

Initial Research Question:

Which states make it more difficult to vote?



What are the things that make it easier or more difficult to vote?

Registration deadlines!



But Also,

- No automatic voter registration
- No online voter registration
- No felon registration
- Registration drive restrictions



Related to Actually Casting a Ballot:

- No early voting
- Limits on absentee voting
- No time off from work for voting (no paid time off)
- The elimination of polling stations
- Limited poll hours



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Voter ID Laws

- Only signature required (min.)
- Photo ID strictly enforced (max.)

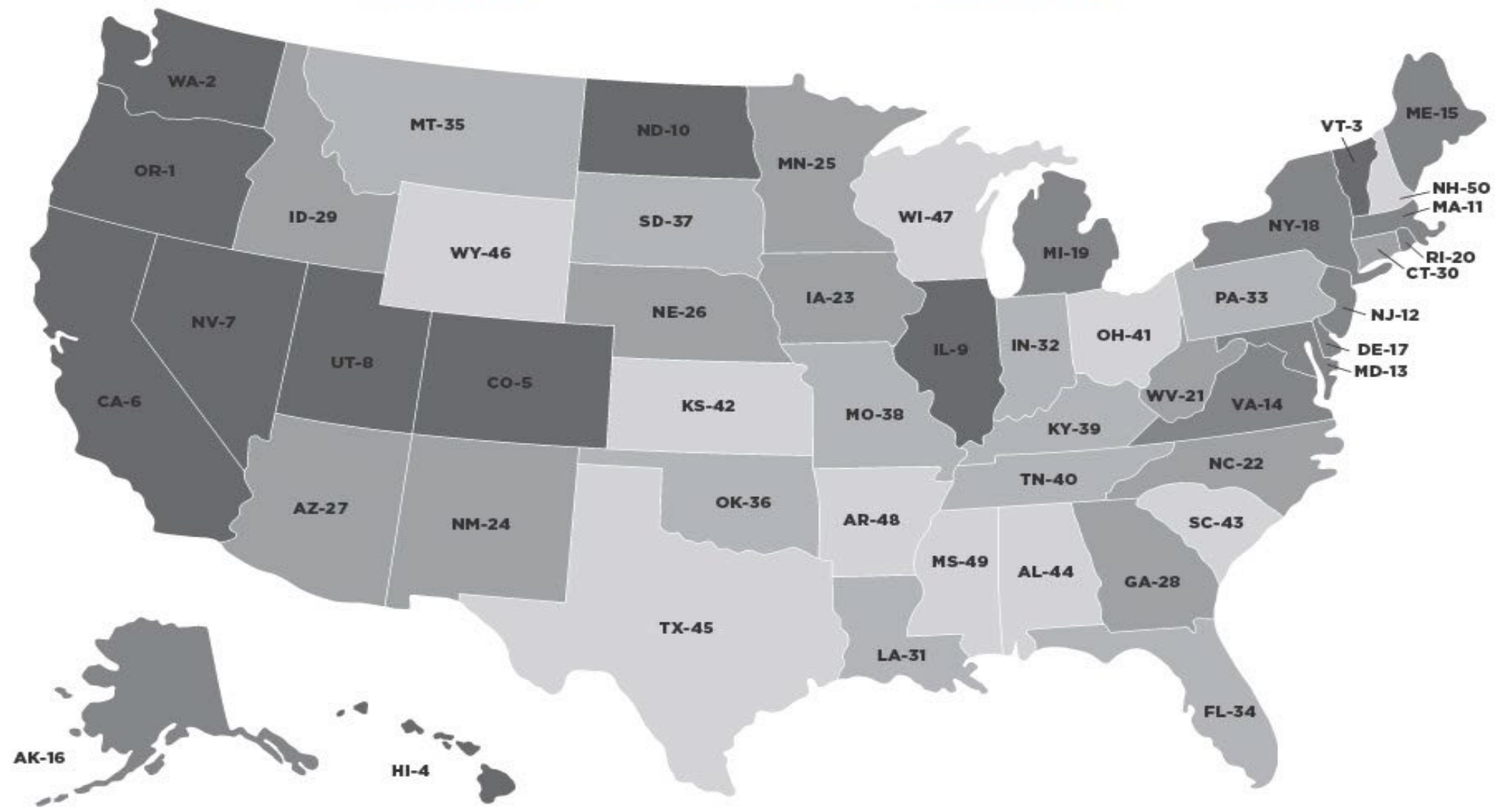
Preregistration Laws

- 16-year-old can register (min.)
- No pre-registration (max.)



