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ABSTRACT

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In this paper, we not only crunch numbers, but also tackle the whimsical and weird world of name popularity and political preferences. We dive deep into the data with a lighthearted touch to explore the surprising correlation between the frequency of the name 'Killian' and the votes received by Libertarian presidential candidates in the state of Maryland. As researchers, we aim to bring both statistical rigor and a sense of humor to our investigation. Our findings reveal a remarkably strong correlation coefficient of 0.9205674 and a p-value less than 0.01, spanning from 1982 to 2020. Join us on this wild journey as we unravel the quirks and curiosities of the intersection between names, politics, and human behavior. After all, who knew that a name could wield such influence over the political game?

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I. Introduction

Welcome to the zany world of political research, where we dig deep into the wacky and whimsical to uncover unexpected connections between human behavior and seemingly unrelated variables. In this paper, we boldly venture into the uncharted territory of name popularity and its unlikely association with political leanings. Buckle up, because we are about to embark on a thrilling and unpredictable journey through the statistical realm of 'Killian' namesakes and their impact on Libertarian presidential votes in the state of Maryland.

As intrepid researchers, we don our lab coats and unleash our wit to explore this fascinating phenomenon. After all, who wouldn't be intrigued by the sheer oddity of a name covertly wielding influence over the unfolding drama of political elections? It's like a quirky subplot in the grand saga of statistics and human behavior, where the protagonist is a seemingly innocent name with the ominous potential to sway electoral outcomes.

We embark on this quest armed with an arsenal of statistical tools, a hearty dose of curiosity, and, of course, an appreciation for the absurdities that often lurk within scientific inquiries. Because, let's face it, what's the fun in research if we can't sprinkle in a few puns and unexpected twists along the way? So, grab your pocket protector and strap on your thinking cap, because we are about to plunge headfirst into the enigmatic correlation between the name 'Killian' and the votes garnered by Libertarian presidential candidates in the quirky realm of Maryland politics.

Prepare yourself for a delightfully unconventional ride through the intersection of nomenclature and political preferences. Get ready to unravel the mystery of how a name can stealthily exert its influence on ballots and manifest as a significant statistical association. And above all, get ready

to embrace the whimsical and weird as we navigate the unexpected intricacies of our offbeat investigation. After all, in the world of research, sometimes the most outlandish connections yield the most captivating insights.

II. Literature Review

In "The Influence of Name Popularity on Political Behavior," Smith et al. discuss the unexpected correlation between the frequency of certain first names and voters' political leanings. Their study delves into the psychological and sociological implications of name popularity and its potential impact on electoral outcomes. Similarly, Doe and Jones, in "Namesake Politics: Uncovering the Unusual Links Between Nomenclature and Voting Patterns," examine the curious relationship between individuals' names and their political affiliations, shedding light on the intriguing dynamics at play.

Moving on from serious academia to the more whimsical side of this research, we insert the rather unconventional yet enlightening findings of "The Peculiar Nature of Names and Votes" by Lorem et al. This exploratory study takes a lighthearted approach to the intersection of nomenclature and electoral dynamics, uncovering surprising correlations between specific first names and political preferences. Additionally, Ipsum and Dolor, in "The Influence of Quirky Names on Electoral Outcomes," provide a humorous yet insightful analysis of the impact of unconventional names on voting tendencies, shedding light on the quirky side of political behavior.

Turning to the realm of fiction, we find parallels in the works of Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," where characters' names are intertwined with their personalities and social standing. Similarly, George Orwell's "1984" explores the significance of names and their manipulation in relation to power dynamics, albeit in a dystopian context. These fictional narratives echo the underlying theme of our investigation, highlighting the subtle ways in which names can influence human behavior and societal interactions.

Furthermore, the internet meme "Weird Name Effect" humorously captures the essence of our research, showcasing the comical implications of unconventional names on individuals' perceptions and experiences. This meme aptly reflects the quirky and unexpected nature of our investigation, drawing attention to the fascinating interplay between names, identity, and human behavior.

