

WHO VOTES IN AMERICA?

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Introduction

In a democracy, one of the most important rights of a free citizen is the right to vote, to select those who will represent them and to engage in determining policy by voting on constitutional amendments and referenda. Yet, as empowering as voting is considered by many to be, still others consider the vote useless, nothing more than a waste of time. More than half of persons registered to vote in America often choose not to vote in any election.

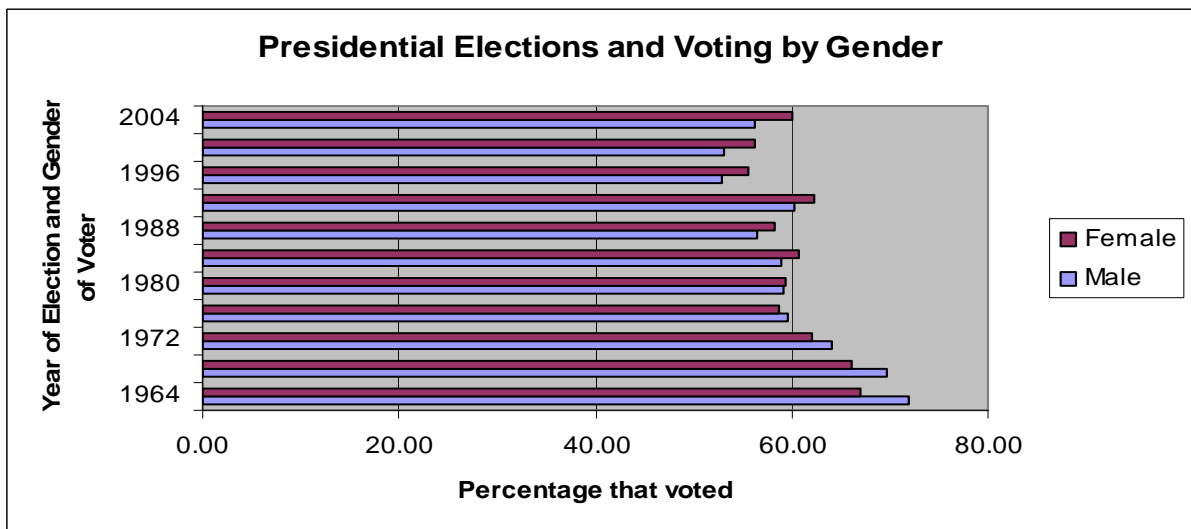
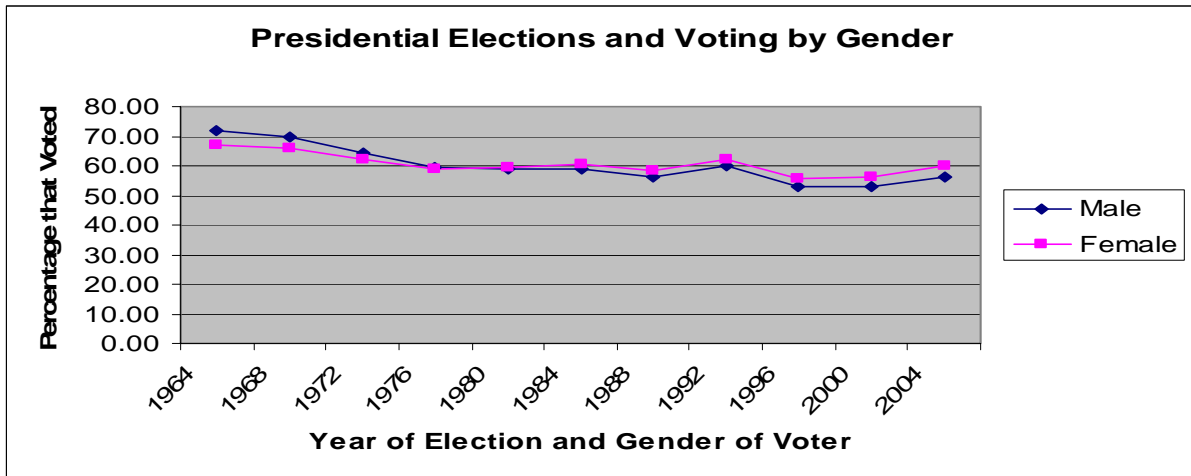
What factors does a citizen consider when she decides not to vote and to thereby submit to be governed by one other than her own choosing? The question is enticing to the researcher who seeks to solve urban problems. It is a question that will be addressed in a future paper.

