year and question number and the map will automatically update with the corresponding information. The app lets users hover over the towns in Maine to identify the town name, as well as the proportion of yes votes for the selected year and question. Finally, the app allows users to download the data set used to create the map, so that future researchers can use our data for various other models. A link to the shiny app with a subset of data from 2012-2017 is available at the following <u>link</u>. In addition to this programming work, I a

As for the historical and political approach, I consulted literature on Maine political and electoral history. The first book I read was *Maine Politics and Government* by Kenneth Palmer. Palmer discussion of the suburbanization of southern Maine in the late 20th and early 21st centuries provided important insight into the disparities in voting patterns between towns in Maine districts. I then read *The Lobster Coast: Rebels, Rusticators, and the Struggle for a Forgotten Frontier* by Colin Woodard. While much of this book is a story-like narrative dedicated to the relationship between Maine d culture, Woodard also makes some valuable insights into recent demographic changes in the state. Woodard explains that the increase in property taxes in southern and midcoast