



# Heuristics, Hatred and Hair

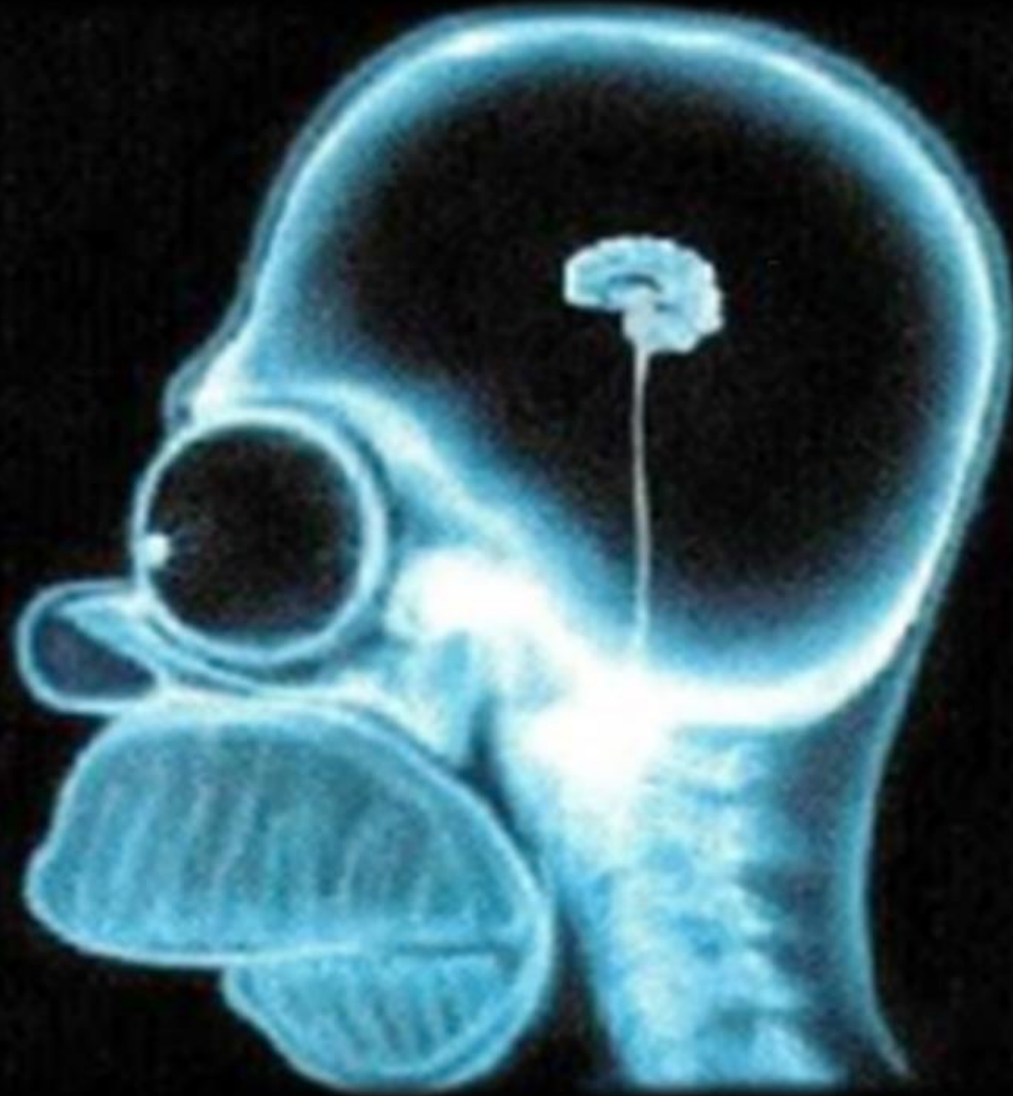
Forecasting Elections the System 1 Way



Polling | From the UK to Michigan, polls keep getting it wrong...



## How We Decide | Fast Thinking



## The Behavioural and Marketing Sciences Tell Us

# FAME

If a brand comes to readily to mind, it must be a good choice

# FEELING FLUENCY

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## FAME

## FEELING

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If I feel good about a brand, it must be good choice

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FAME

FEELING



FLUENCY

If I recognise a brand quickly, it must be a good choice

# BrainJuicer Brand Tracking | 5 Star guide to brand performance

Present

**1** Unknown

Not at all famous in this category. Very low market share.

**2** Remind me?

Low levels of fame in the category. Low market share.

Global Tracking Norm

**3** Familiar

Solid, familiar brand to anyone buying the category, but not an obvious choice for many people.

**4** Well known

Strong brand with strong share, that most people would be happy using.

**5** Famous!

A famous brand that is for most people the most obvious choice. High market share.

Future

**1** Unknown

**2** Remind me?

**3** Familiar

**4** Well known

**5** Famous!

A prediction of your future, based on how people feel about you, relative to your current size.

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If a politician comes readily to mind, they must be a good choice

## FEELING FLUENCY



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## How We Measure Fame

# FAME

% of a nationally representative sample mentioning a candidate under time pressure

# FEELING FLUENCY

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## How We Measure Fluency



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Extent to which a candidate (and their assets) felt to be distinctive, under time pressure