In this piece, Ms. Hayatghaibi provides the data that identifies and profiles the American voter. It necessarily also identifies the American who does not vote.

The statistics and their correlations may surprise or disgust you, but they will inform you and by that meet the goal of this paper.

Presidential Election and Voting by Gender

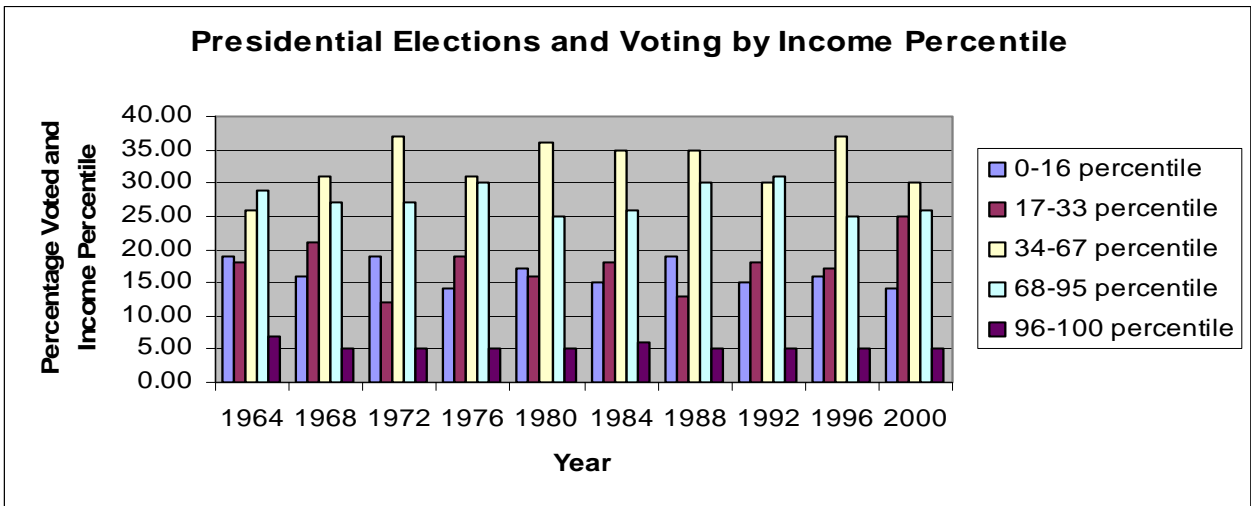
	Male	Female
1964	71.90	67.00
1968	69.80	66.00
1972	64.10	62.00
1976	59.60	58.80
1980	59.10	59.40
1984	59.00	60.80
1988	56.40	58.30
1992	60.20	62.30
1996	52.80	55.50
2000	53.10	56.20
2004	56.30	60.10



