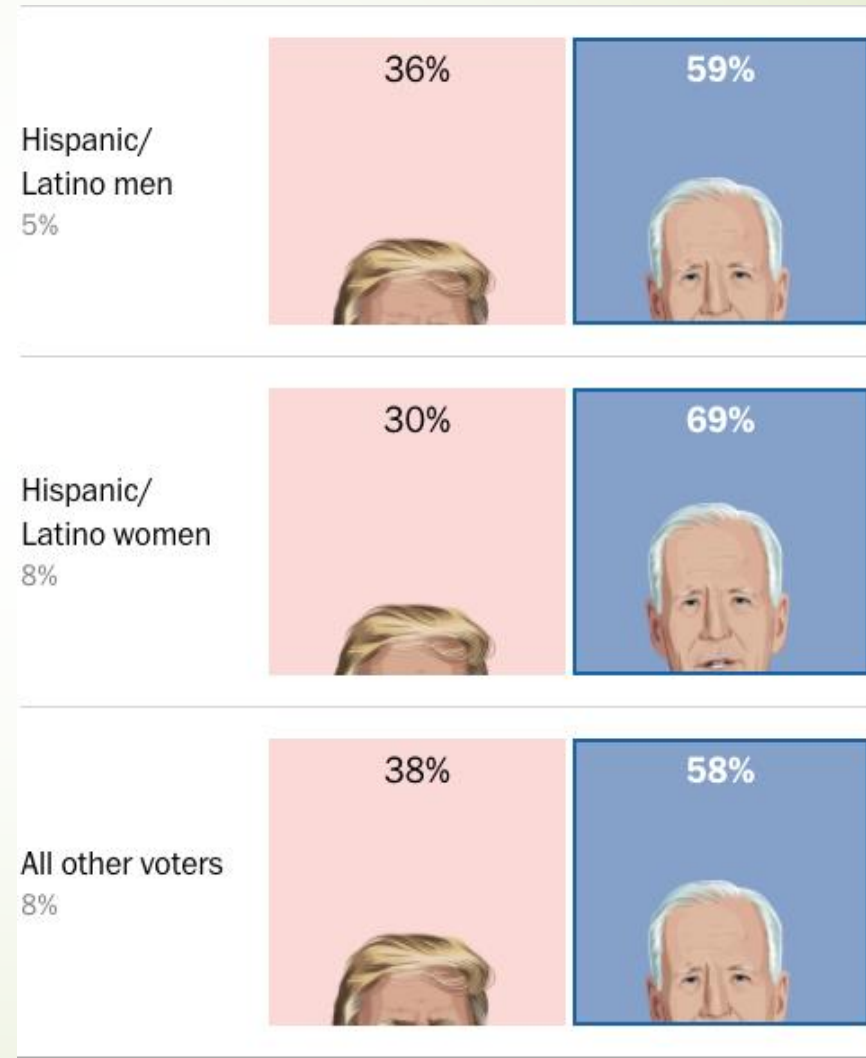
