

# **The Hinge of Fate? Economic and Social Populism in the 2016 Presidential Election**

**A Preliminary Exploration**

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## Yellow Flags:

- American National Election Survey Open Ended Data Recently Opened
  - Not Yet Able to Assess Role of Long Term Stagnation and Geographic Place in Surveyed Individuals
  - Almost Unsafe at Any Speed: Treacherous Conceptual Problems Associated With Measurement Controversies, Esp. Issues and Party ID
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- 77% oppose allowing Syrian refugees, 6% favor
- 66% say Access Hollywood video should matter “only a little” or “not at all”
- Fully half lean toward being more sure Obama is a Muslim than not a Muslim
- 73% believe we need a strong leader to “crush evil” and take the US back to its “true path”
- 63% favor building a wall with Mexico (45% “favor a great deal”)
- 63% disagree that legacy of slavery and discrimination makes things hard for blacks
- 53% say that it is “very” or “extremely likely” that immigration will take away jobs
- 41% believe immigrants increase crime
- 37% favor free trade agreements

## Parallel Universes: GOP Primaries vs General Election

### The Primaries

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Predictors	Coefficients
Immigrants take jobs	-.226*
Build Mexico wall	.373**
Allow Syrian refugees	-.474**
Women leash men	.233*
Trump video should matter	-.466**
Favor free trade agreements	-.181*
Need strong leader	.325*
N	643
Pseudo-R <sup>2</sup>	.1612

## Issues Affecting GOP Primary Voting

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	<b>GOP Primary Voters</b>	<b>Population</b>
Wrong track	94%	74%
Trump video should matter a lot or great deal	13%	44%
Favor building wall	63%	33%
Obama not Muslim	50%	30%
Disagree that slavery's legacy makes things hard	63%	41%
Oppose Syrian refugees	77%	50%
US world position weaker	86%	54%
Very/Extremely likely immigration takes jobs	53%	37%
Favor free trade agreements	37%	38%

## **GOP Primary Voters vs. National Electorate**

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Predictors	Issues Only	w/ Party ID	w/ Ideology
Party ID	-	1.779***	-
Ideology	-	-	1.041***
Build Mexico wall	.571***	.752***	.443*
Trump video should matter	-2.016***	-2.054***	-1.947***
Know Obama not Muslim	-.547**	-.679**	-.561**
Wrong track	.784***	.835***	.605***
Favor more gov't services spending	-.458*	-.048	-.421*
Favor taxing millionaires	-.513*	-.575**	-.422*
Favor free trade	-.363*	-.321	-.319*
Need strong leader	.529**	.450*	.469*
US world position weaker	-.467**	-.227	-.492**
N	1586	1586	1447
Pseudo-R <sup>2</sup>	.8238	.8627	.8370

## Issues Affecting General Election Voting

- **Weighted Racial Resentment Means**

- 2008

- overall mean = 3.46
- GOP mean = 3.84
- Dem mean = 3.16

- 2012

- overall mean = 3.52
- GOP mean = 3.99
- Dem mean = 3.11

- 2016

- overall mean = 3.19
- GOP mean = 3.78
- Dem mean = 2.63
- GOP primary voter mean = 3.84
- Trump primary voter mean = 3.99

## Racial Resentment Four Question Scale Repeated From Election to Election Means in Both Parties

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