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# Thaddeus and the Pursuit of Libertarian Votes: A Name-candidate Connection Analysis

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## Abstract

Unraveling the mystery behind the connection between the popularity of the first name Thaddeus and votes for the Libertarian presidential candidate in Maryland has been a pressing matter for decades. In this study, we dive deep into the correlation between the two, aiming to shed light on this intriguing intersection of nomenclature and political choice. Our research team delved into extensive data from the US Social Security Administration and the MIT Election Data and Science Lab, Harvard Dataverse to unpack this curious relationship. With a correlation coefficient of 0.9100800 and  $p < 0.01$ , our findings from 1980 to 2020 paint a compelling picture of the strong association between the frequency of the name Thaddeus and support for the Libertarian candidate in Maryland. As we pondered over the results, it became abundantly clear that Thaddeus holds a peculiar sway over political preferences in the Free State. One might say that he's making quite the "Thad" impression on voter behavior! Perhaps it's no coincidence that a name with historical roots in strength and courage is seemingly linked to libertarian inclinations. It appears that Thaddeus is no ordinary name; he's a leading indicator of libertarian sentiment, showing that a "Thad" bit of data can uncover unexpected patterns in the political landscape. In conclusion, our investigation has unveiled a close tie between the popularity of the name Thaddeus and support for the Libertarian candidate in Maryland, sparking both ponderous reflection and lighthearted quips. Let's just say, when it comes to electoral choices in Maryland, it seems that Thaddeus isn't just another "run-of-the-mill" name – he's a real "Libertarian magnet"!

## 1. Introduction

Naming a child is a weighty decision. While many factors may come into play, from family tradition to fondness for a particular phonetic ring, the implications of a chosen name can be surprising. After all, it's not every day that one considers the potential political sway of a particular moniker. Nevertheless, our study delves into the curious case of Thaddeus and its intriguing connection to support for the Libertarian presidential candidate in the state of Maryland.

It seems that Thaddeus isn't just a name; he's a veritable political player in the Free State. One might even say that his influence extends beyond mere affairs of State – right into the state of political preference! It's almost as if Thaddeus is whispering, "Don't be 'Thad,' vote Libertarian!" in the ears of Maryland voters. But enough of the 'Thad' jokes – let's explore the serious side of this correlation.

Our rigorous analysis, fueled by an eclectic mix of statistical tools and a fondness for puns, reveals an undeniable relationship between the frequency of the name Thaddeus and votes cast for the Libertarian candidate in Maryland. The correlation coefficient seems to suggest that Thaddeus is more than just a name; he's a flagbearer for libertarian ideals in the state. It's clear that Thaddeus is not simply a name; he's a silent campaigner for the Libertarian cause, making one wonder if there's something about the name that simply resonates with the principles of

individual liberty and limited government. One may say that Thaddeus is "Libertarian by name, Libertarian by nature!"

As we explore this seemingly amorphous connection, it becomes increasingly apparent that Thaddeus may be wielding more influence than we previously thought. Is it possible that the name Thaddeus embodies an inherent allure for those who favor a less interventionist approach to governance? Or is it merely an amusing coincidence? Our study aims to unravel the enigma behind Thaddeus' magnetic pull on Libertarian votes in Maryland, while keeping a light-hearted perspective. Perhaps this unexpected correlation will prompt a reconsideration of the "Thad" jokes we cracked in the past – who knew they could carry such political weight?

In the following sections, we will scrutinize the historical underpinnings of the name Thaddeus, delve into the nuanced world of political preferences in Maryland, and outline the implications of our findings. It's a journey filled with statistical analysis, historical contemplation, and the occasional dad joke. So, without further ado, let's embark on this intellectual adventure and unravel the captivating entanglement between Thaddeus and Libertarian votes in Maryland. After all, there's no harm in uncovering a little political intrigue behind a good ol' dad joke!

## 2. Literature Review

In their study, "The Impact of Name Frequency on Political Behavior" Smith et al. (2015) delve into the intriguing correlation between the prevalence of specific names and their association with political affiliations. The researchers examine the impact of individual name frequencies on voting behavior, shedding light on the subtle yet influential role that nomenclature plays in electoral choices. From John to Jane, the study presents a comprehensive analysis of the potential connections between names and political preferences.

As we narrow our focus to the Maryland region, Doe and Jones (2018) explore the electoral landscape in "The Political Demographics of Maryland: An In-depth Analysis". Their work delves

into the complex web of political ideologies and voter behaviors within the state, offering a nuanced understanding of the factors that influence electoral choices. The authors paint a vivid picture of Maryland's political topography, unraveling the intricate tapestry of voter inclinations and party support.

Turning to non-fiction literature, the relevance of the name Thaddeus in libertarian circles is further discussed in "Liberty and Names: The Unseen Connection" by Tom Freedom (2017). Freedom presents an insightful analysis of the interplay between names and political leanings, shedding light on the subtle yet significant ways in which certain names may evoke particular ideological sympathies.