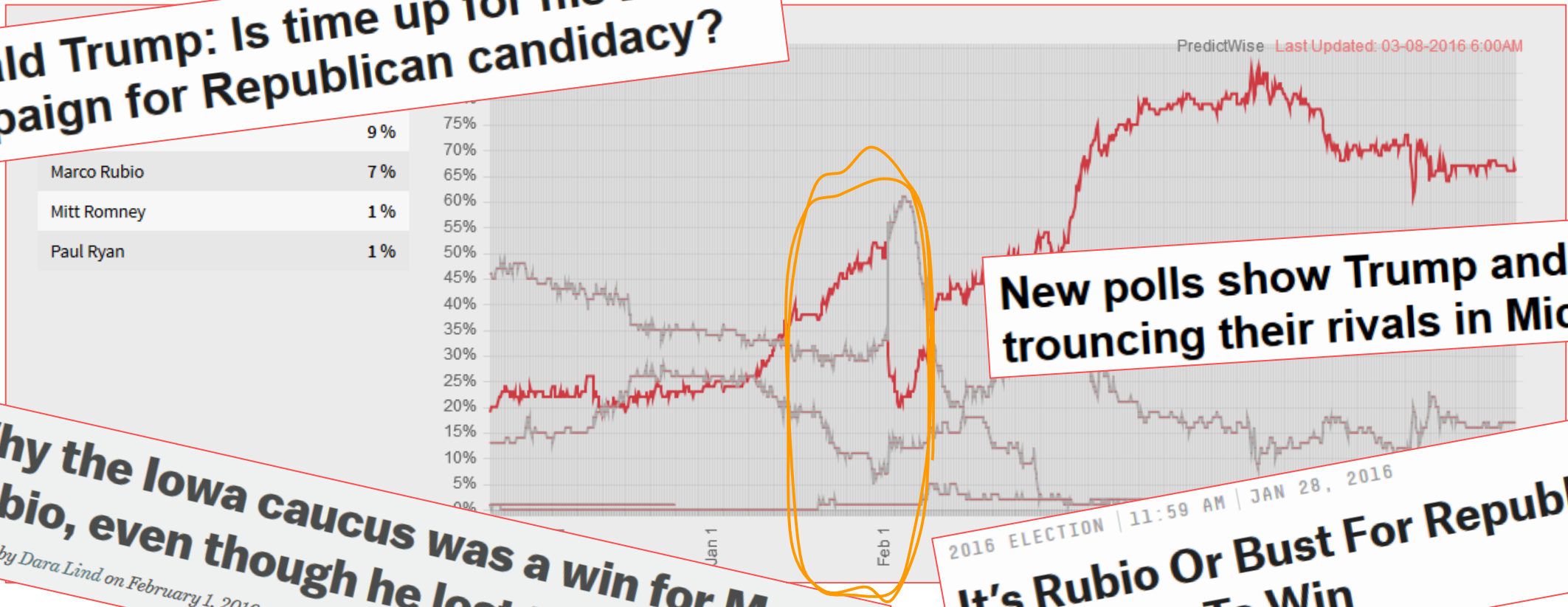


**Election 2016 – A 3 Fs Perspective**



# A Contest Like No Other

**Donald Trump: Is time up for his 2016 campaign for Republican candidacy?**

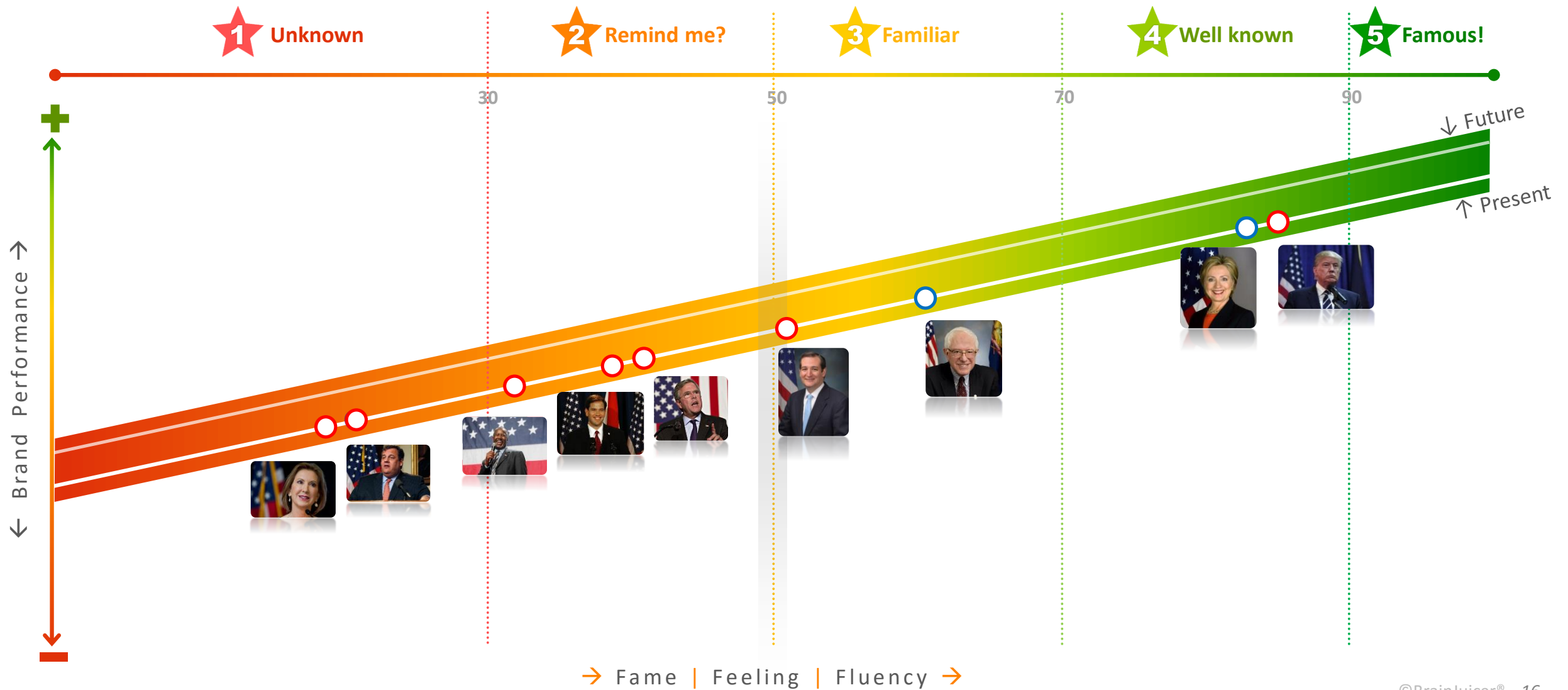


**New polls show Trump and Clinton trouncing their rivals in Michigan -**

**Why the Iowa caucus was a win for Marco Rubio, even though he lost to Ted Cruz**  
Updated by Dara Lind on February 1, 2016, 11:26 p.m. ET @DLind dara@vox.com

**It's Rubio Or Bust For Republicans Who Want To Win**  
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# US Political Candidates Star Ratings, January 2015





