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With US Election day coming soon, it’s now one of the saltest times as a constituent to check on polling and assess the political landscape. With the turbulent political atmosphere in the last few years, the battle-ground states have shifted and now the most important contested states are Arizona, Florida, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

According to a poll by The New York Times and Siena College, Democratic Candidate Joe Biden is up in each of these four states, despite each state voting red in the 2016 elections. While Biden’s statistical security is most pronounced in Wisconsin, which puts him eleven points above President Trump, Biden is least secure in Florida which puts him above only by 3 points. While many 2016 polls also put Hillary Clinton as the winning candidate in many key regions, they failed to mention situations where then candidate Donald Trump could win were entirely within their margin of error.

Rarely are the margins of error emphasized with these polls, and many 2016 election polls contained error emphasized with these polls, and many 2016 election polls contained error

margin of error in Wisconsin and Florida is 3.2 points, 1 point in Arizona and 2.4 points in Pennsylvania. So even considering the margin of error, as long as Biden can hold three of the four states, he will almost certainly win the 2020 presidential elections.

POLLING FROM SIENNA COLLEGE PUTS DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE JOE BIDEN AHEAD IN FOUR KEY swing states. All the shown states but Florida appear to be outside of the polling margin of error, indicating a Biden victory. Image Courtesy of The New York Times

A similar poll by Quinnipiac University puts Biden 7 points above Trump in Pennsylvania and 3 points above in Ohio. Ohio was another state that had backed Trump in the 2016 election.

However, this election is one of the most unprecedented in terms of general developments and factors that can affect polling accuracy. Due to the heavy investment in and politicization of early voting, Election Day voters could have an impact on state outcomes if they heavily skewed towards one political party. On the other hand, many voter turnout records are being broken within various states and demographics, such as millennial voting.

States like Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania were considered to be part of the ‘Blue Wall’ up until the 2016 Presidential Elections, which even then, President Trump had only narrowly won. Note he is solidly behind the polls in each of these states.

Generally, Trump’s core demographics of rural conservatives and white voters who did not attend college has remained solid. His base of Hispanics within Florida has also grown, however his support from college educated white voters has diminished. A notable demographic that Trump has failed to capture are new voters. Including young constituents and infringed voters, these new voters who did not participate in 2016 are reportedly supporting Biden by a wide margin.

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The Challenge of Becoming an Adult

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The pressure to succeed in adult- hood is undoubtedly immense. Our socie- ty’s obsession with perfection and opti- mization have raised the stakes higher. For that reason, I do not blame late teens and young adults for feeling intimidated by the task at hand. In fact, I wish that they could relax and give themselves a break. Today, children grow up without supervision of adults, which deprives them of the necessary room to grow and become responsible adults. Every institution operates under the as- sumption that children need constant supervision of adults, which deprives children of the necessary room to grow and become responsible adults.

Children who reach adulthood with- out experiencing independence will find it more difficult to handle life on their own which creates the temptation for parents to continue being closely in- volved in the lives of their adult children. It is necessary for young adults to expand their wings and fly on their own. It is only by attempting to live their own adult life that they will be able to become an adult.

As a result, they arrive at adulthood less capable of living independently. One rea- son for this is that nowadays many par- ents are more involved in their children’s lives than in the past. It is easy to blame parents, especially those moms who, it seems, are either neglectful or controlling yet always in the wrong, but our entire culture is at fault here. We have a problem with let- ting children experience independence and allowing kids to grow up into adults. Every institution operates under the as- sumption that children need constant supervision of adults, which deprives children of the necessary room to grow and become responsible adults.

The adults that we are trying to become are adults that take the responsibilities of adulthood without losing the charm of our juvenility. With courage and perse- verance, we will redefine what it means to be an adult.

The Binding of Isaac: Four Souls Review

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With Halloween very limited this year, my roommates and I won- dered what games we could find to have fun this holiday. It was already getting late, so we looked to “Tabletop Simulator” on Steam to see what board games, ones we had played or ones that were new, would allow for a quick match against each other. Flashforward to 2am (even after the hour setback of daylight savings), where our hopes of going to bed at a reasonable time were far gone, but we were having a lot of fun nonetheless.

The game we had picked was “The Binding of Isaac: Four Souls”. Though with the same namesake as the popular video game, this time the developers have taken a different approach by making a “build as you go” card game. Players are given a character and their special ability, then on each turn collect loot cards to progress, buy treasure cards to gain advantages, and fight monster card to gain points needed to win. Items, monsters, and the like all come from the original game, whose focuses on fright, curses, and betray- al were perfect for Halloween (though I would recommend it on any other day as well).