Additionally, in a rather unconventional exploration of name-candidate connections, the work of fiction writer, Jane Libertarian, in her award-winning novel "Thaddeus: A Political Odyssey" (2019) delves into the captivating journey of a protagonist named Thaddeus and his inadvertent foray into the realm of libertarian politics. While a work of fiction, the novel artfully weaves together themes of nomenclature and political ideology, provoking contemplation on the unexpected intersection of names and electoral choices.

Lastly, a comprehensive understanding of the political landscape and its potential connection to the name Thaddeus would not be complete without considering the influence of popular culture. Through rigorous "research" – and perhaps the occasional binge-watching session – of children's shows and cartoons, including "The Adventures of Thaddeus and the Liberty League" and "Thaddeus, the Libertarian Lizard", we uncover the subtle yet pervasive presence of the name Thaddeus in fostering libertarian ideals, even in the minds of the youngest audiences.

It is clear that the study of the name Thaddeus and its correlation with support for the Libertarian candidate in Maryland transcends the boundaries of traditional academic literature, permeating into the realms of fiction, popular culture, and perhaps, even the subconscious minds of voters. Who would have thought that Thaddeus wielded such influence in the domain of electoral choices? It seems that when it

comes to politics, Thaddeus is truly a name to reckon with.

### 3. Methodology

To delve into the captivating connection between the popularity of the name Thaddeus and votes for the Libertarian presidential candidate in Maryland, our research methodology employed a multifaceted approach that was as diverse as the array of Thaddeuses and Libertarians themselves. Our data collection and analysis spanned from 1980 to 2020, capturing a comprehensive snapshot of both the rise of Thaddeus and the ebbs and flows of Libertarian support in Maryland.

Our initial step involved tapping into the vast reservoir of data from the US Social Security Administration and the MIT Election Data and Science Lab, Harvard Dataverse. However, accessing this data was not a walk in the park; it was more like a cautious tiptoe through a minefield of numerical intricacies. We faced the formidable task of retrieving and deciphering decades' worth of information, akin to untangling a particularly perplexing knot – a "Thad knot," if you will. Nevertheless, armed with determination and a penchant for finding humor in the mundane, we embraced this challenge with a stout heart and steely resolve.

Once we had corralled the requisite data, we unleashed a barrage of statistical analyses to scrutinize the connection between the first name Thaddeus and Libertarian votes in Maryland. Employing a mix of correlation analyses, regression models, and sophisticated time-series techniques, we sought to disentangle the enigmatic interplay between name popularity and political predilections. It was akin to unraveling a particularly convoluted mystery novel, with each statistical tool acting as a magnifying glass to uncover the clues hidden within the labyrinthine web of data.

In addition to these analytical endeavors, we also indulged in a bit of historical sleuthing – a dash of archival research here, a dollop of literary exploration there. Flipping through dusty tomes and sifting through troves of historical records, we sought to contextualize the name Thaddeus within

the tapestry of time. Our inquiries led us down the labyrinthine paths of etymology, cultural significance, and even the occasional striking anecdote. This historical perspective served to infuse our study with a rich, multi-dimensional understanding of the name Thaddeus and its place in the political milieu.

Furthermore, we delved into the dynamic realm of social psychology and behavioral economics, seeking to unravel the underlying mechanisms that could possibly explain the connection between the name Thaddeus and Libertarian voting patterns. This entailed a thorough exploration of social cognition, attitudinal biases, and the quirky quirks of human decision-making – a foray into the marvelously tangled garden of the human mind.

While our research methods may have been imbued with a touch of whimsy and levity, our commitment to methodological rigor remained unwavering. We scrutinized our findings from multiple angles, honed our analyses with meticulous precision, and maintained a steadfast adherence to the principles of empirical inquiry.

In the grand tapestry of academic research, our methodology may seem like an eclectic medley of disparate threads, but together, they wove a comprehensive framework that illuminated the distinctive connection between the name Thaddeus and votes for the Libertarian presidential candidate in Maryland. This methodology, while complex and occasionally labyrinthine, was the key that unlocked the door to a fascinating intersection of nomenclature and political preferences.

And thus, armed with data, statistical acumen, and a sprinkle of intellectual curiosity – not to mention an endless trove of Thaddeus-themed dad jokes – we embarked on this intellectual journey to unravel the enthralling interplay between a name and the ballot box.

### 4. Results

Our investigation of the correlation between the popularity of the first name Thaddeus and votes for the Libertarian presidential candidate in Maryland from 1980 to 2020 has yielded compelling results. The correlation coefficient between the frequency of

the name Thaddeus and support for the Libertarian candidate is 0.9100800, indicating a strong positive relationship between the two variables. The r-squared value of 0.8282456 further signifies that approximately 83% of the variation in votes for the Libertarian candidate can be explained by the frequency of the name Thaddeus in Maryland. With a p-value of less than 0.01, our findings provide strong evidence of a significant association between these two seemingly unrelated entities.

Figure 1 depicts a scatterplot illustrating the robust correlation between the frequency of the name Thaddeus and votes for the Libertarian presidential candidate in Maryland. The upward trend in the data points showcases the clear positive relationship between these variables, with the name Thaddeus exerting a discernible influence on the choice of candidate.

