

# Five Stunning Facts About the 2016 Election

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Here are 5 stunning facts about the 2016 election ...

## (1) The Clinton Campaign *Promoted* Trump as a Republican Candidate

Team Clinton *promoted* Donald Trump as a Republican candidate ... because they thought he'd be easy to beat:

### Our Goals & Strategy

Our hope is that the goal of a potential HRC campaign and the DNC would be one-in-the-same: to make whomever the Republicans nominate unpalatable to a majority of the electorate. We have outlined three strategies to obtain our goal:

- 1) Force all Republican candidates to lock themselves into extreme conservative positions that will hurt them in a general election;
- 2) Undermine any credibility/trust Republican presidential candidates have to make inroads to our coalition or independents;
- 3) Muddy the waters on any potential attack lodged against HRC.

### Operationalizing the Strategy

#### Pied Piper Candidates

There are two ways to approach the strategies mentioned above. The first is to use the field as a whole to inflict damage on itself similar to what happened to Mitt Romney in 2012. The variety of candidates is a positive here, and many of the lesser known can serve as a cudgel to move the more established candidates further to the right. In this scenario, we don't want to marginalize the more extreme candidates, but make them more "Pied Piper" candidates who actually represent the mainstream of the Republican Party. Pied Piper candidates include, but aren't limited to:

- Ted Cruz
- Donald Trump
- Ben Carson

We need to be elevating the Pied Piper candidates so that they are leaders of the pack and tell the press to them seriously.



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## (2) Sanders Had a Better Chance of Beating Trump ... But the Democratic

## Establishment Sabotaged Him

Polls showed that Bernie Sanders [might well](#) have [beaten Trump](#). Not only did Sanders score [much higher](#) in likeability than Clinton, but [many moderate voters](#) actually preferred Sanders.

Remember, [Sanders](#) (like [Trump](#)) created a tremendous amount of excitement, with *massive* turnout at his rallies. Clinton [didn't](#).

Clinton lost because [Democrats stayed home](#) ... because they weren't excited about her.

But [leaked emails](#) show that the Democratic National Committee (DNC) did [everything](#) it [could](#) to [help Clinton](#) and [sabotage Sanders](#). After the leaks, the DNC was forced to issue a [formal apology](#):

On behalf of everyone at the DNC, we want to offer a deep and sincere apology to Senator Sanders, his supporters, and the entire Democratic Party for the inexcusable remarks made over email.

The Hill [notes](#):

Progressives believe the Democratic establishment is responsible for inflicting Donald Trump upon the nation, blaming a staid corporate wing of the party for nominating Hillary Clinton and ignoring the Working Class voters that propelled Trump to victory.

Liberals interviewed by The Hill want to see establishment Democrats targeted in primaries, and the "Clinton-corporate wing" of the party rooted out for good.

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There is talk among some progressives, like Bill Clinton's former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, about splitting from the Democratic Party entirely if they don't get the changes they seek.

"The Democratic Party can no longer be the same, it has been repudiated," Reich said on a conference call with members from the progressive grassroots group Democracy for America.

"This has been a huge refutation of establishment politics and the political organization has got to be changed...if the Democratic Party can't do it, we'll do it through a third party."

### (3) Trump Took the Overwhelming Majority of U.S. Counties

As shown in [this map](#) (click on "Results By County") from the San Francisco Chronicle, Trump won the *overwhelming majority* of American counties:



Islands of Blue In a Sea of Red

So while Clinton won the popular vote – since the Northeast, California and a couple of other large metropolitan districts went for Clinton – most areas of America did *not*.

#### **(4) The Numbers Show that Trump Did NOT Win Because of Racism and Sexism**

While Clinton supporters frequently assume that Trump supporters are all racists and sexists, the [numbers show that this is NOT TRUE](#).

#### **(5) So Why DID Trump Win?**

So why did voters elect Trump?

Because – just like the Brexit voters – they've [rejected globalism](#).

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