Voting in America

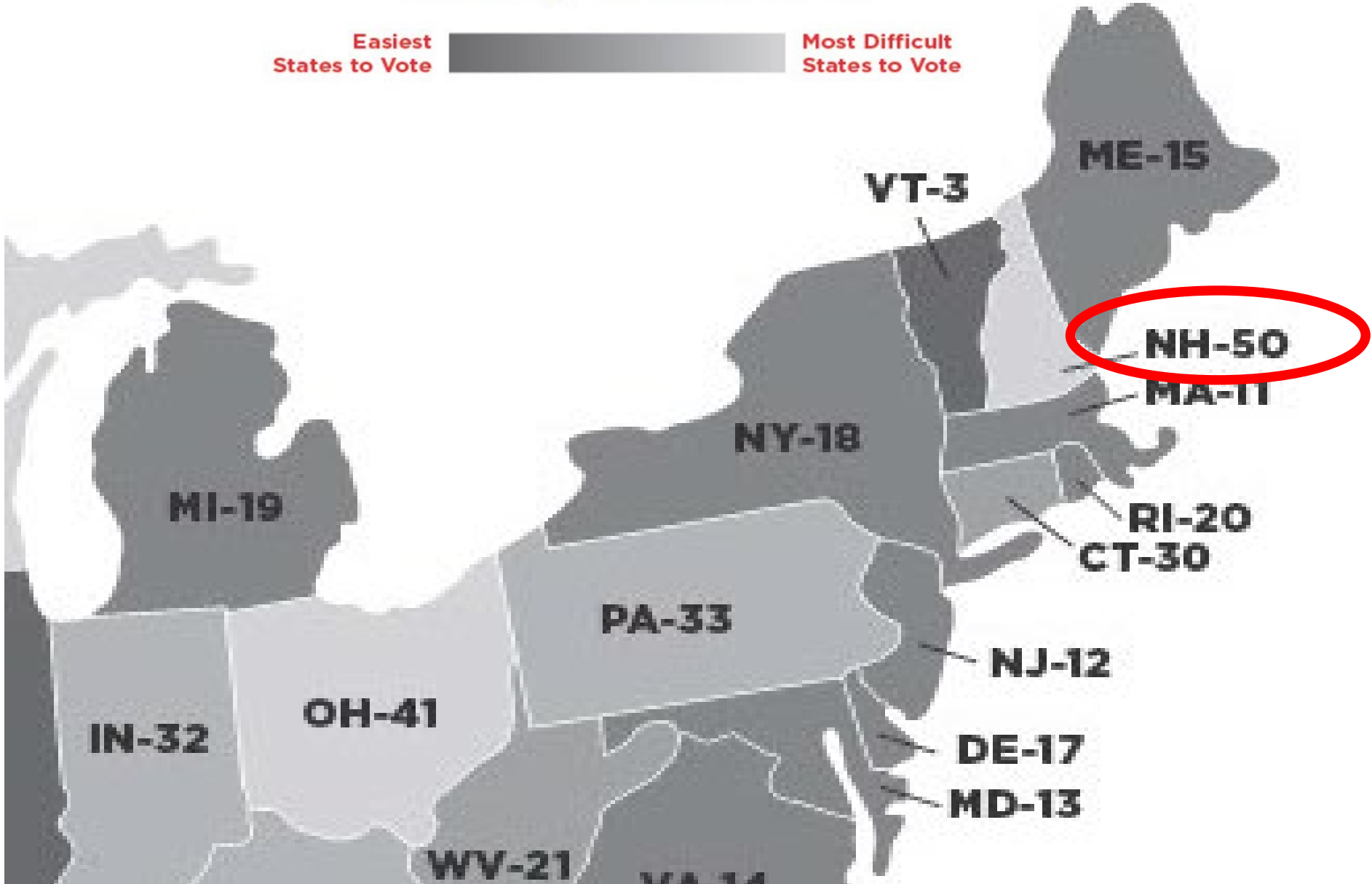
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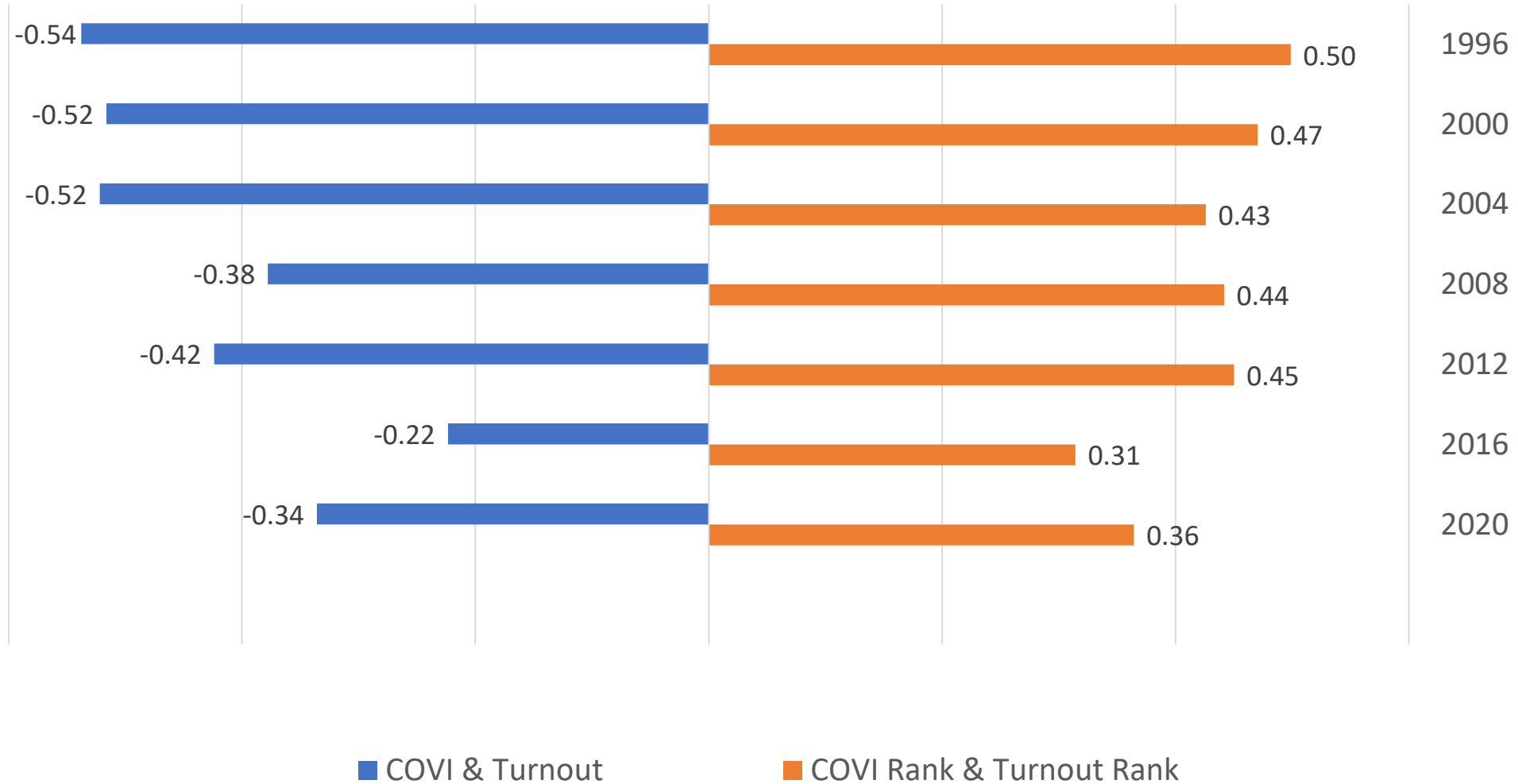
Rankings based on Cost of Voting Index values 2022
Source: Northern Illinois University

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COVI and Voter Turnout *



* Always statistically significant $P < .05$

What else determines voter turnout?

