

A Match the words and phrases to their definitions

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| 1. term of office | A. The piece of paper on which a vote is recorded |
| 2. campaign contribution | B. To bribe someone (v) a reward or advantage (n) |
| 3. head of state | C. To explain, but in this case to amount to |
| 4. administration | D. Money paid to support someone's election |
| 5. come in for criticism | E. To be subject to harsh comments |
| 6. landslide | F. The person at the top of a political system in a country |
| 7. polls | G. Most central and fundamental |
| 8. ballots | H. Indicating |
| 9. core (adj) | I. The current elected group and their activities |
| 10. pointing to | J. Surveys of likely voting patterns |
| 11. pay off (v) payoff (n) | K. Result |
| 12. outcome | L. To act decisively in an important situation |
| 13. handling | M. An overwhelming electoral victory |
| 14. accounts for... | N. Argue |
| 15. contend | O. How long you are elected for each time |
| 16. step up (pv) | P. The manner in which something was done |

B Fill in the gaps with the terms above. One of them will need to be used twice.

The _____ of the 2016 US election was expected to be a _____ or at the very least a comfortable victory for Hilary Clinton, who had been Secretary of State during the previous 8 years of the Obama _____ and was hoping there would be a _____ after her years of professionally _____ numerous foreign policy matters.

After Donald Trump won an unexpected victory, the election forecasts _____ a Clinton victory _____ from all sides. They had indicated a 67% likelihood that she would be the next _____ of the world's most powerful democracy, but when the _____ were counted, almost all the _____ were proved wrong.

Disgruntled white working class voters _____ many of these unexpected results and they remain the President's _____ of support. Some blamed Clinton for describing them as "a basket of deplorables". However, commentators have since _____ that these voters _____ because they were deliberately

targeted by the Trump campaign's clever advertising. We still don't know how he paid for it, as many of the _____ were secret, and this secrecy continued during President Trump's _____. Nobody knows who he might be _____ to keep his secrets.