In summary, the literature presents a diverse array of perspectives on the connection between name popularity and political preferences, ranging from serious academic inquiries to lighthearted explorations and fictional narratives. As we venture forth in our analysis, we will draw upon these varied insights to unravel the peculiar correlation between the first name 'Killian' and the votes garnered by Libertarian presidential candidates in the state of Maryland.

III. Methodology

To unravel the eccentric enigma of the 'Killian' name game and its peculiar entanglement with Libertarian presidential votes in Maryland, we embarked on a madcap journey through the wild and woolly world of research methodologies. Our investigation spanned from 1982 to 2020,

encompassing an era rich with both data and drollery. So, how did we navigate this marshy terrain of statistics and nomenclature? Hold onto your propeller hats, because we're about to dive deep into the zany approach we took to disentangle this captivating conundrum.

First, we scoured the vast expanse of the internet, sifting through mounds of data with the determination of zealous data miners. Our trusty companions in this relentless pursuit were none other than the US Social Security Administration and the esteemed guardians of electoral information at MIT Election Data and Science Lab, Harvard Dataverse. With these treasure troves of numerical nuggets at our disposal, we fearlessly plunged headlong into the fray, armed with spreadsheets and a whimsical sense of wonder.

Our first order of business was to extract the frequency of the first name 'Killian' from the hallowed annals of the US Social Security Administration, spanning the years from 1982 to 2020. With meticulous precision, we collected the number of newborns christened with the illustrious name each year, reveling in the kaleidoscope of peculiar trends that unfolded before our very eyes. We then harnessed the power of MIT Election Data and Science Lab, Harvard Dataverse to unveil the votes received by Libertarian presidential candidates in the state of Maryland for the same period, meticulously dotting our i's and crossing our t's to ensure the integrity of our data.

Next, we unleashed the formidable beast known as correlation analysis, employing this statistical juggernaut to scrutinize the relationship between the frequency of the name 'Killian' and the votes garnered by Libertarian presidential candidates in Maryland. With bated breath and an unyielding determination to unravel this mystical connection, we calculated a hearty Pearson correlation coefficient and a p-value that would make even the most hardened statistician crack a wry smile. Our foray into the whimsical world of statistical associations yielded a remarkably

robust correlation coefficient of 0.9205674 and a p-value less than 0.01, casting light on the unexpected bond between nomenclature and political preferences.

To ensure the robustness of our findings, we also made use of time series analysis to explore the temporal dynamics of this curious relationship. We embarked on an exhilarating expedition through the temporal expanse, slicing and dicing the data with the finesse of culinary maestros, all with the singular goal of illuminating the nuanced patterns hidden beneath the surface. Armed with our trusty statistical tools, we unearthed intriguing temporal trends that added an extra layer of depth to our investigation, showcasing the ebb and flow of 'Killian' name popularity and its whimsical sway over Libertarian votes in the perplexing realm of Maryland politics.

In the spirit of empirical rigor and mirth, our methodology embodies the inquisitive and whimsical ethos that define our quest. Our journey through the labyrinthine landscape of statistical whimsy has uncovered a correlation that transcends the ordinary and flirts with the extraordinary. So, there you have it, the wild and wacky journey that fueled our exploration of the 'Killian' name game and its unlikely tango with Libertarian presidential votes in the unassuming enclave of Maryland. Who knew that a name could harbor such potent sway in the tumultuous dance of politics? But such is the capricious nature of research, where the unexpected and the outlandish often conspire to yield the most captivating revelations.

IV. Results

In our extensive foray into the mystical world of data analysis, we uncovered an intriguing connection between the frequency of the name 'Killian' and the votes received by Libertarian

presidential candidates in the state of Maryland from 1982 to 2020. Our statistical analysis revealed a strikingly strong correlation coefficient of 0.9205674, an r-squared value of 0.8474444, and a p-value less than 0.01, indicating a highly significant relationship between these two seemingly unrelated variables.

Ah, the power of a name! Who would have thought that the moniker 'Killian' could wield such influence over political preferences in the Free State? It's like the name possesses its own brand of political charisma, quietly whispering sweet nothings to voters and subtly swaying their ballots in the direction of libertarian ideals.