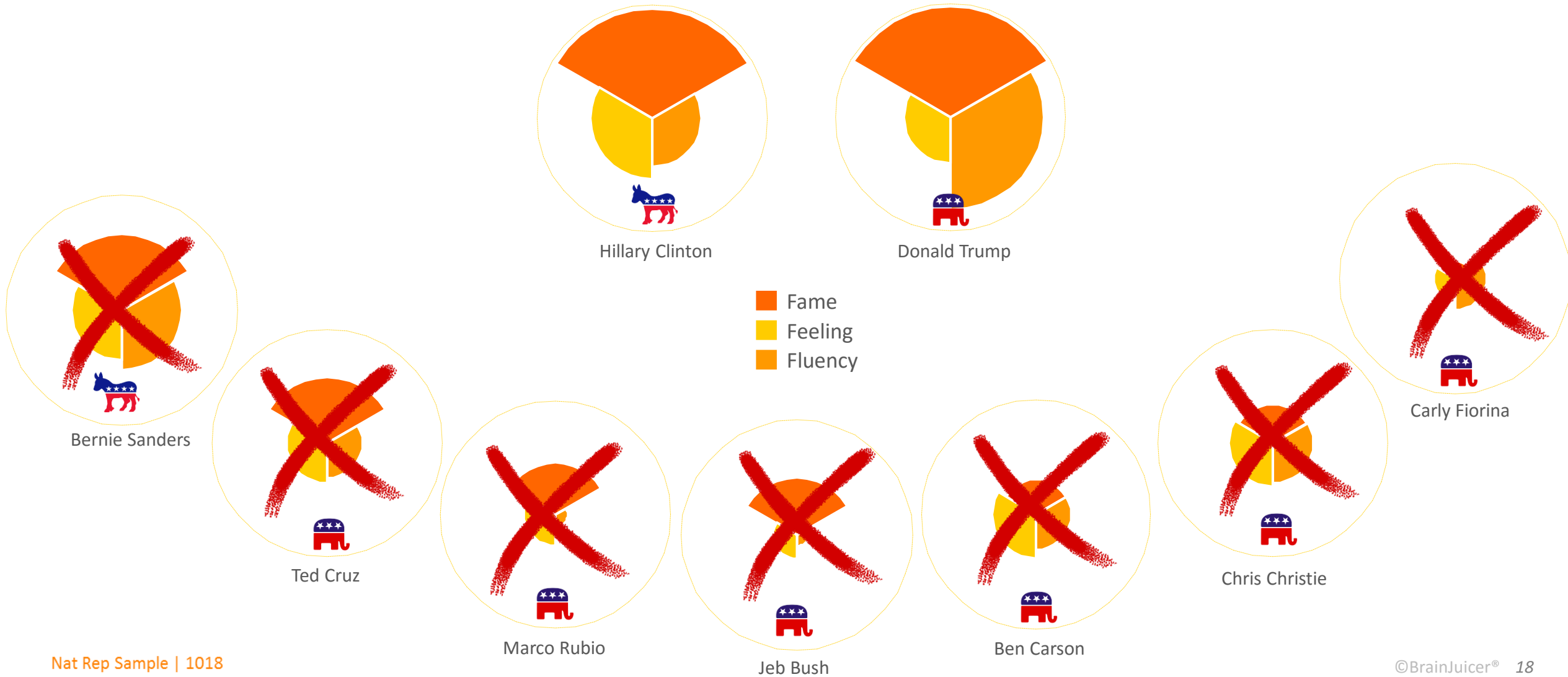


## **Prediction 1: The Nominations**

*It's Clinton v Trump – the rest is a sideshow*

# The Candidates People Want

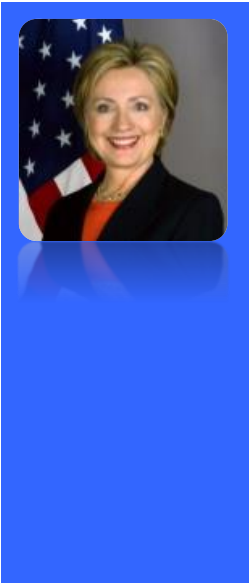
Fame, Feeling and Fluency Percentiles | Nat Rep Sample January 2016 (before the first Caucus/Primary)



# The Candidates People Know

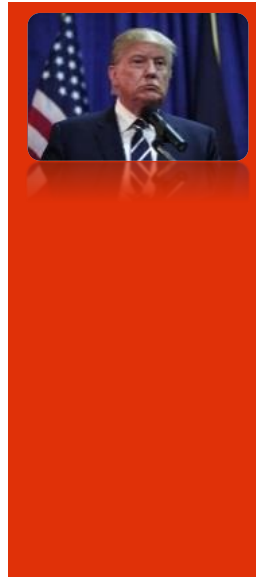
DAT | Picture Matching – % correct attribution

83



Hillary Clinton

82



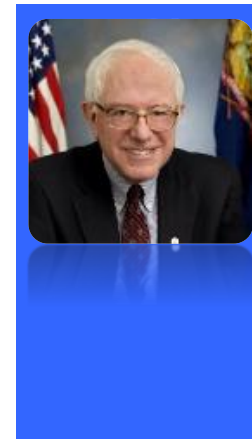
Donald Trump

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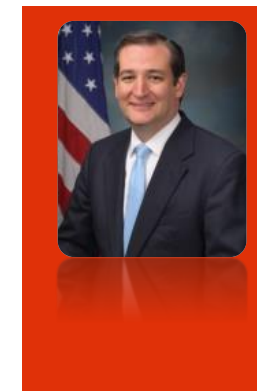
**Donald  
Trump's  
Hair**

62



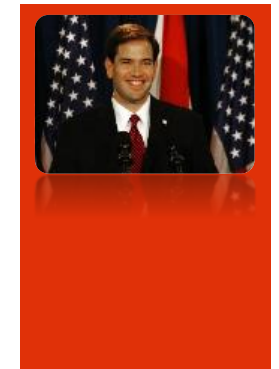
Bernie Sanders

55



Ted Cruz

52



Marco Rubio

# UNFAVORABILITY RATINGS

TRUMP 58%

HILLARY 56%



**Prediction 2: The Race**

*This will be a "lesser of two evils" election*

*Cagle*  
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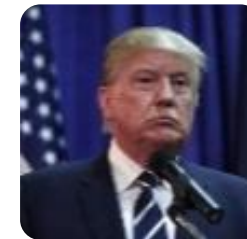
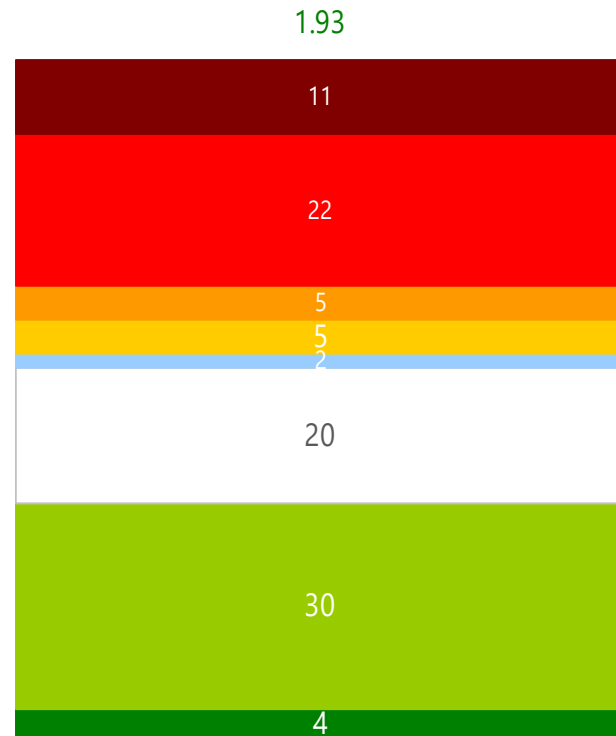
# Feeling | A Majority of Voters Dislikes Each Candidate

## Feeling

Intensity Score  
on scale 0 to +3

- Contempt
- Disgust
- Anger
- Fear
- Sadness
- Neutral
- Happiness
- Surprise

% of respondents



Nat Rep Sample | 916

Which of these faces best expresses how you think people would feel about this candidate?

