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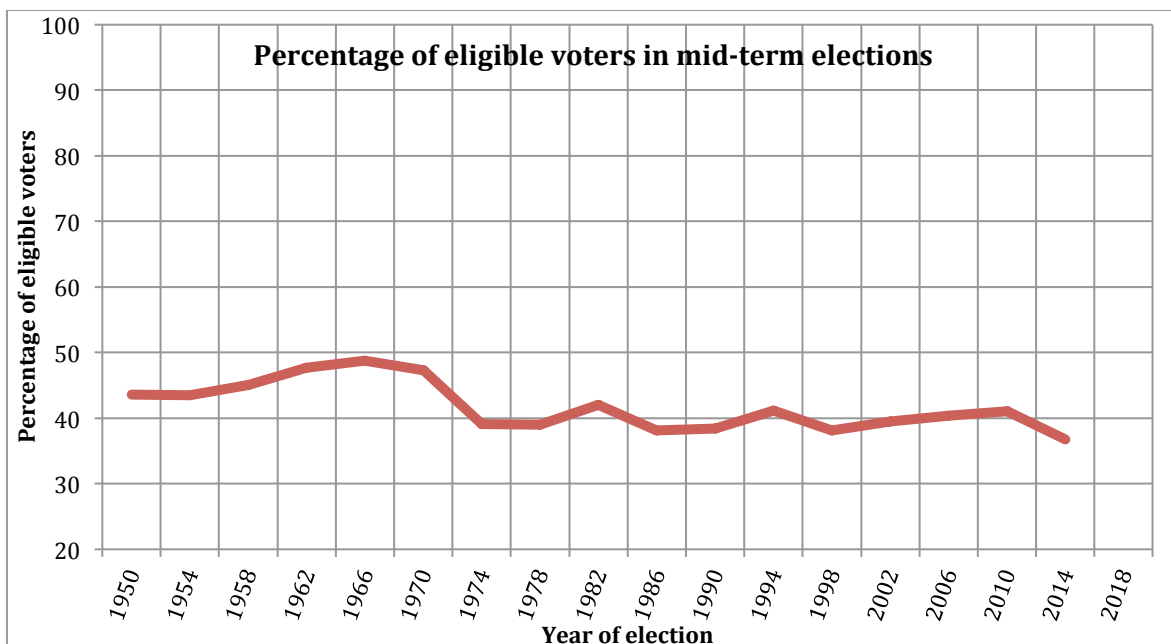
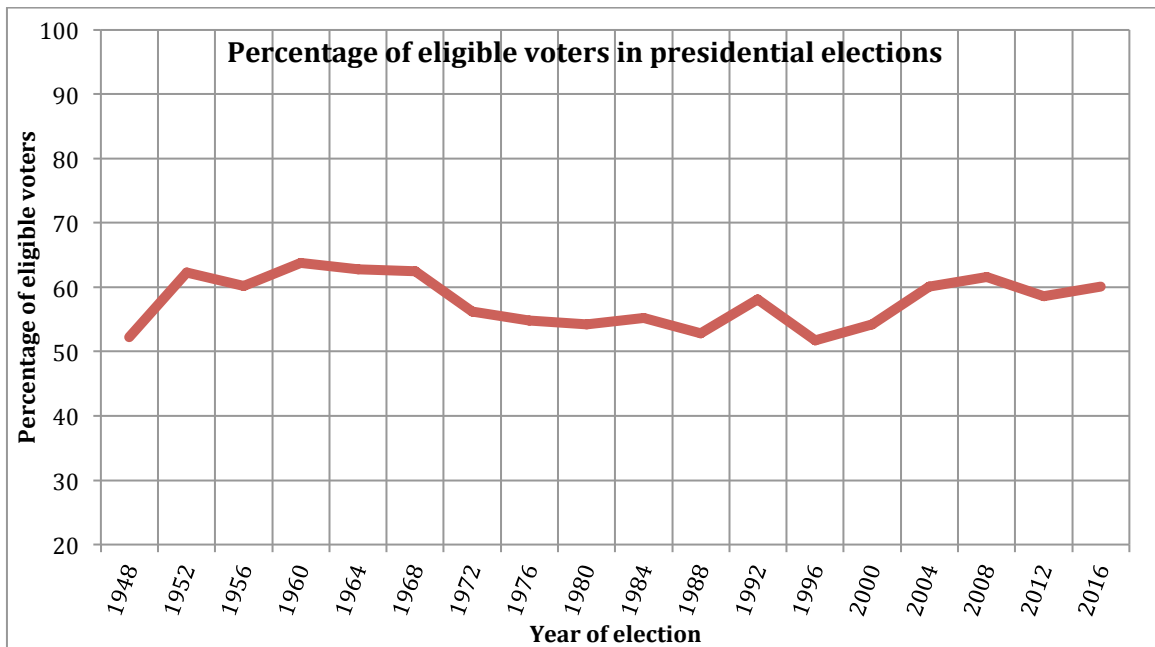
On Tuesday, November 6th, voters in the United States have the opportunity to vote for their government representatives.

Members of the House of Representatives serve 2-year terms.

Members of the Senate serve 6-year terms. Elections of senators are staggered so that one-third of the senate is voted on every two years.

Governors of the states are elected for 4-year terms except for Vermont and New Hampshire who elect their governors for 2-year terms. Elections for governors are staggered throughout the election cycle. This year, 2018, 36 states and 3 territories will elect governors

There is a lot in the news about getting eligible voters out to the polls to cast their ballots. Below are graphs showing voter turnout rates for presidential and mid-term elections.



1. Make at least 3 observations that you see while comparing these two charts.

2. What data or statistics would you like to use to make a prediction on this year's voter turnout?

3. Use our Excel sheet of this information to find some data that you think might be helpful:
 - Range of mid-term elections
 - Mean of mid-term elections
 - Mode of mid-term elections
 - Median of mid-term elections
 - Trend line of mid-term elections

4. What percentage of voter turnout do you predict for this election?

5. What voter turnout numbers would surprise you?

6. How does voter turnout in mid-term elections compare to presidential elections? Why do you think that is?

7. Why are mid-term elections important? Why should people vote in them? What is at stake?

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