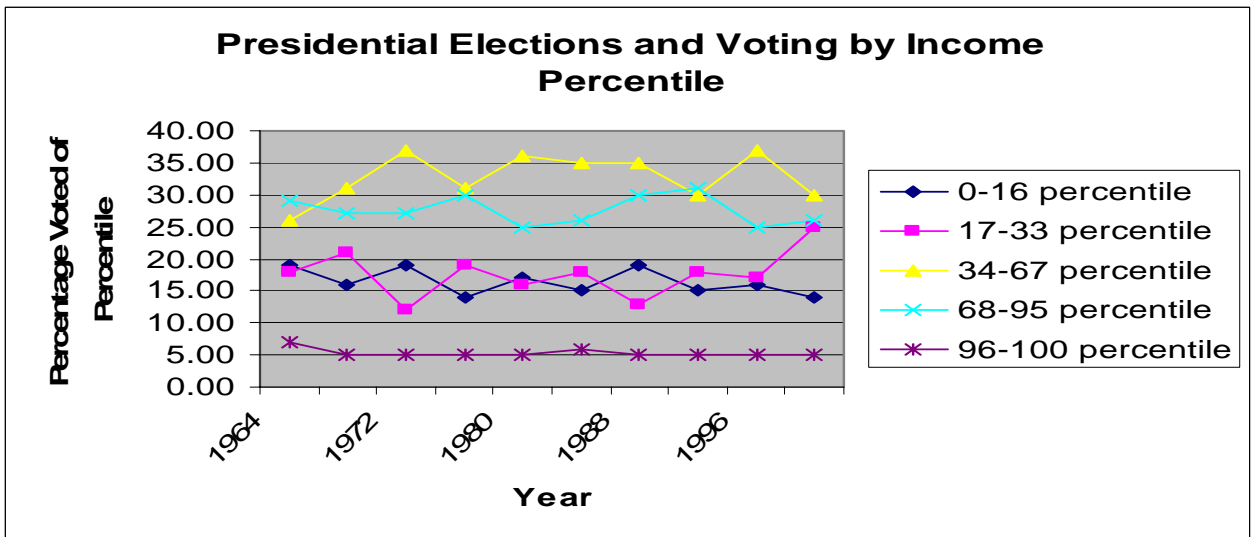
Presidential Election and Voting by Income Level (Source: National Election Bureau)

	0-16 percentile	17-33 percentile	34-67 percentile	68-95 percentile	96-100 percentile
1964	19.00	18.00	26.00	29.00	7.00
1968	16.00	21.00	31.00	27.00	5.00
1972	19.00	12.00	37.00	27.00	5.00
1976	14.00	19.00	31.00	30.00	5.00
1980	17.00	16.00	36.00	25.00	5.00
1984	15.00	18.00	35.00	26.00	6.00
1988	19.00	13.00	35.00	30.00	5.00
1992	15.00	18.00	30.00	31.00	5.00
1996	16.00	17.00	37.00	25.00	5.00
2000	14.00	25.00	30.00	26.00	5.00

Presidential Elections and Voting by Income Percentile

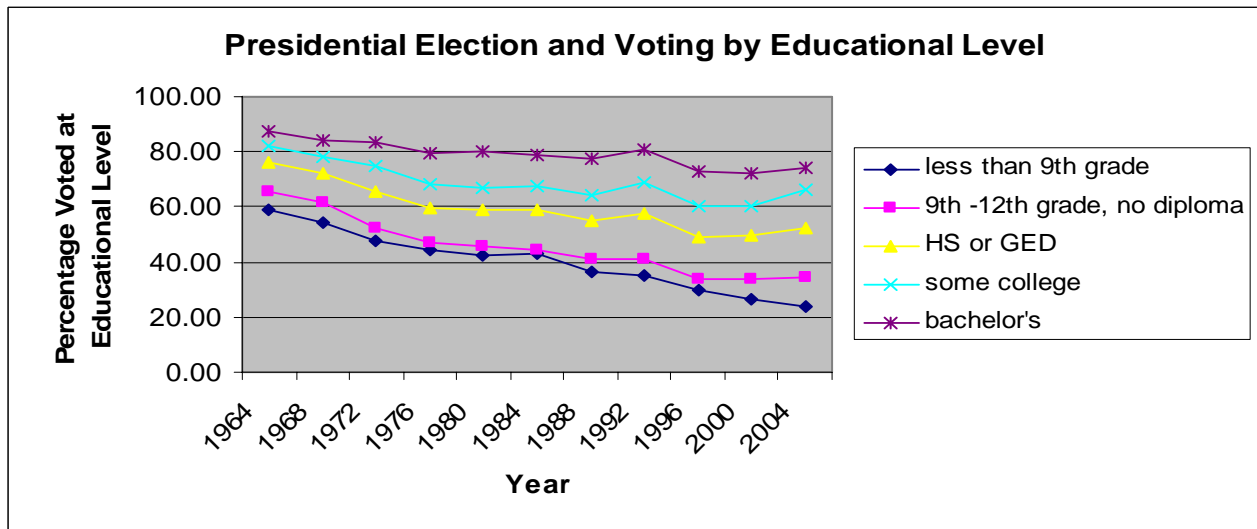
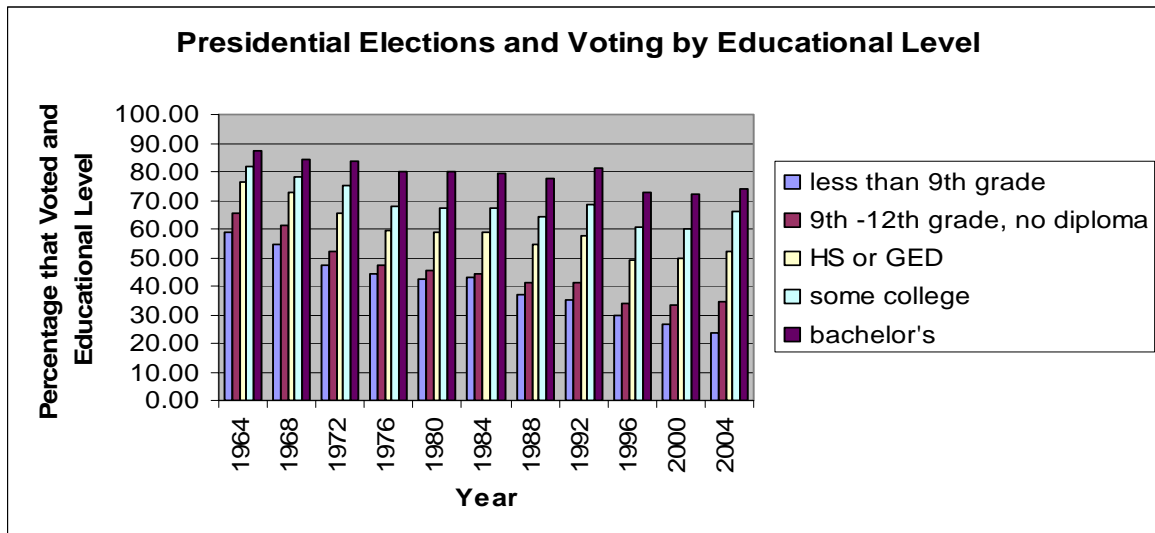


