

2020 Election Prediction Contest
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Make your predictions for the following 50 questions about the outcome of the November 2020 General Election in the United States. (100 points possible + 3 tie-breaker questions)

Once you are ready with your answers you can head to this link or scan the QR code to **submit your answers** on the form: https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cYBwtZILqZt5rDf

1. PRESIDENCY (40 points)

A. Which party's candidate will win the Presidential Election? (10 points)

B.1 – B.15. Which party's candidate will win the Electoral College votes for President in each of these 15 elections? (15 locations, 2 points each)

AZ, FL, GA, IA, ME District 2, MI, MN, NE District 2, NV, NH, NC, OH, PA, TX, WI

2. US CONGRESS (40 points)

C. Which political party will win control of the majority of the seats in the U.S. Senate? (5 points)

D. Which political party will win control of the majority of the seats in the U.S. House of Representatives? (5 points)

E.1 – E.15. Which party's candidate will win the 2020 U.S. Senate election in these 15 contests? (15 contests, 2 points each)

AL, AL, AZ, CO, GA – Regular, GA – Special, IA, KS, KY, ME, MI, MT, NC, SC, TX

3. PENNSYLVANIA + PITTSBURGH (10 points)

F. Which political party will win control of the majority of the seats in the Pennsylvania State Senate? (3 points)

G. Which political party will win control of the majority of the seats in the Pennsylvania State House? (3 points)

H. Which party's candidate will win the election for Pennsylvania Attorney General? (2 points)

I. Will this Pittsburgh ballot measure pass? (2 points?)

Independent Citizen Police Review Board Charter Amendment

4. STATEWIDE BALLOT REFERENDUMS (10 points)

J.1 – J.10. Indicate whether or not each of these statewide ballot measures will pass (10 ballot measures, 1 point each – see list below)

J1. Arizona – Prop 207

J2. California – Prop 17

J3. California – Prop 25

J4. Colorado – Prop 115

J5. Colorado – Prop 113

J6. Florida – Amendment 2

J7. Massachusetts - Question 2

J8. Mississippi – Ballot Measure 3

J9. Puerto Rico – Statehood Referendum

J10. Utah – Constitutional Amendment 3

5. TIE BREAKERS

K. Tie Breaker #1 = How many Electoral College Votes will the winning Presidential candidate receive? (Enter a whole number, whoever is closest to the correct answer will win)

L. Tie Breaker #2 = What percent of the total national popular vote will the winning Presidential candidate receive? (Enter a number between 0.00 and 100.00, specifying two decimal places; whoever is closest to the correct answer will win)

M. Tie Breaker #3 = How many total votes will be cast for President in the United States nationwide. (Enter a whole number; whoever is closest to the correct answer will win)

In the event of a tie after Question M, a winner will be randomly selected from among those tied with the highest score. In case of any disputes, the PPC will make final judgments about the results from all questions, and all decisions are final.

Official Rules:

Eligibility: Any undergraduate student currently enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh Oakland campus is eligible to enter. One entry is allowed per student. Multiple entries will cause a student to be disqualified. All entries are due by 11:59 PM on Monday, November 2nd. The contest submission link will close after that time and no additional entries will be submitted.

Prizes: 1st Place Prize = Your choice of: (A) I-Pad Pro 11 inch, 128 Gigabyte storage, with keyboard and Apple pencil or (B) Microsoft Surface Pro 7, Intel Core i5, 8 GB Ram, 128 GB storage, with keyboard and Microsoft pen. 2nd Place Prize = Sony WF-100XM3 Wireless Noise-Canceling Earbuds. 3rd Place Prize = 6 Month Subscription to Disney Plus. The winners will be determined after all electoral outcomes in the contest have been confirmed. All winners will be notified by email. Prizes will be shipped directly to each winner. Note: Winnings may be subject to appropriate taxes. Winnings may also affect your financial aid. Please check with your financial aid counselor for details.

Contest Rules: (1) Questions A, B, E, H: In case any individual candidate withdraws or is replaced by another nominee, a new nominee representing either the Democratic or Republican Party will be considered as that party's nominee. If the winning candidate is not representing either political party, no points will be awarded to anyone for that question. (2) Question B: Winning all Electoral College votes means all members of the Electoral College from that geographic area cast their votes for the indicated party's candidate. In case all electoral college votes from that state or district are not awarded to the same person, no points will be awarded to anyone for that question. (3) Questions C, D, E, F: These outcomes will be decided as soon as the winner has been finalized in enough contests within each chamber to determine which party (if any) will control a majority of the seats in the next legislative session, based on the outcome of the 2020 Election. If any outcome has not been determined by 11:59 pm on January 10th 2021, the outcome will be decided by the balance of power of the representatives currently in office at that time. In case no single party holds a majority of the seats, the correct answer will be Neither. The PPC will make final judgments about the results from all questions, and all decisions are final.

B.1 – B.15: Electoral College States / Districts

Arizona
Florida
Georgia
Iowa
Maine District #2
Michigan
Minnesota
Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District
Nevada
New Hampshire
North Carolina
Ohio
Pennsylvania
Texas
Wisconsin

E.1 – E.15: U.S. Senate Races

Alabama
Alaska
Arizona
Colorado
Georgia – Regular Election
Georgia – Special Election
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Maine
Michigan
Montana
North Carolina
South Carolina
Texas

J.1 – J.10: Statewide Ballot Measures (Expanded descriptions)

J1. Arizona – Prop 207: Legalizes the recreational possession and use of marijuana

J2. California – Prop 17: Restores the right to vote to people convicted of felonies who are on parole

J3. California – Prop 25: Replaces cash bail with risk assessments for suspects awaiting trial

J4. Colorado – Prop 115: Prohibits abortion after 22 weeks gestational age

J5. Colorado – Prop 113: Joins Colorado into the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, awarding Colorado's electoral votes to the winner of the national popular vote

J6. Florida – Amendment 2: Increases the state minimum wage to \$15 by 2026

J7. Massachusetts - Question 2: Enacts a ranked-choice voting system for elections in Massachusetts

J8. Mississippi – Ballot Measure 3: Asks voters to approve or reject a new state flag design created by the Commission to Redesign the Mississippi State Flag and which may not include the Confederate Battle Flag and that must include the words "In God We Trust"

J9. Puerto Rico – Statehood Referendum: Asks voters about seeking statehood

J10. Utah – Constitutional Amendment 3: Repeals a constitutional exception on the ban of slavery that allowed for slavery and involuntary servitude as punishment for a crime