Attitudes Towards President's Way of Handling Immigration

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Introduction

Immigration policy has been in the prominence of political discourse and societal dynamics in recent times, due to immense growth in numbers of migrants coming into the United States. Any approach taken by a presidential administration towards immigration can not only affect the migrants but also the socio-economic and ethical standards of the nation. Throughout the presidencies of both Trump and Biden administrations, certain immigration policies have been introduced and some implemented that have caused speculations among the populace. The Trump adminstration showed their stand on immigration by proposing to built a wall between the US - Mexican border. On the other hand, the Biden administration have also taken stand on immigration polices by limiting numbers of giving visa and citizenship to migrants. These polices are not only impacting the migrants, but also have an impact on U.S. citizens. My purpose of this poster is to determine public opinion on the policies and how an individual's political party affiliations differ their attitudes towards immigration.

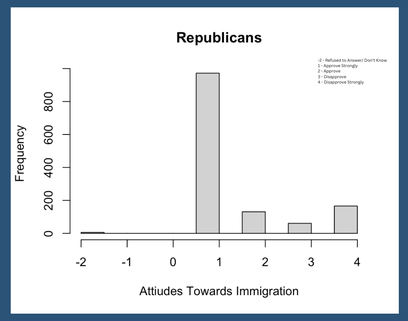
Hypothesis

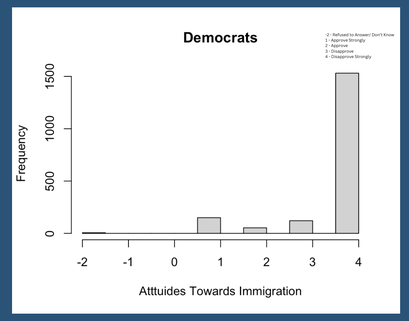
In comparison of individuals, Republicans are more inclined to approve President's way of handling immigration comapared to Democrats

literature Review

Prior research in this field of study indicates that Republicans and Democrats hold markedly distinct attitudes towards immigration. According to the studies Republicans tend to support polices restricting immigration, believing they enhance national security (Hammer, et al, 2019). Moreover, Republicans believe undocumented migrants increase criminal activities in the country and restricting immigration makes United States safer, their attitudes do not vary for legal migrants. contrastingly, Democrats adopt a more humanitarian stance, they are of the view that migrants come to America to seek a better life, leaving their home countries due to warfare, socio-economic demographics, and natural disasters. In terms of polices, the Mexican border has been a focal point for illegal immigration. The Trump administration took a strong stance on border polices around the Texas-Mexican border. Which included increasing US troops in the area and proposing construction of a wall between the two countries. Undoubtedly Republicans were in favor of Trump's polices. However, during the Biden Administration both Republicans and Democrats gave negative ratings to his policies (Doherty, et al. 2024). Although, these contrasting concerns over immigration between the two parties are reflected in the policies each group considers effective (Hammer, et al, 2019).

Data Analysis





Variables Examined:

Independent variable: Political Party identification
Dependent Variable: Attitudes towards President's way of handling immigration.
Control Variables: Age and education.

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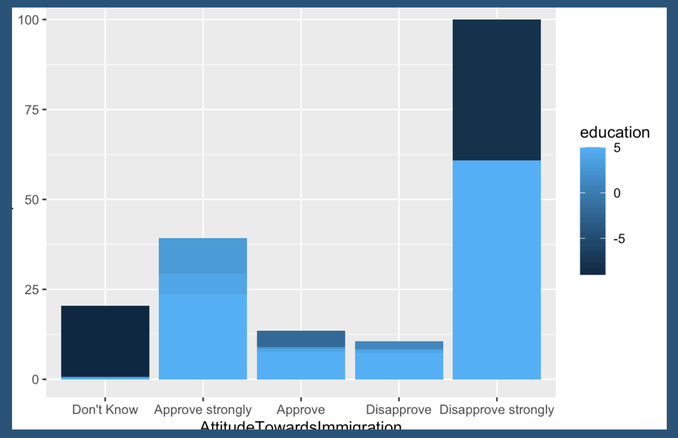

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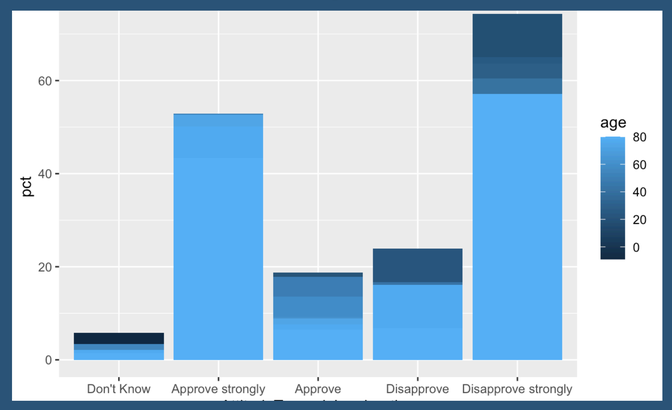

Results

Upon analyzing the data to test my hypothesis, I came across key findings to prove the relation between party affiliation and attiudes towards President's way of handling immigration. The data shows that Republicans are more approving of the policies introduced for immigration compared to Democrats. In numbers, 11 percent of Republicans strongly approved, while 18 percent of Democrats strongly disapproved. Contrastingly, only 1.5 percent of Democrats approved and 2 percent of Republicans disspproved. Controlling for age, data indicates that older population is more likely to approve President's way of handling immigration compared to population under the age 50 who were less likely and highly voted to disapprove. Controlling for education, I came across equally distributed data, individuals with bachelor's degree or higher were equally approving and disapproving, while individuals with high school degree or less were more likely to disapprove or refused to answer.

Methods

The data analysis for this research was conducted on R studio, a program designed for computing statistics and graphics. The data was collected from the ANES (American National Election Studies) page. The software compared the variables and responses from the data, and after running different codes in R studio, I came upon my findings for my research.

Conclusion

Drawing on the analyzed data, we can conclude that Republicans are generally more approving of the President's approach to handling immigration compared to Democrats. However, political affiliation is not the sole determinant; age and education also shape attitudes towards immigration. Older populations show more approval to President's approach, while education level can be a factor, but not a strong determinant. This research prompts us to consider how political ideologies and preferences shape immigration policies and how it can affect migrants and populace of the country.

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