

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.