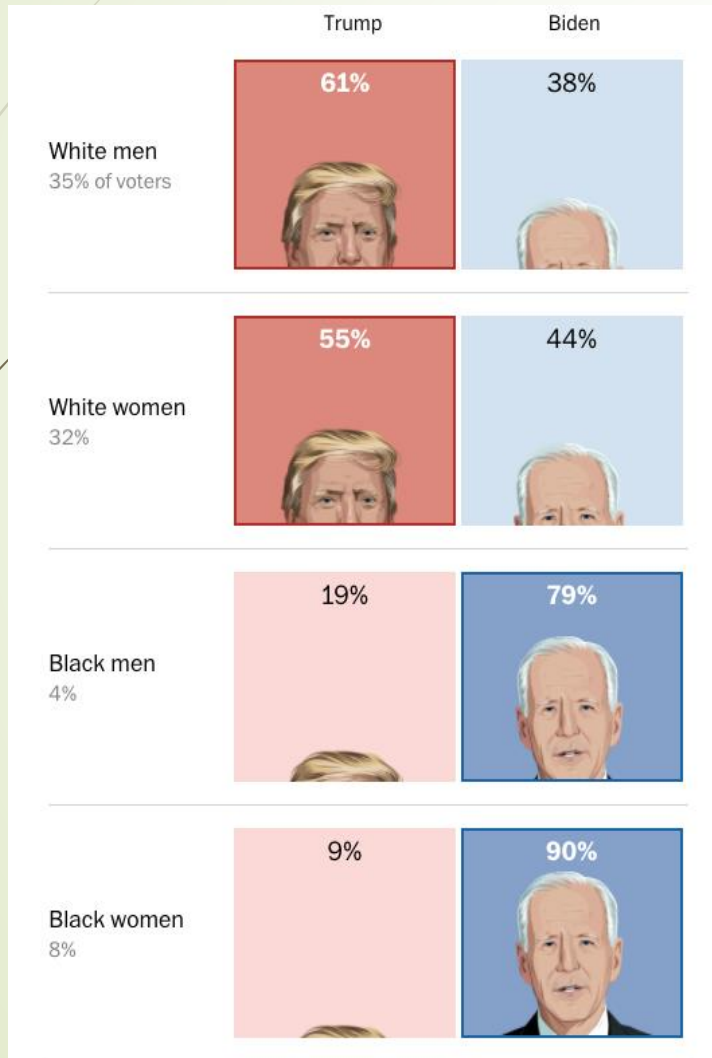