# Hillary: Strong with a great resume.... But an “unethical liar” and more of the same



1 Hillary Clinton  
(Nat Rep) (300)

She's dishonest!!! And has no sense of the reality of actual people.  
She is a liar and unethical.

Lying, cheating, backstabbing, disloyal, untrustworthy, Benghazi, emails  
Dishonest and blames everyone else including right wing conspiracy  
She has done so many illegal things. She should be in jail  
She is a liar.

Running on a unpleasant policy. Don't agree with her. Nor do I admire her.  
She is a criminal and should be in jail

Sad that our country is stuck on the Clintons. Not anyone else out there?  
She is trying to run for office when she does not need to

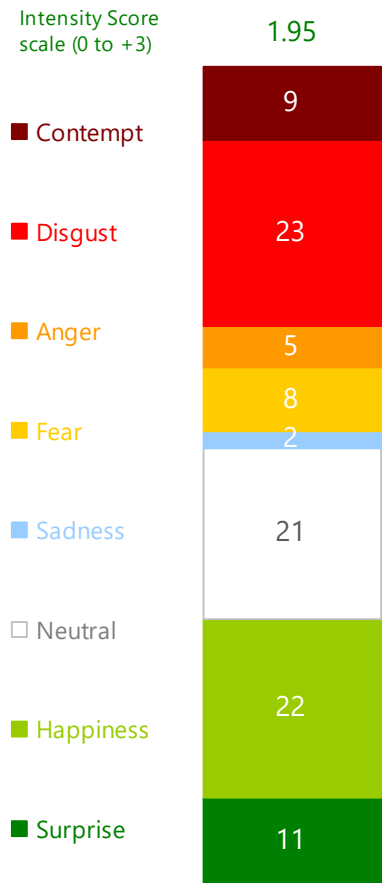
I think she has more experience than the others but not sure she is up for it  
I need to hear more in order to make a real opinion on her.

I think she is a strong woman that would bring a lot to this country  
She has an excellent resume' for the job. She is well qualified for the job,  
Clinton after Clinton

More interested in her policies than I thought I would be.



# Donald: Outspoken, great businessman... but an “arrogant, racist bully”.



5 Donald Trump  
(Nat Rep) (301)

Scares the heck out of me for our country

He's too much of a bully. And, he's too full of himself.

His arrogance, his hatred of everyone not like him, loudness and brashness  
Everything about him and all of his opinions are terrible; if he wins I'm moving

He is very racist and I'm not with his idea of immigrants

He is an arrogant pompous ass with so many hateful views, he disgusts me

Impulsive. May be too trigger happy. Intolerant.

Some of his statements could cause trouble for the united states

He says a lot of stuff that is flat out wrong or a lie

Inexperienced in politics, great businessman, understands economy

Think that he understands the economy but lacks the experience in politics

He says what the majority of Americans feel. Country needs help!!

Think he would do good for the country. Would set us on the right track

I am surprised that so many people in this country love him and want him as President

I'm surprised I agree w/and like him. I also think he would be an embarrassment





## **Prediction 3: The Debates**

*Trump keeps setting the agenda*





# Fluency | Trump The Most Distinctive By Far

Fluency: Fluency Percentile

Fluency Percentile



DONALD TRUMP

81

BERNIE SANDERS

52

HILLARY CLINTON

43

BEN CARSON

36

TED CRUZ

31

CARLY FIORINA

27

CHRIS CHRISTIE

26

MARCO RUBIO

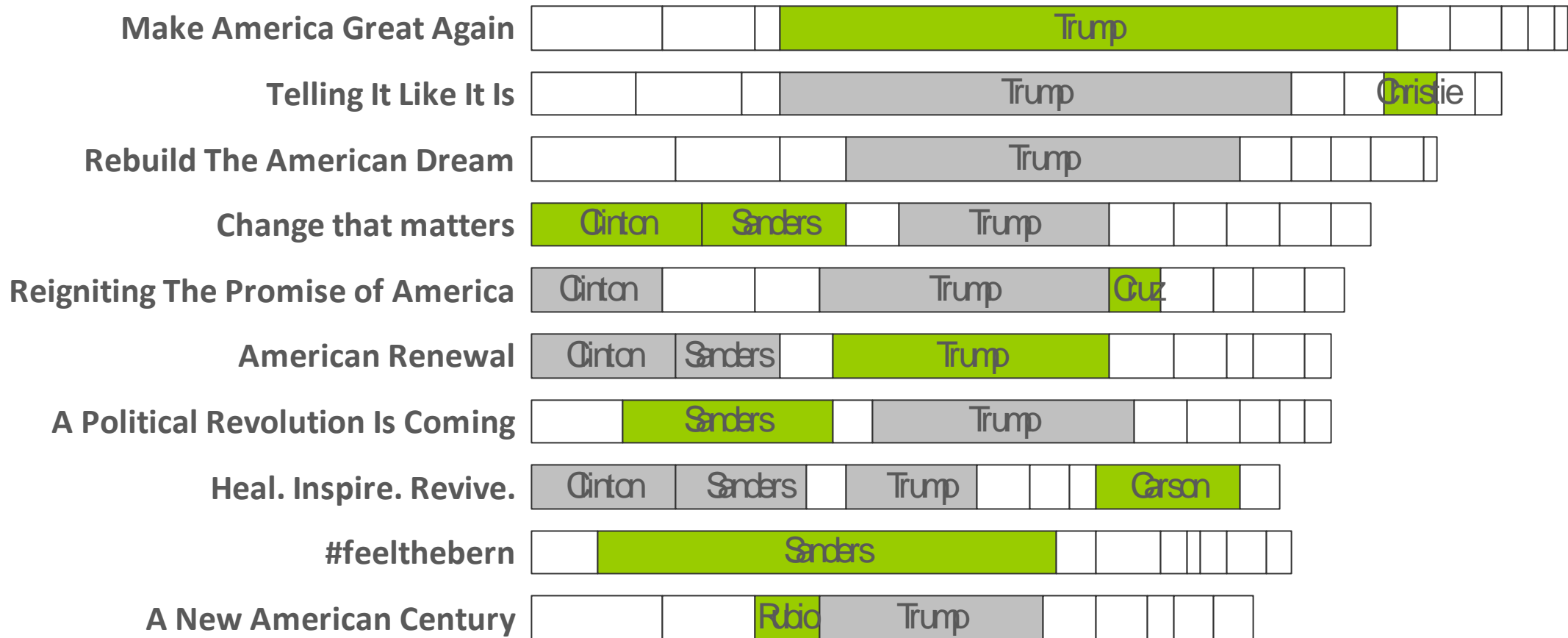
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JEB BUSH