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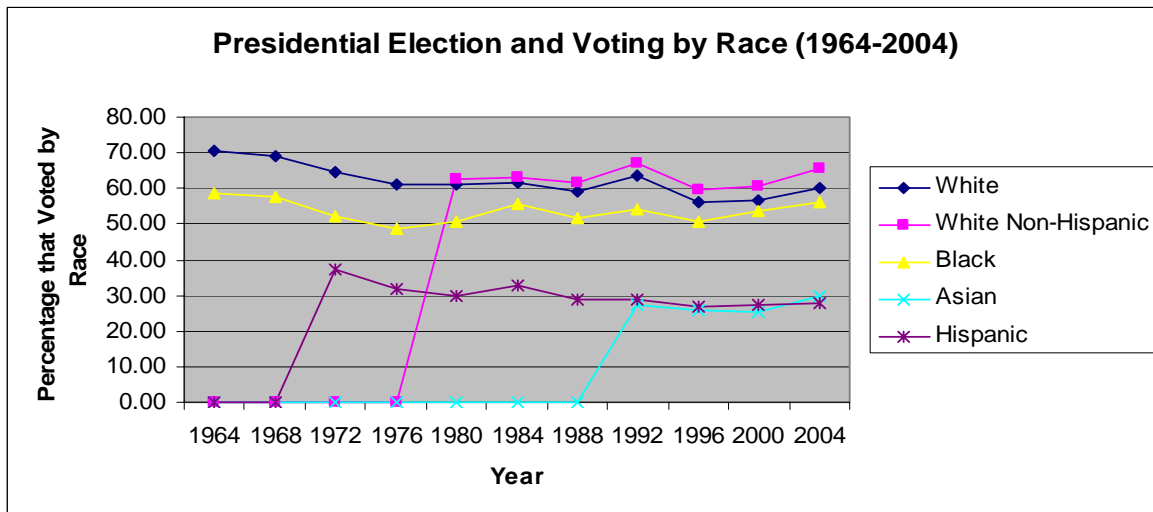
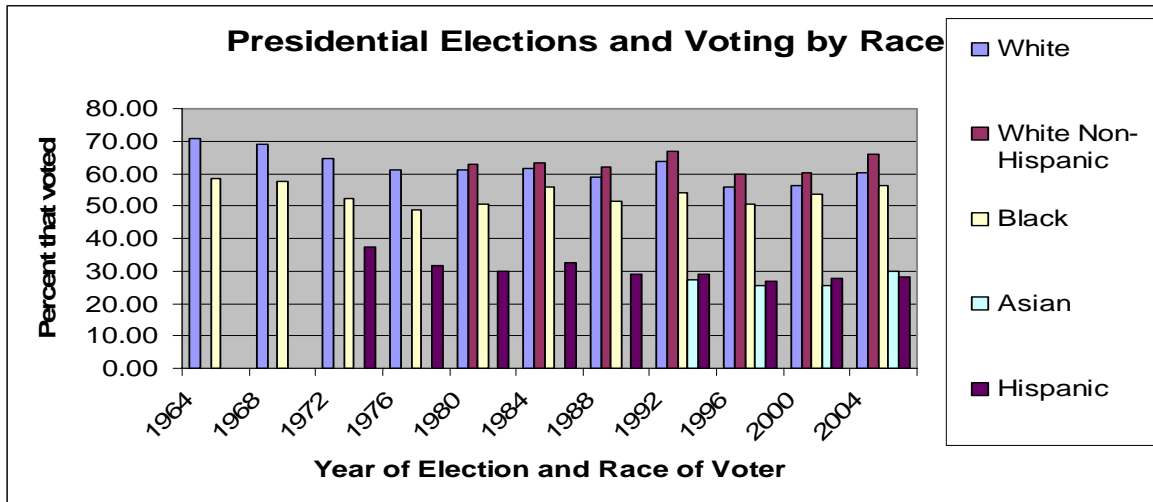
Presidential Election and Voting by Educational Level (Source: US Census Bureau)