What is Meant by the Gender Gap

- The difference between the percentages of men and women who support a given candidate – generally the leading or winning candidate
- Women have been voting at higher rates than men since about 1980
 - This about the time that the gender gap began to take shape



Gender Gaps by Race/Ethnicity





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Tariffs & Trade Post-Trump

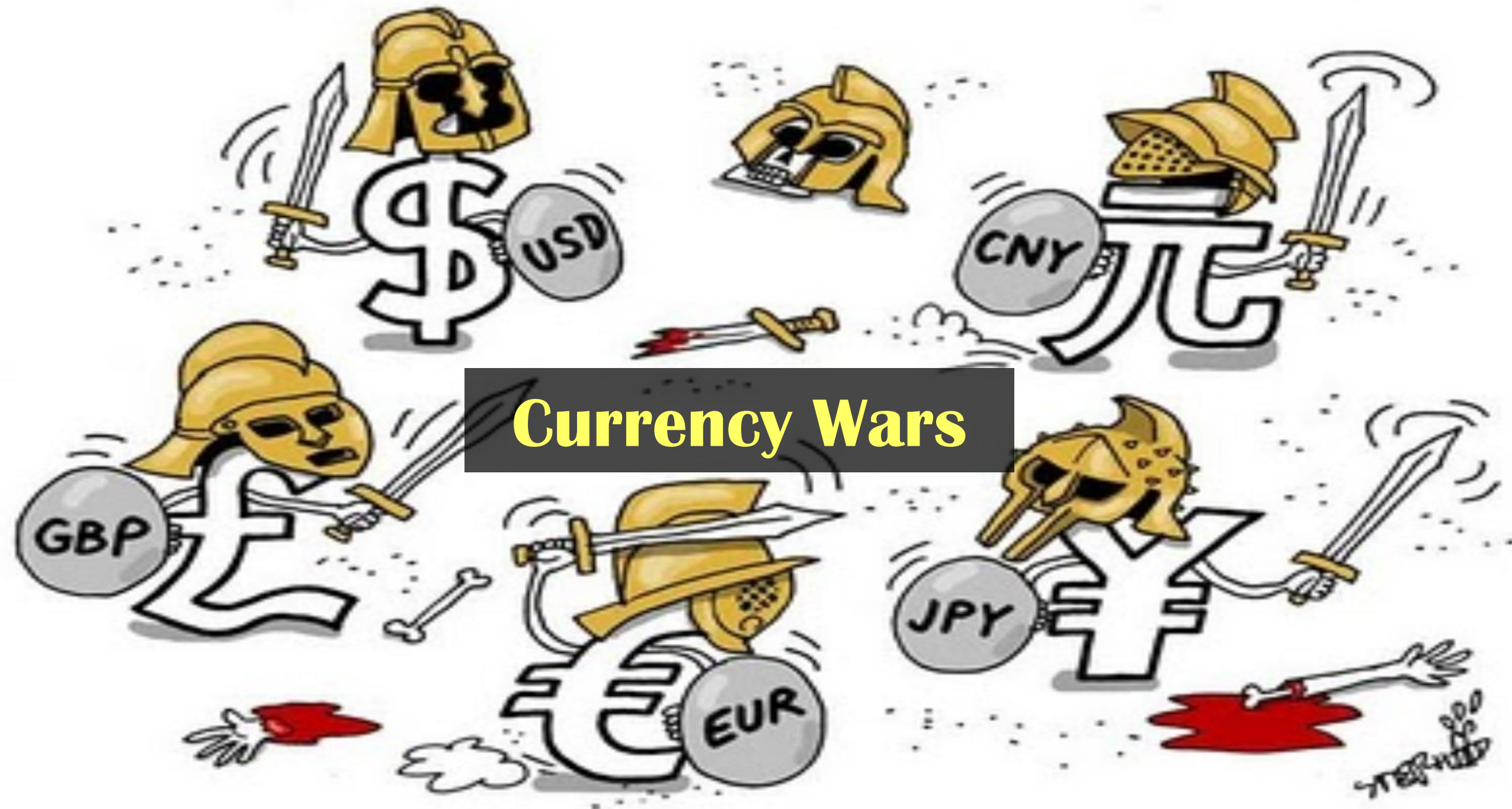
A New NAFTA? Tariff Wars? The EU ...