1. State culture – which in many cases also predicts COVI values. But not in NH.
2. The closeness of elections
 - The attention paid to elections
 - The amount of campaigning that takes place.
3. Education – NH is 8th
4. Income – NH is 9th



Which party benefits from easy voting?

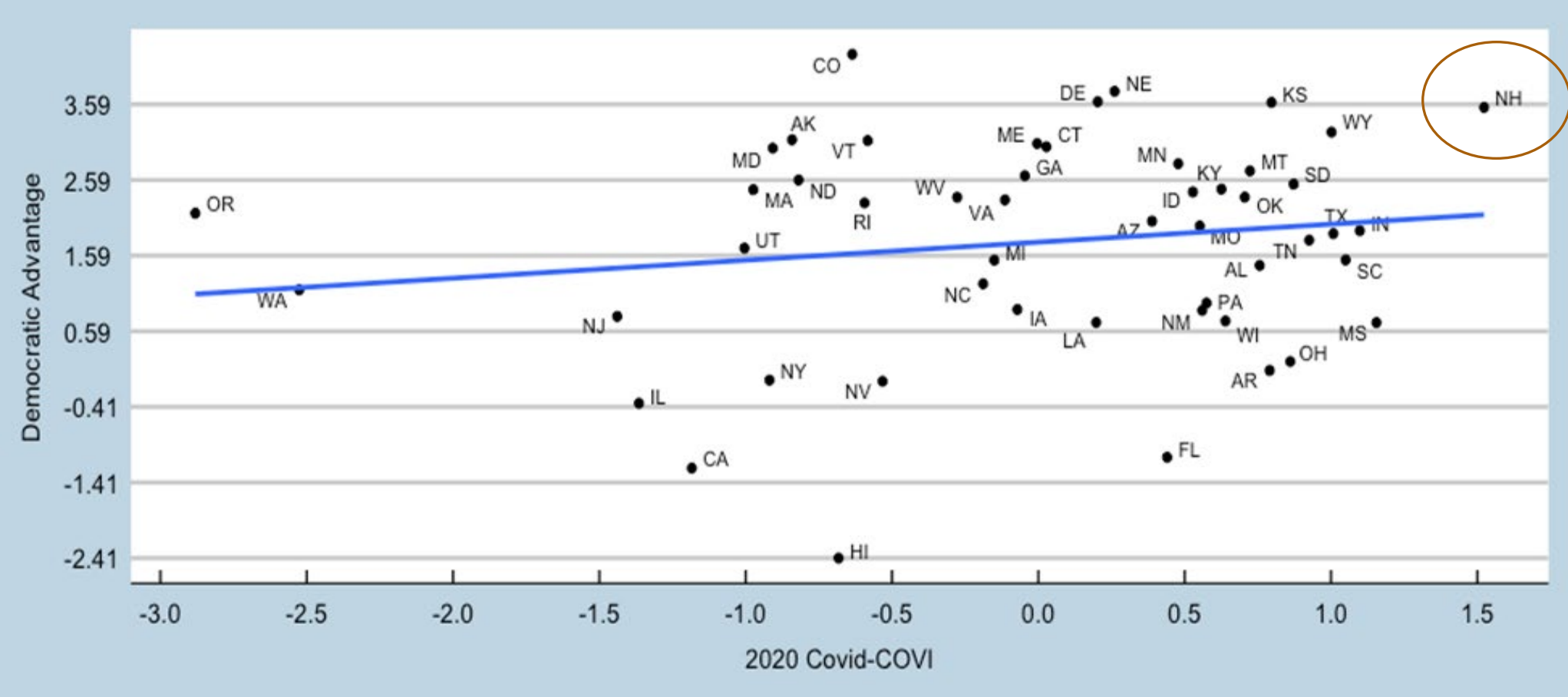
1. Initially, it was the Democrats who were concerned.