	less than 9th grade	9th -12th grade, no diploma	HS or GED	some college	bachelor's
1964	59.00	65.40	76.10	82.10	87.50
1968	54.50	61.30	72.50	78.40	84.10
1972	47.40	52.00	65.40	74.90	83.60
1976	44.10	47.20	59.40	68.10	79.80
1980	42.60	45.60	58.90	67.20	79.90
1984	42.90	44.40	58.70	67.50	79.10
1988	36.70	41.30	54.70	64.50	77.60
1992	35.10	41.20	57.50	68.70	81.00
1996	29.90	33.80	49.10	60.50	72.60
2000	26.80	33.60	49.40	60.30	72.00
2004	23.60	34.60	52.40	66.10	74.20



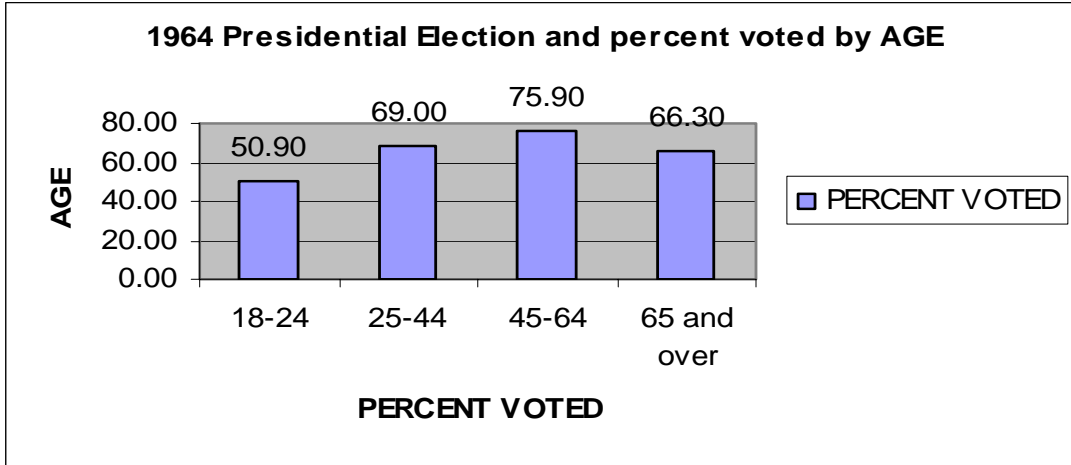
Presidential Elections and Voting by Race