Commerce Takes a Hit in 2016

**MAKE BRITAIN "GREAT" AGAIN
VOTE "NO" TO THE EU!**

Currency Wars





DOLLAR STORE

60¢ STORE

GET USED TO IT.

CHINA



THE WORLD TODAY

**MARKET COLLAPSE —
COVID-19, REGULAR
BAILOUTS**

DEBT

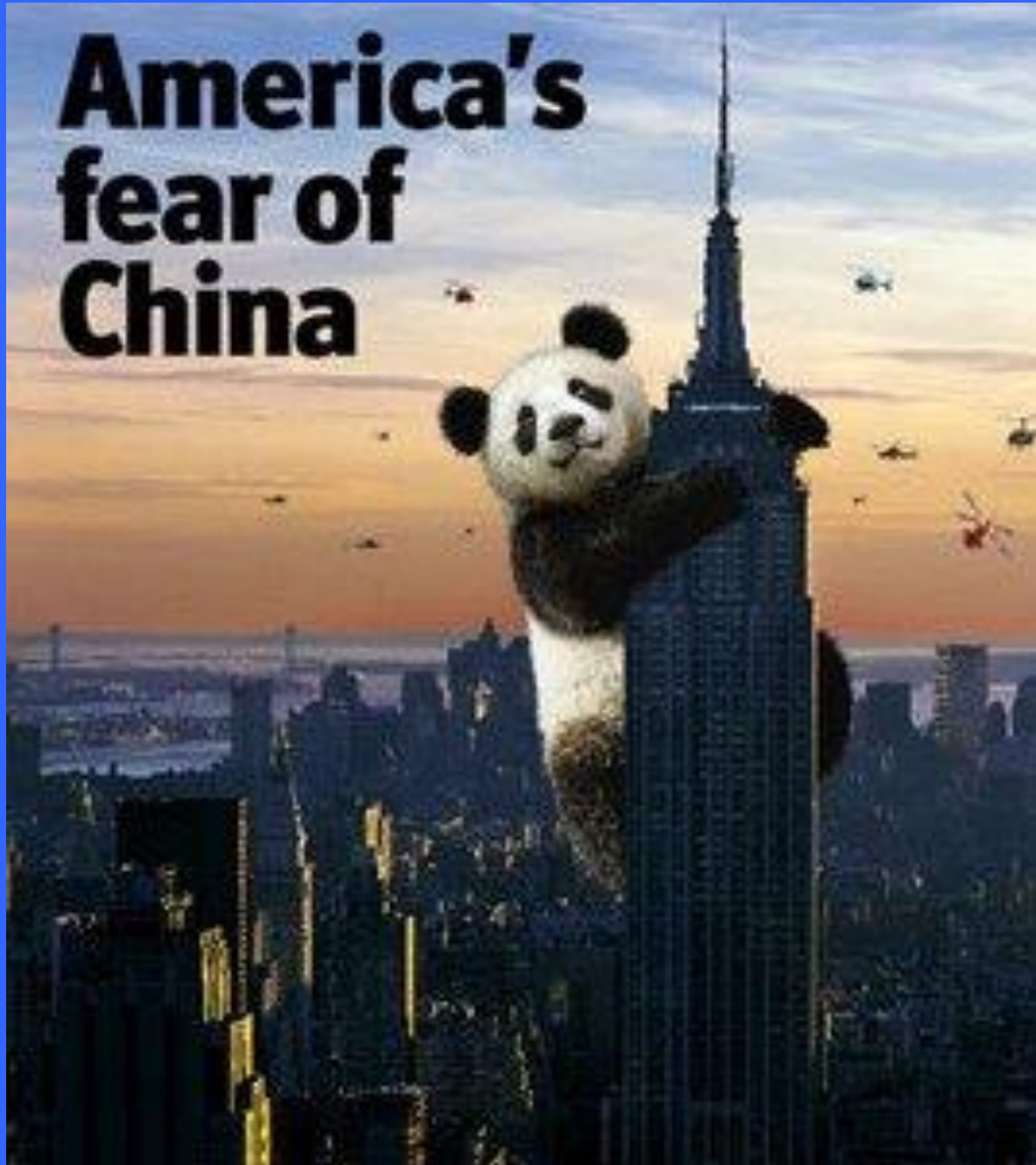
CURRENCY BATTLES

TARIFF WARS?

