

To what extent do race, gender, income and religion influence voting behaviour in the USA?

If answering a question on this topic, the sorts of things you could mention are:

Two Parties: R_____s & D_____s

Republicans – support from big bus_____ – middle & higher inc_____ families - support in Midwest & S_____h

Democrats – support from middle & lower income, e_____ minority groups, people with more liberal views - Obama reinforced this with his appeal to these groups

W_____ more likely to vote Democrat – however Republicans improving in this area

Democrats get most of B_____ & H_____c votes but Republicans have targeted m_____ class in these groups with some success in recent years

Black voter turnout is l_____ - however Hispanic turnout has seen big inc_____ since 2000, even before Obama in 2008

Some growth in members of House of Repres_____s and Sen_____s who are Black or Hispanic – HOWEVER minorities still under-represented - BUT progress being made – expected increase following O_____a effect.

Even before Obama Presidency, minorities appeared in Bush Cabinet – Condoleeza Rice followed Colin Powell as Secretary of State. Also Hispanic Attorney General.

So r_____ m_____ are appearing for y_____r people from ethnic minorities ... few so far but is getting better.

Why is Black & Hispanic turnout low?

Many suffer from ap_____y and believe there little point in v_____ because it won't change anything – Obama success has had some effect in ch_____ this attitude.

Likelihood of voting increases among better educated – HOWEVER many from minorities do not do well in ed_____.

Level of p_____y is h_____h in ethnic groups - therefore positive attitudes about the A_____ D_____ are less obvious - for people living in the g_____o and suffering from the cy_____ of p_____y, voting seems unim_____.

Now add your own notes under the headings Gender, Income and Religion explaining what effect each has on voting behaviour. This will require some research on your part.