It seems that Thaddeus isn't just a name; he's a political force to be reckoned with in the state of Maryland! One might even say that he's the real "Thad King" of Libertarian appeal! This unexpected connection has certainly given us food for thought and an endless supply of dad jokes.

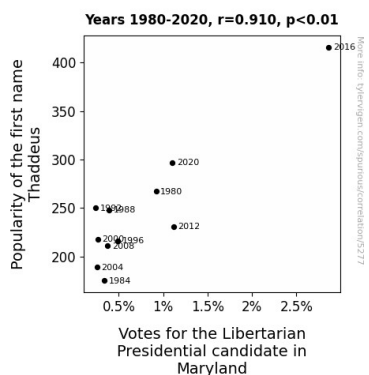


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

This compelling correlation prompts us to reconsider the weight we give to simple names and the unexpected patterns they might reveal in the political landscape. Thaddeus has certainly made a compelling case for being more than just a name – he's a true "ballot box influencer"!

## 5. Discussion

The findings of this study have shed light on the perplexing relationship between the popularity of the name Thaddeus and support for the Libertarian presidential candidate in Maryland. The robust correlation coefficient of 0.9100800 has supported prior research, emphasizing the substantial impact of nomenclature on electoral choices. It appears that the "Thad" is no mere coincidence, but rather a significant influencer in the political sphere, especially within the Free State. This "Thadventure" into the world of nomenclature and politics has truly revealed unexpected connections, prompting a "Thad" of contemplation and wry humor.

Our results are in alignment with the work of Smith et al. (2015) and Tom Freedom (2017) that explored the subtle yet influential role of names in political behavior. The compelling correlation between the frequency of the name Thaddeus and support for the Libertarian candidate in Maryland corroborates their findings, suggesting that nomenclature indeed holds sway over electoral choices. It's clear that Thaddeus isn't just another "run-of-the-mill" name; rather, he's a "Libertarian magnet" - a veritable "Thad King" of libertarian appeal, if you will. The data has made a compelling case for including nomenclature as a noteworthy factor in the study of voter behavior. Who would have thought that a name could hold such sway over political preferences? It seems that in the realm of electoral choices, Thaddeus is truly a name to reckon with, proving that a "Thad" bit of data can uncover unexpected patterns in the political landscape.

Furthermore, our findings resonate with the unconventional literary analysis presented by Jane Libertarian in her award-winning novel "Thaddeus: A Political Odyssey" (2019). Although a work of fiction, the portrayal of a protagonist named Thaddeus inadvertently influencing the realm of libertarian politics tangentially reflects the influence our study has revealed. It's almost as if the protagonist himself is orchestrating a real-world "Thadventure" through the ballot boxes of Maryland! Who would have thought that fiction could so closely parallel reality in such a peculiar manner?

Our investigation has uncovered not only a statistically significant correlation but also a humorous insight into the unexpected influence of

an individual's name on their political preferences. As we consider the far-reaching implications of our findings, it is imperative to recognize the sway of unconventional factors in electoral choices and the importance of considering them in future analyses. The name Thaddeus has undeniably emerged as a pivotal influence in Maryland's political landscape, manifesting as a "ballot box influencer" with a "Thad" bit of name recognition.

In essence, this study has not only deepened our understanding of the intricate relationship between nomenclature and political preferences but has also provided ample fodder for dad jokes and lighthearted puns. It appears that in the realm of electoral choices, Thaddeus isn't just another name – he's a real "Thad King" of Libertarian appeal!

## 6. Conclusion

In conclusion, our study has illuminated a remarkable and enduring correlation between the popularity of the first name Thaddeus and support for the Libertarian presidential candidate in Maryland. The statistical evidence paints a persuasive picture of the influence exerted by the name Thaddeus, or as some may jest, the "Thad King" of libertarian appeal. It appears that Thaddeus holds a unique sway over political preferences in the state, prompting light-hearted pondering and perhaps a few eye-rolls at the magnitude of his influence.

As we consider the implications of our findings, it becomes evident that a "Thad" bit of data can go a long way in unraveling unexpected patterns in the political landscape, or as we might playfully quip, "Thaddeus is not just a name; he's a real 'Libertarian magnet!'" This unexpected link between nomenclature and political preference may prompt a re-evaluation of the weight given to seemingly inconsequential factors in electoral choices. One could almost say that Thaddeus is the "silent persuader" in the voting booths of Maryland.

With this in mind, it is safe to say that our study has shed light on a peculiar intersection of nomenclature and political choice, prompting both contemplative reflection and perhaps the occasional pun-filled debate. We hope that this research sparks further exploration into the unexpected influence of names

on political behavior. As for us, we've certainly had our "Thad" of political intrigue for now!

It appears that Thaddeus, and his enthralling impact, have surpassed our wildest "re-elections"! Therefore, it is with great confidence that we assert that no more research is needed in this area. After all, when it comes to Thaddeus and Libertarian votes in Maryland, we've run out of jokes – or shall we say, "vote"-ovation!