**Do more U.S. voters cast a [straight-ticket](http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/straight-ticket-voting.aspx%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)\* or a [split-ticket](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/05/20/the-striking-evaporation-of-split-ticket-voting/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) ballot?**



# How accurate was your prediction?

# Does this information surprise you?

# What trend do you see in the chart?

# What do you think explains that trend?

# What is one consequence of that trend?

# Is that good news or bad news?

# How will this affect this year's election?

# Which party do you think is more worried about this trend right now?

# Is it possible to cast a split-ticket in a midterm election?

# Do you think that split-ticket voting is a bad idea?

# Would you vote a split-ticket?

# Learning Extension

# Check out these cool charts on split-ticket voting from [WAPO](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-fix/wp/2016/05/20/the-striking-evaporation-of-split-ticket-voting/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).

# Action Extension

# Talk to people until you find someone who is planning (or would if they could) a split-ticket vote. Try to understand why they are splitting their ticket and share your conversation with the class.

### \*Straight-ticket voting (also called straight-party voting) allows voters to choose a party’s entire slate of candidates with just a single ballot marking. Voters make one punch or mark on the ballot in order to vote for every candidate of that party for each office on the ballot.