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# Fluency | Trump Owns The Conversation On Slogans...

## Distinctive Assets Test | Slogans

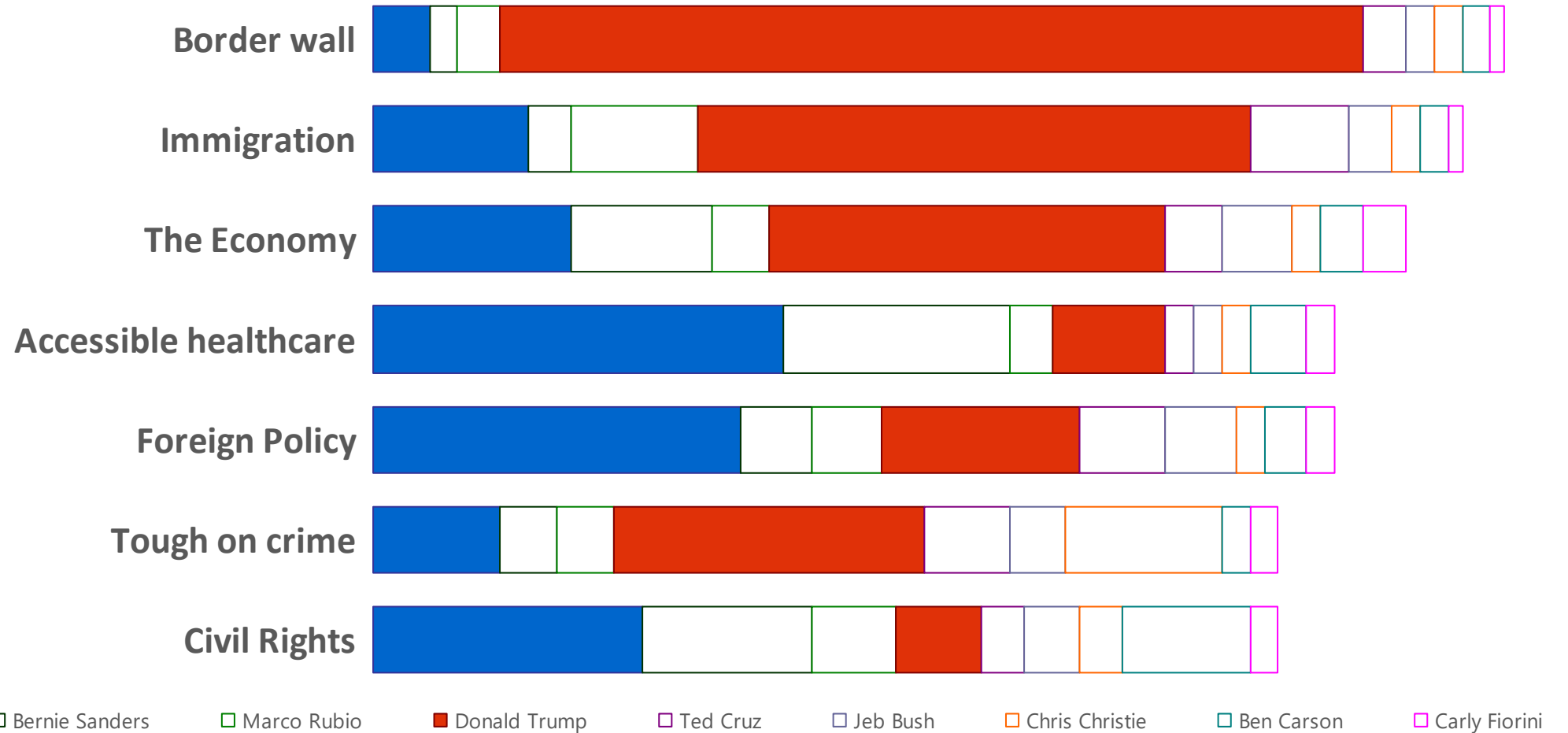


■ Correctly attributed  
■ Incorrectly attributed, of interest

All blank segments are slogans that are incorrectly attributed to a candidate; Grey incorrect segments of interest; Green correctly attributed

