

The landscape of American politics has changed significantly as the nation has seemingly become more polarized all throughout the government system. This project expanded my understanding of this political sphere by observing re wave of polarization.

This project was broken down into three phases. First, I collected votes on various enforcement actions done by the FEC. I observed Matters Under Review (MUR), which are instances where the FEC votes on certain regulatory actions and if campaigns violate those rules. I also observed Advisory Opinions (AO), which are instances where campaigns ask how certain regulations apply to their work and if they violated those rules. Finally, I looked at Regulations, where the FEC votes on new regulatory frameworks for campaigns to follow me to

to analyze the data and draw trends between the

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political campaigns. FEC commissioners are partisan and

they aim to have equal amounts of Democrat and Republican commissioners on the board at all times. This means that their votes are partisan, and this is allowed. I worked mainly with data from the last four years and found that certain commissioners tend to vote with their party ideals and tend to vote but

also serve as a troubling confirmation that the American government is becoming increasingly polarized as time progresses. Although campaign finance is only one small part of the American government system, these findings demonstrate that polarization is penetrating our government, which raises concerns about the broader impact on policy-making and campaigns in the United States.