

Gov 50: 10. Survey Sampling

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Roadmap

1. Proportion tables
2. Measurement

1/ Proportion tables

```
library(gov50data)
cces_2020
```

```
## # A tibble: 51,551 x 6
##   gender race educ pid3 turnout_self pres_vote
##   <fct> <fct> <fct> <fct> <dbl> <fct>
## 1 Male White 2-year Repu~ 1 Donald J~
## 2 Female White Post-grad Demo~ NA <NA>
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## 6 Male White Some college Repu~ 1 Donald J~
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## 8 Female White Some college Inde~ 1 Donald J~
## 9 Female White High school gr~ Repu~ 1 Donald J~
## 10 Female White 4-year Demo~ 1 Joe Bide~
## # i 51,541 more rows
```

Mutate after summarizing

```
cces_2020 |>
  group_by(pres_vote) |>
  summarize(n = n()) |>
  mutate(prop = n / sum(n))
```

```
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##   pres_vote                n      prop
##   <fct>                   <int>  <dbl>
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## 2 Donald J. Trump (Republican) 17702 0.343
## 3 Other                   1458 0.0283
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Doesn't work if you have filtered the data in any way during the pipe

Multiple grouping variables

What happens with multiple grouping variables

```
vote_by_party <- cces_2020 |>
  filter(pres_vote %in% c("Joe Biden (Democrat)",
                        "Donald J. Trump (Republican)")) |>
  mutate(pres_vote = if_else(pres_vote == "Joe Biden (Democrat)",
                            "Biden", "Trump")) |>
  group_by(pid3, pres_vote) |>
  summarize(n = n()) |>
  mutate(prop = n / sum(n)) |>
  select(-n)

vote_by_party
```



```
## # A tibble: 10 x 3
## # Groups:   pid3 [5]
##   pid3      pres_vote  prop
##   <fct>    <chr>      <dbl>
## 1 Democrat Biden      0.968
## 2 Democrat Trump      0.0319
## 3 Republican Biden     0.0712
## 4 Republican Trump     0.929
## 5 Independent Biden     0.571
## 6 Independent Trump     0.429
## 7 Other      Biden     0.487
## 8 Other      Trump     0.513
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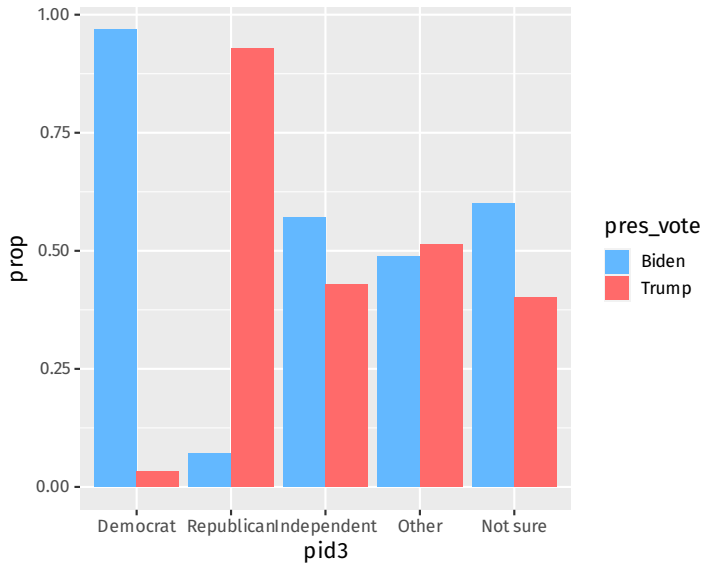
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With multiple grouping variables, `summarize()` drops the last one.

Visualizing the cross-tab

We can visualize this using the `fill` aesthetic and `position="dodge"`:

```
ggplot(vote_by_party,  
       aes(x = pid3, y = prop, fill = pres_vote)) +  
  geom_col(position = "dodge") +  
  scale_fill_manual(values = c(Biden = "steelblue1", Trump = "indianred1"))
```



Pivoting to create cross-tab

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  pivot_wider(
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    values_from = prop
  )
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## # A tibble: 2 x 6
##   pres_vote Democrat Republican Independent Other `Not sure`
##   <chr>         <dbl>     <dbl>         <dbl> <dbl>     <dbl>
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What if we want row proportions?