# Fluency | ...And On Policy Proposals

Distinctive Assets Test | Words





## Prediction 4: The Ground Game

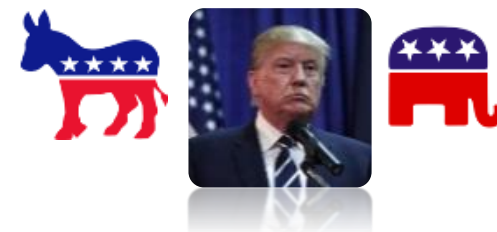
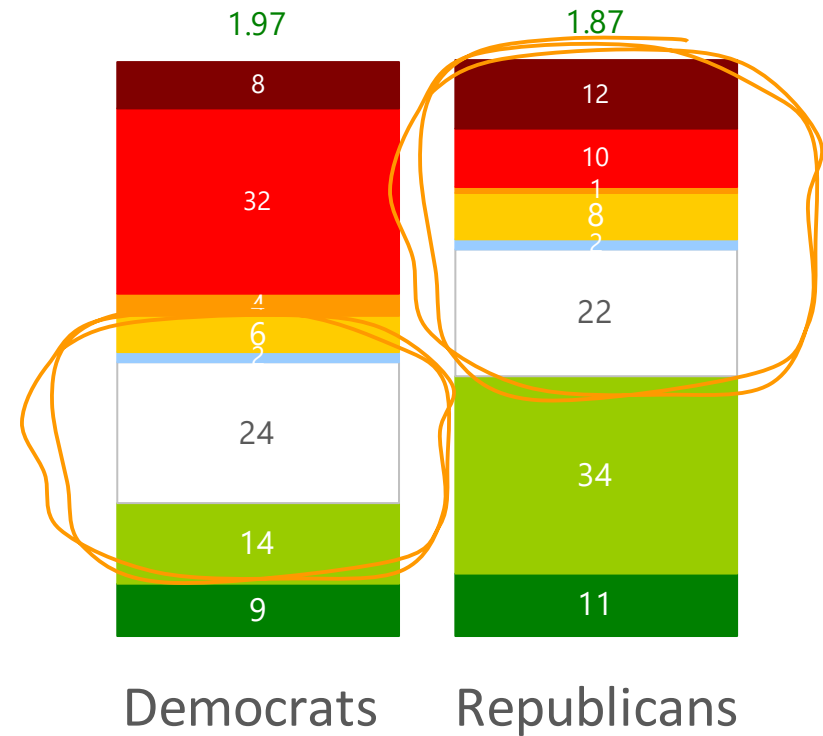
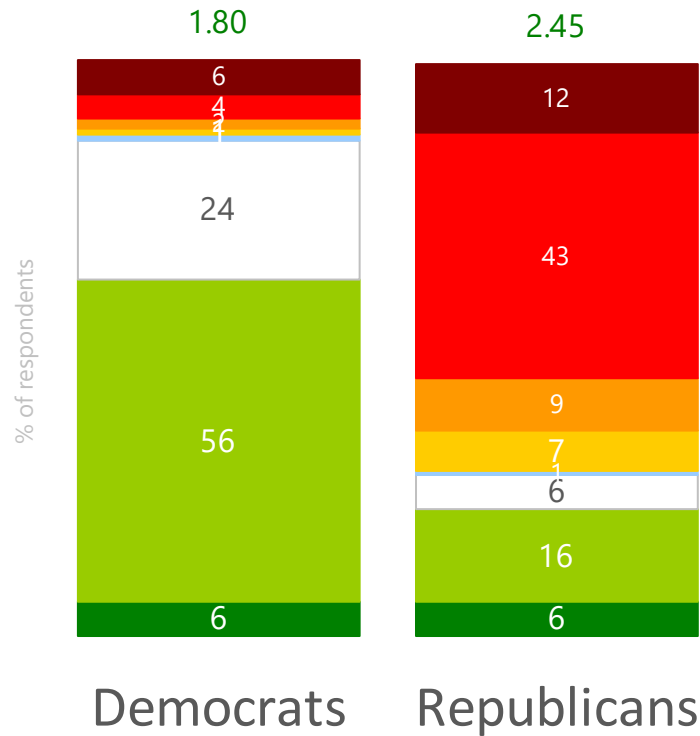
*Trump breaks the Republican mould*

# Feeling | Trump Has Greater Chance of Winning Over The Enemy than Hillary, But Is Weaker Among His Own Party Supporters

## Feeling

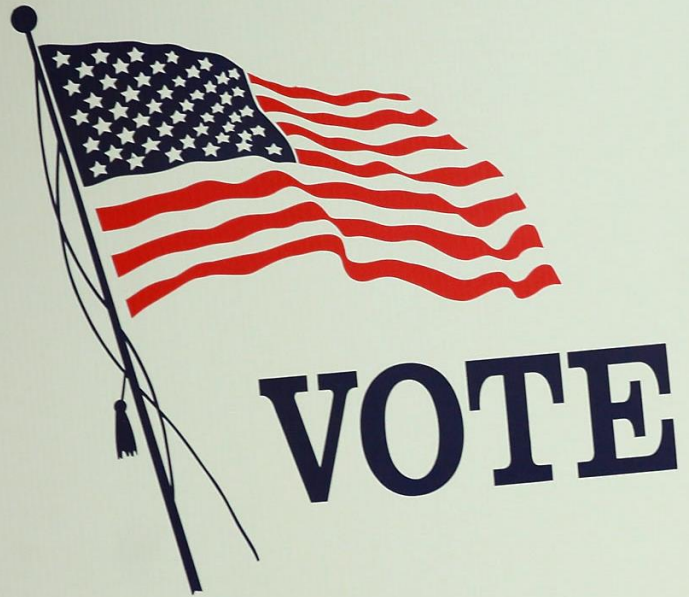
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Nat Rep AND | Democrat | Republican

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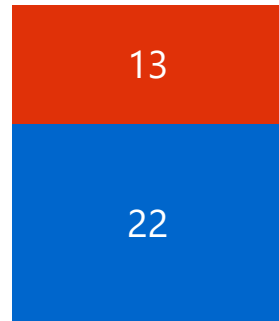
**Prediction 5: The Decision**

*Hillary's last-minute voter advantage*

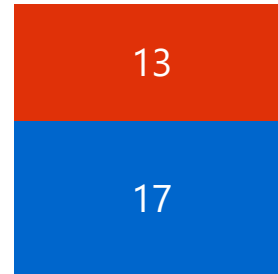
# Fluency | Clinton Is More Associated With The Trappings Of Office