2. After 2008, the Republicans began to worry. The logo for 'Easy Vote' features the word 'Easy' in blue and 'Vote' in red, with a red checkmark symbol integrated into the letter 'V'.

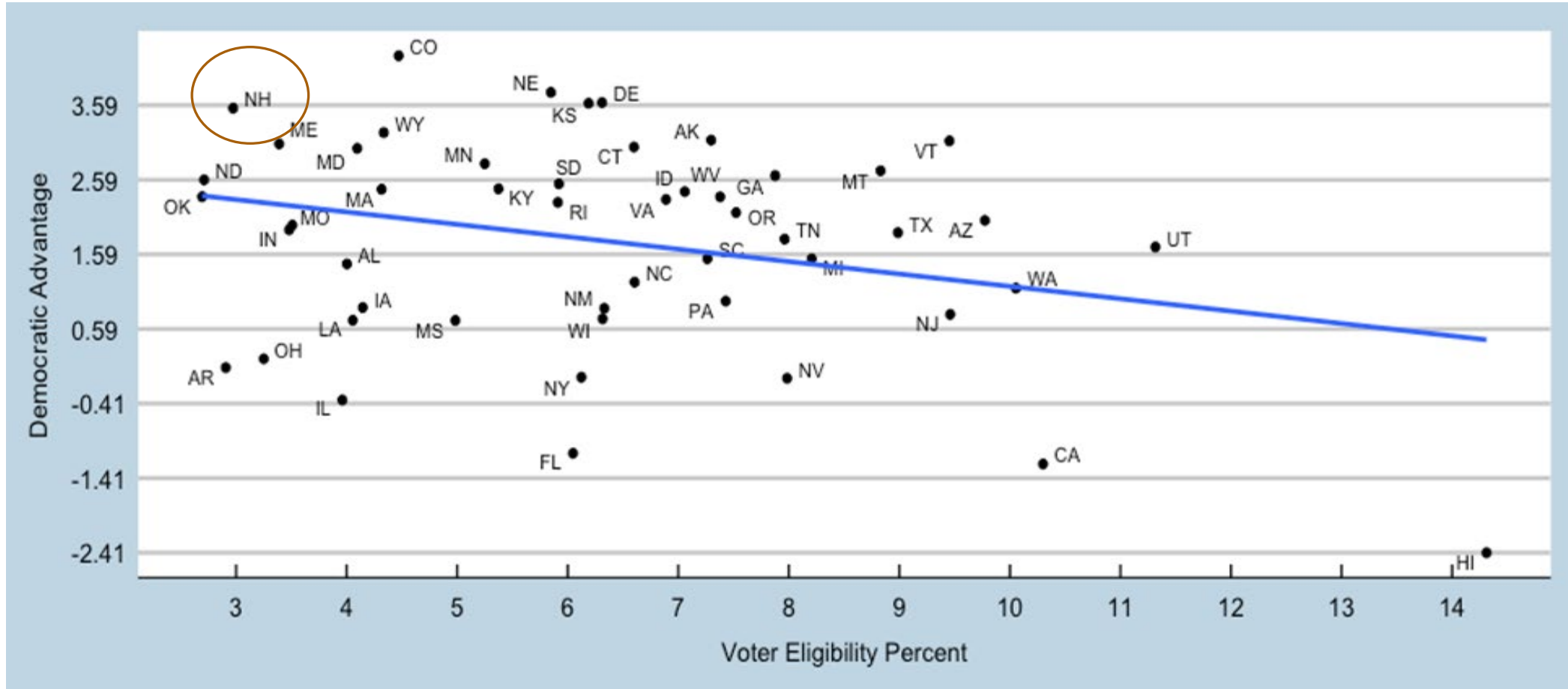
3. Then, Trump spreads lies about election fraud.

4. To date, no evidence of a partisan advantage.

The COVI and the Difference in Support for Joe Biden in 2020 Versus Hillary Clinton in 2016



Increase in Voter Turnout and Support for Joe Biden in 2020 Versus Hillary Clinton in 2016



Why make voting easier?

1. Including people in the political process reduces political violence.
2. Restricted voting disproportionately disenfranchises certain subpopulations.
3. Many of the new technologies that make voting easier increase election security.