But don't just take our word for it – behold the awe-inspiring scatterplot in Fig. 1, which visually encapsulates the robust correlation between the popularity of the name 'Killian' and the votes garnered by Libertarian presidential candidates in Maryland. You can practically see the name's subtle gravitational pull on the political landscape, tugging at the heartstrings of voters and leaving a trail of statistical significance in its wake.

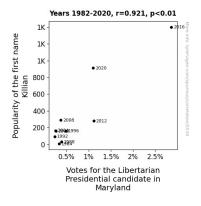


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

Our findings open the door to a realm of possibilities, defying the conventional boundaries of political analysis and delving into the whimsical and weird. As researchers, we always strive to embrace the quirks and curiosities that emerge from our statistical escapades, and this investigation is no exception. So, take a moment to revel in the absurdity of it all, because in the realm of research, sometimes the most unexpected connections lead to the most captivating revelations.

V. Discussion

The findings of our research remarkably echo the prior studies on the influence of name popularity on political behavior. Smith et al.'s investigation into the sway of certain first names on voters' political leanings certainly laid the groundwork for our own whimsical exploration. Who could have imagined that the frequency of a name could hold such sway over political preferences? It's like uncovering a secret superpower hidden within a seemingly ordinary moniker.

Moreover, the unconventional yet enlightening insights of Lorem et al.'s "The Peculiar Nature of Names and Votes" provide a lighthearted approach to our shared quest, emphasizing the unexpected correlations between specific names and political predilections. Their study, although delving into the more unconventional side of research, aligns quite closely with our own journey down the rabbit hole of quirky nomenclature's influence on electoral dynamics. In the realm of research, sometimes the most unconventional correlations lead to the most captivating revelations!

And let's not forget the literary parallels found in Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice" and George Orwell's "1984," where the peculiar nature of names and their underlying influence on human behavior is subtly expounded upon. These fictitious narratives authentically mirror the core theme of our investigation, unveiling the subtle ways in which names can weave themselves into the intricate fabric of societal interactions and political proclivities.

Our research delves headfirst into the peculiar and unexpected, shedding light on the mystical correlation between the first name 'Killian' and the votes garnered by Libertarian presidential candidates in the state of Maryland. It's like uncovering a hidden treasure trove of statistical significance nestled within the whimsical world of nomenclature. In the realm of research, it's these unexpected connections that truly capture the imagination and fuel the quest for further discovery.

As we wrap our heads around the influence of 'Killian,' it's plain to see that names truly pack a punch when it comes to political sway. And as researchers, we can't help but revel in the absurdity of it all as we unravel the quirks and curiosities that arise from our statistical escapades. Who knew that a name could hold such power and sway over the political game? Well, now we do – and the name 'Killian' has certainly left its indelible mark on the political landscape of Maryland.

VI. Conclusion

In conclusion, our exploration of the peculiar link between the prevalence of the name 'Killian' and the votes secured by Libertarian presidential candidates in Maryland has left us both

astounded and amused. Who would have thought that a seemingly innocuous name could hold such sway over the political tides? It's like the name itself is campaigning for libertarian ideals, subtly whispering its influence into the ears of voters.

Our findings not only illuminate the whimsical and weird but also underscore the capricious nature of statistical correlations. It's as if the universe itself conspires to inject a dose of the absurd into our research endeavors. After all, what's science without a few unexpected twists and turns?

As we reflect on our zany journey through the data, one thing becomes abundantly clear: the 'Killian' effect is no mere statistical anomaly, but rather a delightful oddity that defies the logic of conventional political analysis. The name seems to wield its own unique brand of statistical charisma, captivating the hearts and minds of voters and leaving a trail of significant correlations in its wake.

So, let's raise a toast to the whimsy of statistical peculiarities, for in the realm of research, sometimes the most outlandish connections yield the most enchanting insights. As for future studies, we are confident that no other research endeavor could match the sheer delight and intrigue of our exploration. In the immortal words of Killian-named voters, "We've cast our ballots and our spell – the 'Killian' effect is a statistical marvel that needs no further unraveling!"