## Distinctive Assets Test | Imagery

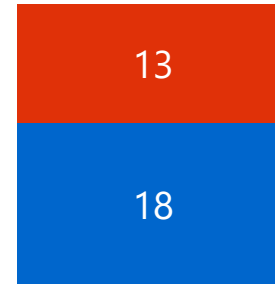
■ Hillary Clinton ■ Donald Trump



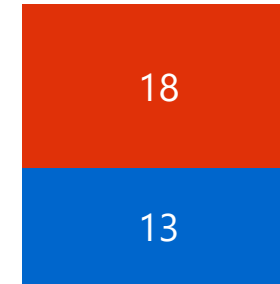
White House



Presidential Seal



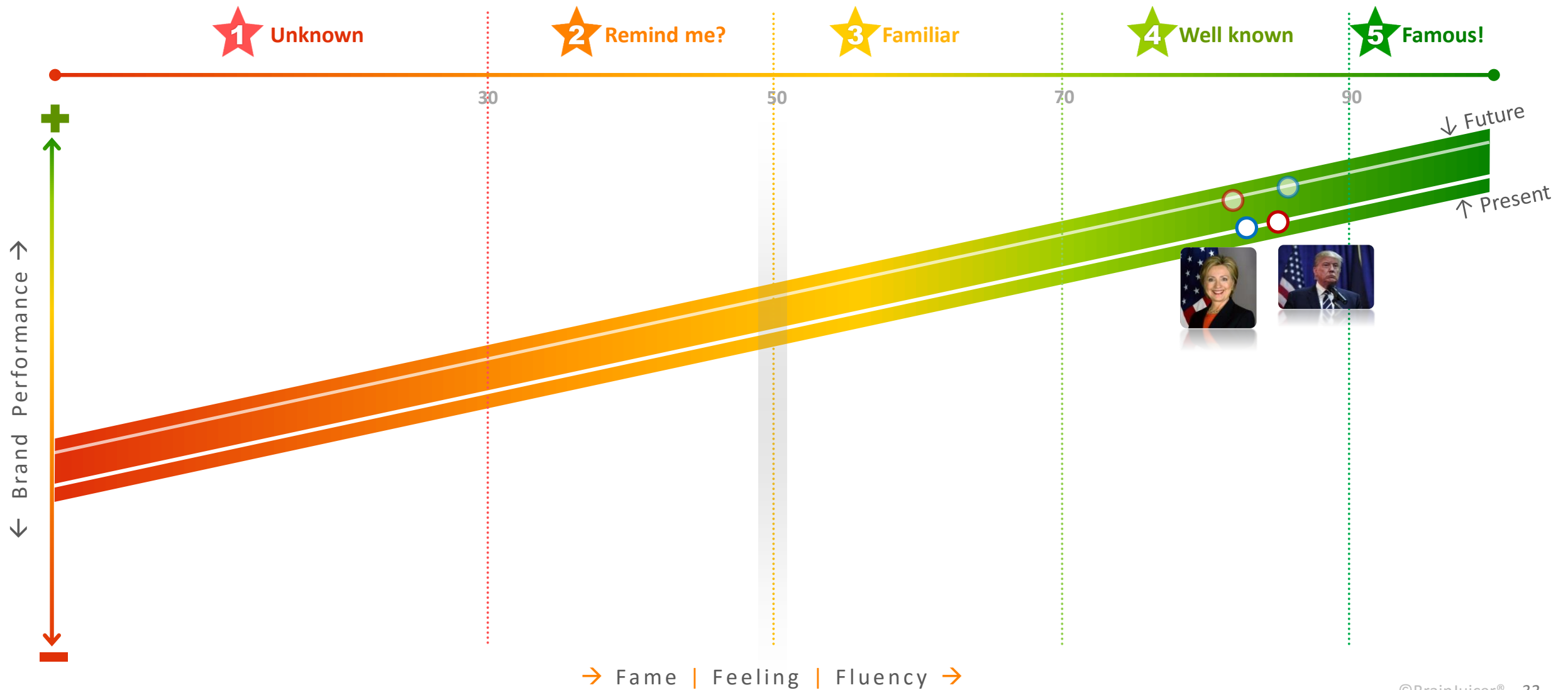
Oval Office



Air Force One



Our original prediction: Almost too close to call but Clinton could still clinch it.



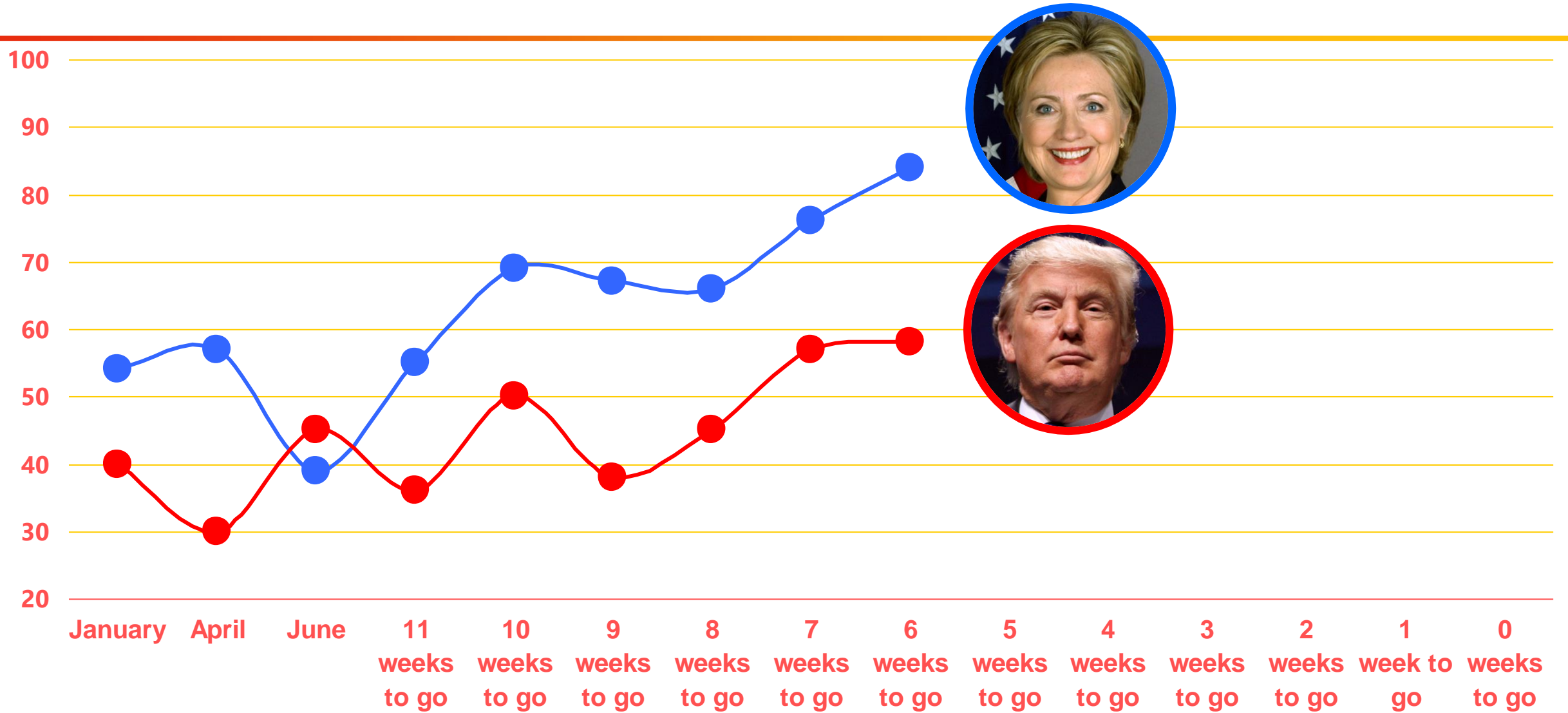




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So How Have They Done?  
*A Remarkably Stable Race*