What made “The Binding of Isaac: Four Souls” so enjoyable for us was the customization. With the amount of different cards you can pick from the deck, each time you play is different. There is no one strategy; you have to use what you’ve been given to come up with successful combinations that gain loot and treasure and defeat mon- sters. Plans may change every turn, and even then other players have the ability to mess you up. Should you lose to a monster and ‘die’, you must pay a penalty with what you own to start again. The critical thinking that comes with the randomness, as well as the “friendly” competition (there was much yelling when some- one else would sabotage, as with numerous other games), kept the game interesting throughout the whole night.

I have played other “build as you go” card games similar to this one, and again the custom gameplay and different every time is what makes them fun again and again. “Munchkin” is very similar to “The Binding of Isaac: Four Souls”, where players acquire weapons, tools, and bonuses from decks to defeat mon- sters all while other players try to keep them down. However, “Munchkin” uses more uplifting, medieval-themed cartoon drawings and amusing designs (with card names such as Boots of Butt Kicking or Elvish Impersonator), and also has expansion packs to add even more variety to its gameplay. More along the lines of mystery and hor- ror, though, is Betrayal at House on the Hill”, where players use room cards to build a house to explore, finding items along the way to eventu- ally help defeat the one player who is chosen to become evil. Different house layouts and ending scenarios continue to provide uncertainty in who will win the game. You’ll never know until you’ve been playing too long to back out. These card games and others like them all provide a new, fun, interactive experience eve- ry time.
Diverging Diamond Interchanges

The Superior Lifeforms!

Oh, you call yourself a civil engineer? Then name every intersection!

With a growing population and expansion of urban development, traffic is an ever-growing problem. The US road system varies in age across the map, but the current infrastructure is insufficient to accommodate the growing population. Additionally, the American idea of freedom is deeply connected to owning a personal vehicle, so restricting that item is out of the question. Instead, road and traffic engineers continuously develop new designs and implementations to improve the current US road layout. However, in my humble opinion, there are some solutions that are hopelessly short-sighted and Godlike, and the rest are an affront to every engineering discipline on God's green earth. Ergo, I will prove, beyond reasonable doubt, the Diverging Diamond Interchange is the magnum opus of civil engineering this side of the Mississippi.

Let's consider the O.G. intersection, the crossroads interaction. This has a simplistic design, involving two roads crossing each other. Good enough, right? WRONG! This design is far from ideal — it risks the lives of every inhabitant dumb enough to look in its direction! Did you know that JFK was murdered at a crossroad intersection? Do you want to risk being dowed in the same fashion as our dearly beloved JFK (may he rest in peace) with eat warning? No, of course you don't, because you're smart, and you only choose the best intersection design for your municipality.

Next on the chopping block is the infamous roundabout. You may recognize this structure from any small film originating in the eastern bloc or Brazil. This design is also excessively simplistic, featuring a continuous 360-degree turn radius. Is this good for the U.S.? WRONG AGAIN. This is a sinister communist trap orchestrated by the same people who have been blowing up on a stick! Many small-town roundabouts (such as the ones off of US40 going to RII Ventures) have small radii, restricting purebred and patriotic 18-wheelers, who are too large to go around the circumference. Furthermore, only predominantly communist countries implement roundabouts, namely Russia, Great Britain, and France. Don't let the US fall to the socialist agenda of roundabouts, vote NO1 on the roundabout referendum.

Diverging Intersecction: Diverging Diamond Interchange. Basically the same as crossroads, but only half as stupid, but half of infinity is still infinity, I think (I'dk I'm not an engineer, I'm a business major).

Finally, I present the God given Diverging Diamond Interchange. Never before has such a peaceful and harmonious mass of concrete, steel, and rebar come together. You, the reader, may be wondering, "author, can this be the best? You literally hate all forms of driving?"

No, I'm not getting off the wrong way halfway through! Ah-ha, you have discovered the beauty of this beast. The intersection is designed in such a way that if you don't go the wrong way, you will surely crash. (There are also rumors about a supernatural force driving through safely.)

This absolute UNIT of an intersection supports continuous traffic flow at more points than the conventional varieties. Additionally, there are fewer points of conflict. Moreover, driving through this spaghetti of roads will boost your IQ by at least 20 and make you unimaginably superior to the virgin diamond interchanges.