**REGIONAL
TRADING BLOCS**

**Here's the
Problem ...**

**America's
fear of
China**



*This is what
America sees,
and What No
One Sees ...*

THE WORLD BEFORE the 2ND GREAT WAR

Debt

**CURRENCY
BATTLES**

Tariff Wars

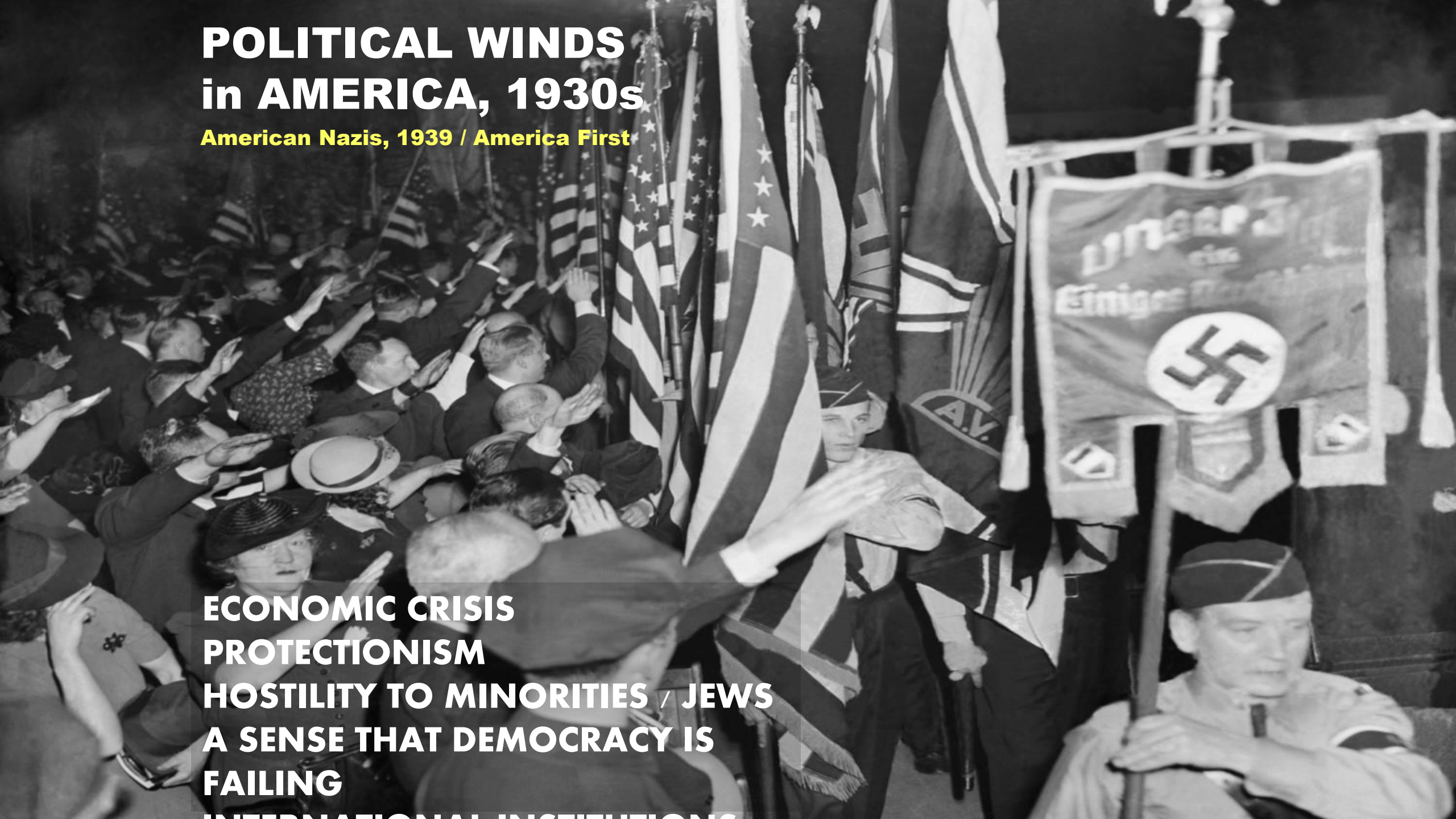
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POLITICAL WINDS in AMERICA, 1930s

American Nazis, 1939 / America First

ECONOMIC CRISIS
PROTECTIONISM
HOSTILITY TO MINORITIES / JEWS
A SENSE THAT DEMOCRACY IS
FAILING



Commercial Wars



**THEN WE HAVE PUTIN
MAKING MOVES ...**



A historical black and white photograph showing a large formation of soldiers marching across a vast, flat, dusty desert landscape. The soldiers are in various stages of movement, some in tight ranks and others more dispersed. The ground is kicked up with dust, creating a hazy atmosphere. In the foreground, a dense line of soldiers is visible, while in the background, the formation stretches far into the distance. Some soldiers are carrying flags on poles.

**When Events Begin to
Escape Human Control,
and they Do.**

We Need to Recall...

A composite image showing a peaceful rural scene at sunset. In the foreground, a person is riding a bicycle on a path. In the background, there is a large stone building, possibly a church or castle, and a field. The sky is filled with several military aircraft flying in formation. The overall atmosphere is one of contrast between peace and war.

THE LESSONS OF WAR

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