	White	White Non-Hispanic	Black	Asian	Hispanic
1964	70.70	NA	58.50	NA	NA
1968	69.10	NA	57.60	NA	NA
1972	64.50	NA	52.10	NA	37.50
1976	60.90	NA	48.70	NA	31.80
1980	60.90	62.80	50.50	NA	29.90
1984	61.40	63.30	55.80	NA	32.70
1988	59.10	61.80	51.50	NA	28.80
1992	63.60	66.90	54.10	27.30	28.90
1996	56.00	59.60	50.60	25.70	26.80
2000	56.40	60.40	53.50	25.40	27.50
2004	60.30	65.80	56.30	29.80	28.00



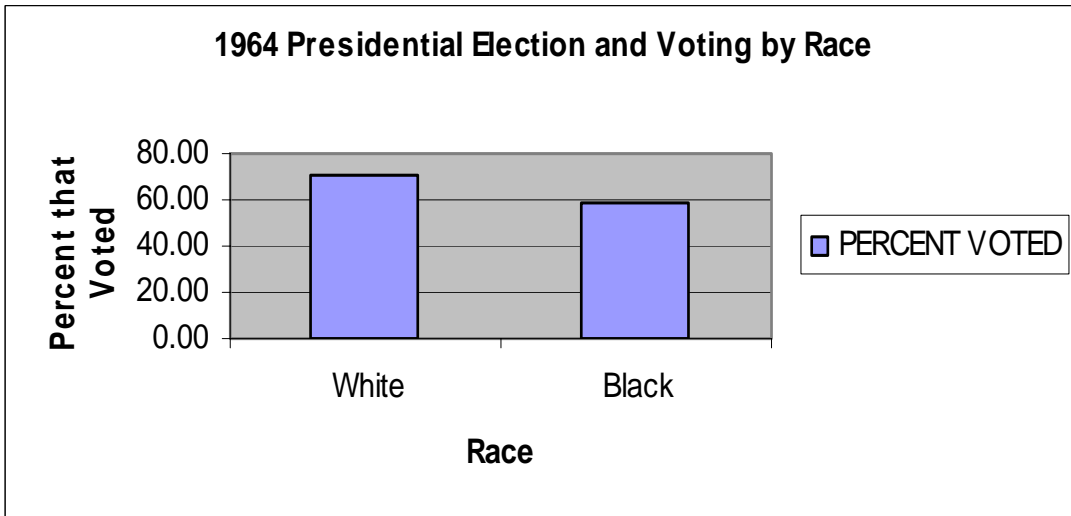
1964 Presidential Election and Voting by Age

AGE	PERCENT VOTED
18-24	50.90
25-44	69.00
45-64	75.90
65 and over	66.30



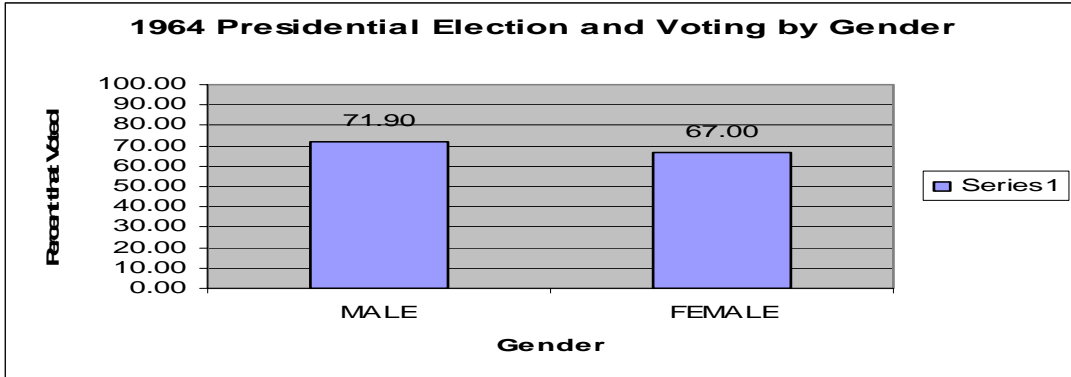
1964 Presidential Election and Voting by Race