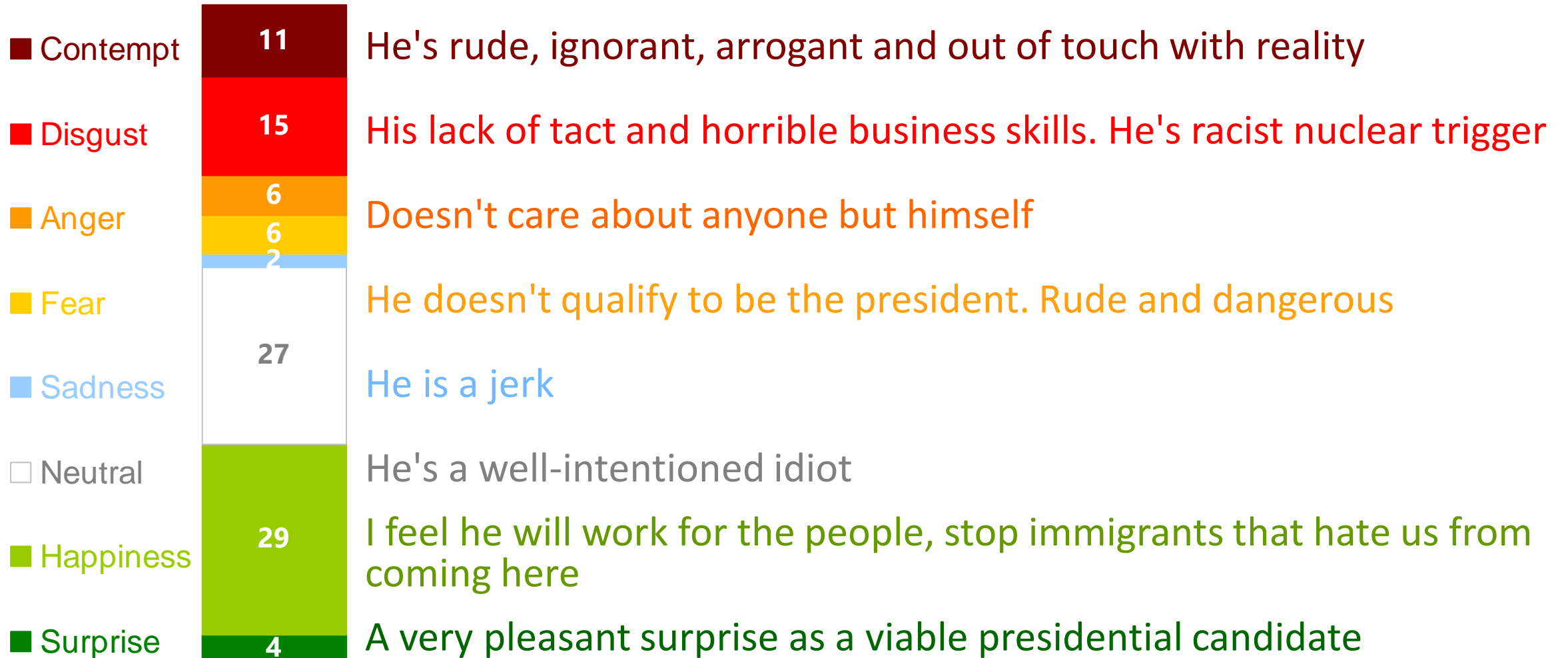
# 6 Weeks To Go | Clinton v Trump Feeling Scores



**6 Weeks To Go**

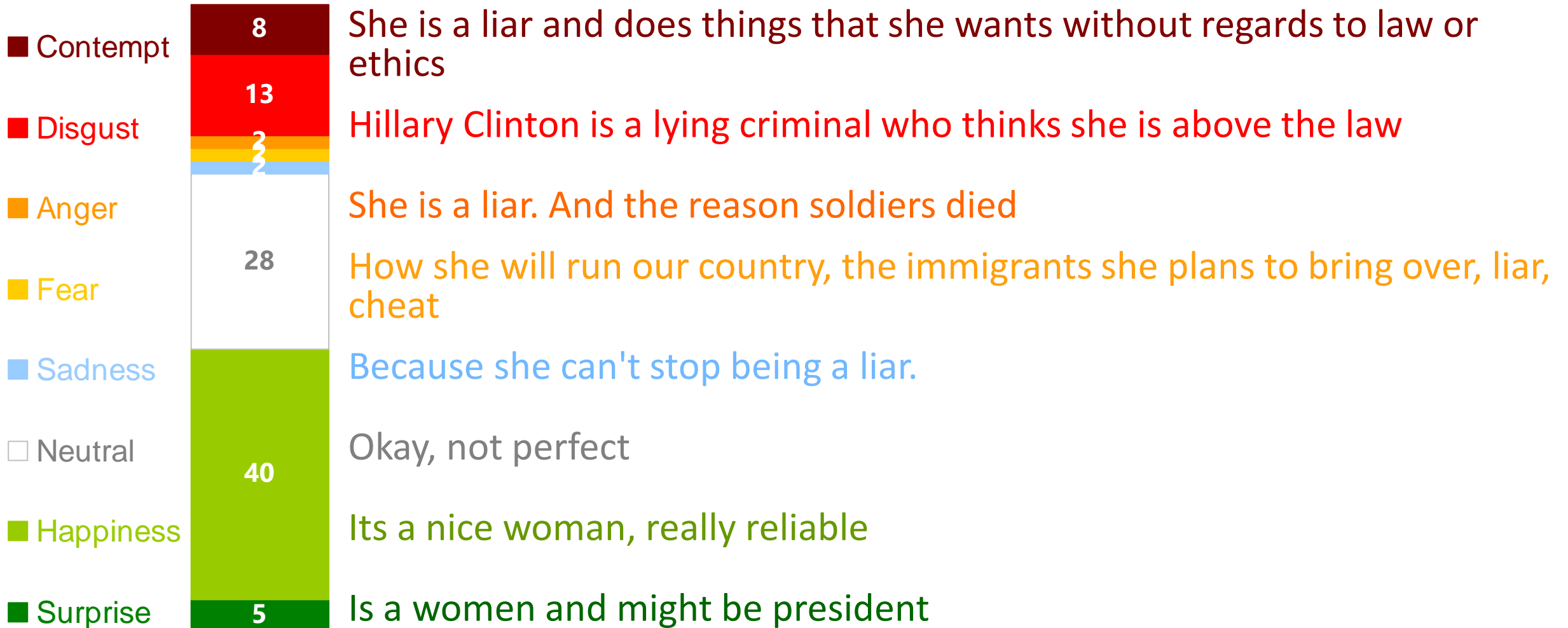


## Emotional Breakdown | Trump





## Emotional Breakdown | Clinton





Thank you



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