In conclusion, DD Interchange master race of all!
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A Packers home loss to lowly Minnesota. A Jets loss by more than eight million cheering her on, perhaps at a distance. A nurse offering to be her private escort. As she ran the marathon route, Trephene Andrea Wilf said a police car started crying. The exact same emotions.

Despite being the last undetected tandem in the N.F.L., the Steeler had faced some lingering questions about how good they really were. Those questions would probably fade after the Steeler held on for a thrilling 26-24 win on the road in Baltimore. The Steeler conceded 263 rushing yards to the Ravens, but forced Lamar Jackson into several mistakes. Jackson, the reigning N.F.L. most valuable play-er, was intercepted twice and lost two fumbles. Baltimore still had a chance to win in the final seconds, but a catch all the way to Pittsburgh's 23-yard line was nullified by 4 points, but Jade

The Jets cannot be underestimated. Gang Green came into the day as 10 1/2 point under-dogs, and the team proved that it could do even worse than that. In a 26-point loss to Kansas City, Patrick Mahomes went for 465 yards and five touchdowns — which seemed a bit exces-sive — and the Jets fell to 0-2 for just the second time in franchise history. The fixture matched the 100 Jets, who finally won in Week 9. A Monday Night Football matchup against the reeling Patriots is theoretically the best bet for a win for this year's Jets as well. It's not a good chance, but it's probably the best one.

The Jets will have if they want to go- ing 0-8.
Student: “How many questions will be on tomorrow’s exam?”
Dr. Hudson: I have no idea
- Dr. Hudson

“If the calorimeter had a tongue, you’d be home free.”
- Dr. Motte

“If it’s wrong, pick me up, call the ambulance before you leave.”
- Dr. Moloney

“The real challenge is removing your balls for no nut November.”
- Random Student

Did your prof say something hilarious or just great out of context? Did you hear something confusing or funny on your jaunt about the fine halls of this institution? We want to hear about it! Send your quotes with who said it to suppmg@rose-hulman.edu or fill out this nifty google form: https://goo.gl/forms/bB319ys6CH6e6gYtt

Did You Know... that in Turkey in 2005, while some farmers were moving their massive herd, one of their sheep jumped off of a cliff. The rest of the 1500 sheep in the herd followed suit. About 450 sheep died in the incident, as the fall of the other thousand or so sheep was cushioned by the ones that had already fallen. This resulted in the loss of $100,000 worth of revenue, which is a lot of money considering the average 2005 Turkish GDP of $2,700.

RHIT Prepares Something Special During Student Absence in Winter

As I’m sure many of you know by now, the students of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology will be having classes remotely for the first few weeks of their winter quarter. For most of the student body, this is seen as a way to mitigate any possible spread of the coronavirus, however I was skeptical. Was this really the reason, was this really the best thing they could think of to get kids off campus?

I decided to put my Pulitzer Prize level investigative journalism skills to the test. After reading Rob Coons latest email regarding the winter quarter, I noticed something that shook me to my core.

If this is to be believed, it could have major implications for what those first three weeks actually are. I did some more digging and found out that in 1777, a man named Robert A. Cuurn started a secret society called the Illuminati. It was said that every 81 years in November, the group meets in underground locations. Wanna know what the perfect underground location for this meeting would be? That’s right, under Speed Lake.

I wanted to test my hypothesis out to make sure I wasn’t going too bonkers. I took a quick dip in the lake and found the family of turtles that live there. Or so I thought. As I got closer, I saw a small flashing red light coming from the turtles eye’s. Due to my athletic prowess, I was able to swim and catch one before needing to get air. As I was holding it above the water, I heard a beeping sound getting faster and faster. I threw the turtle towards the triplets as the beeping got louder and faster. It exploded on impact, making me realize that I should have thrown it at Deming.

If this is true, then you should be ready for anything when they come back later in the quarter.

Meme of the Week

If you have any strong opinions on this meme or if you would like to send me a meme to put on here, read the thing at the bottom to figure out my email, then email me that meme and I will probably put it on here. Thanks in advance. *If you are reading this and want to earn a prize, find the hidden meme within this page and email me*

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Look, I get that this story might be hard to believe and that you want to remain ignorant. But the facts are all there. You think that only one fountain is working and that is just a coincidence. You must be coinci-DENSE to think that. I have no clue what the outcome of this meeting will be, but something tells me the student body should be ready for anything when they come back later in the quarter.