RACE	PERCENT VOTED
White	70.70
Black	58.50



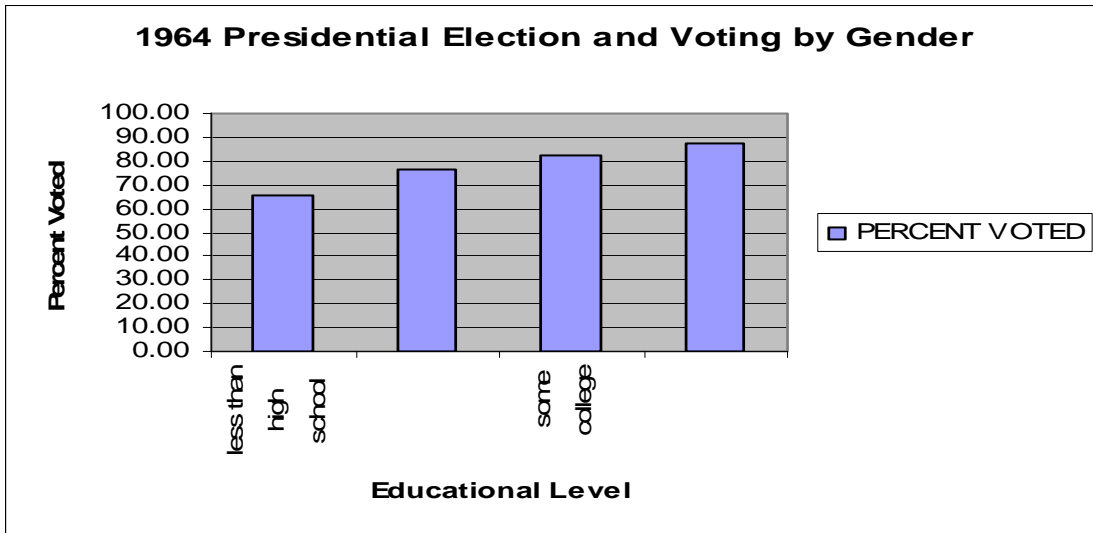
1964 Presidential Election and Voting by Gender

MALE	71.90
FEMALE	67.00



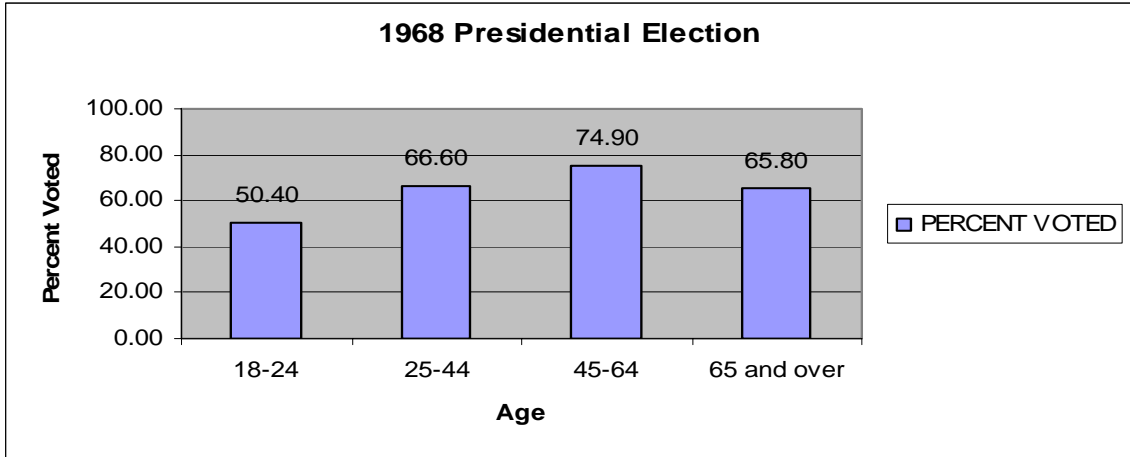
1964 Presidential Election and Voting by Education

Educational Level	PERCENT VOTED
less than high school	65.40
high school diploma or GED	76.10
some college	82.10
bachelor's degree or more	87.50