Switch the grouping variables to switch denominator:

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## # Groups:   pres_vote [2]
##   pres_vote Democrat Republican Independent Other
##   <chr>         <dbl>         <dbl>         <dbl> <dbl>
## 1 Biden         0.674         0.0327        0.252 0.0281
## 2 Trump         0.0328        0.631         0.280 0.0437
## # i 1 more variable: `Not sure` <dbl>
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Proportion of all observations

If we want the proportion of all rows, drop all groups

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## 1 Biden          0.402          0.0195         0.150 0.0167
## 2 Trump          0.0132         0.254          0.113 0.0176
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- Need **operational definition** to concretely measure these concepts

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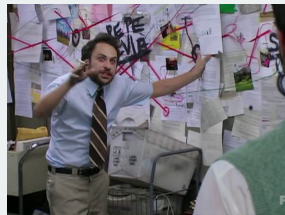


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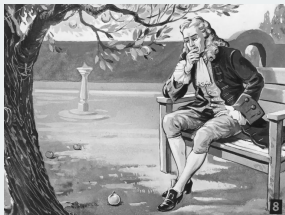
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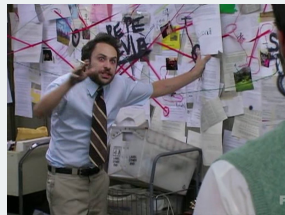


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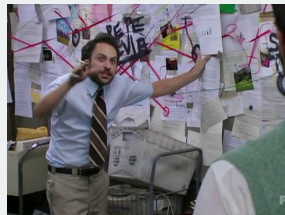


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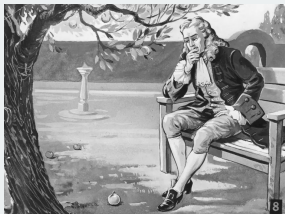
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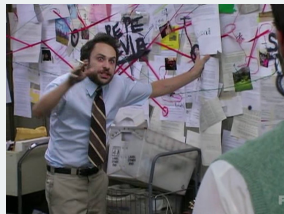
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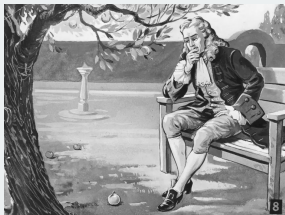
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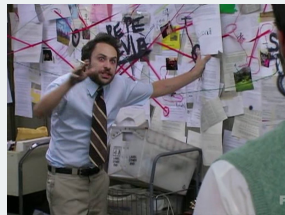
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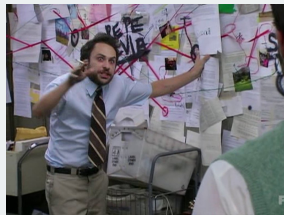
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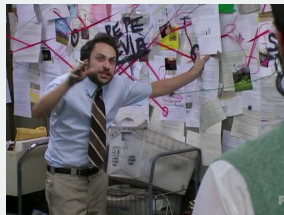
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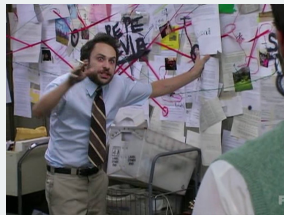
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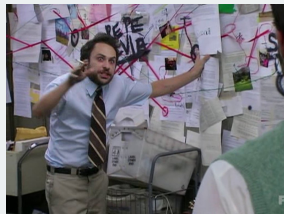
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- Extent of gerrymandering

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 - “On a scale from 1 to 5, where 1 is least supportive and 5 is more supportive, how much would you say you support the job that Joe Biden is doing as president?”

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↔ underreporting

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1948 Election



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