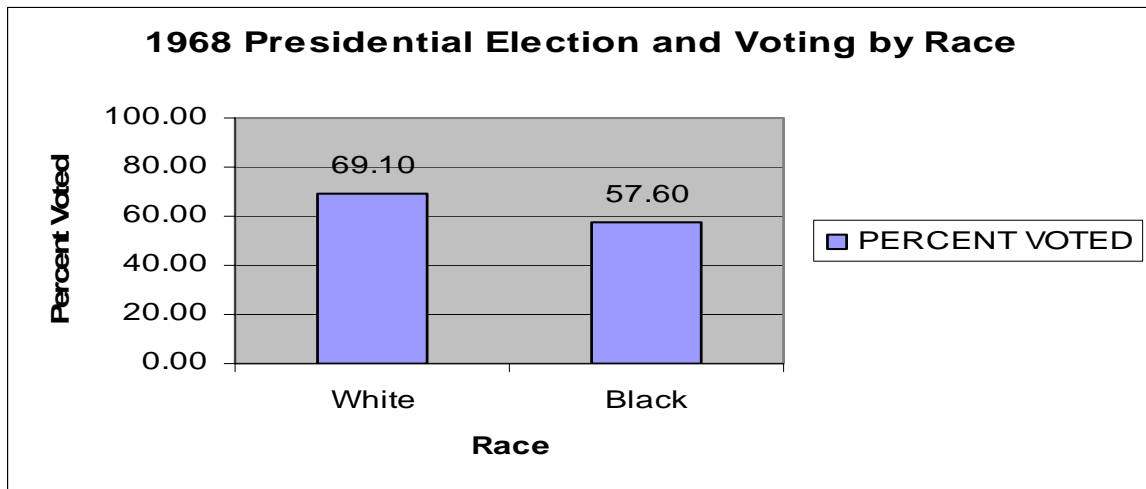
1968 Presidential Election and Voting by Age

AGE	PERCENT VOTED
18-24	50.40
25-44	66.60
45-64	74.90
65 and over	65.80



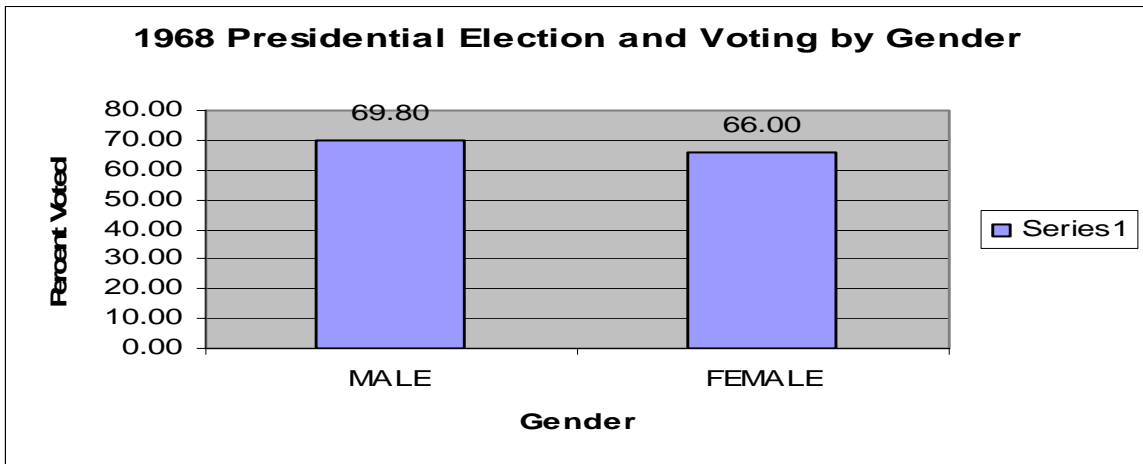
1968 Presidential Election and Voting by Race

RACE	PERCENT VOTED
White	69.10
Black	57.60



1968 Presidential Election and Voting by Gender

MALE	69.80
FEMALE	66.00



1968 Presidential Election and Voting by Gender

less than high school	61.30
high school diploma or GED	72.50
some college	78.40
bachelor's degree or more	84.10

