

Presidential Trial Heats

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"Why Are American Presidential Election Polls So Variable When Votes Are So Predictable?"

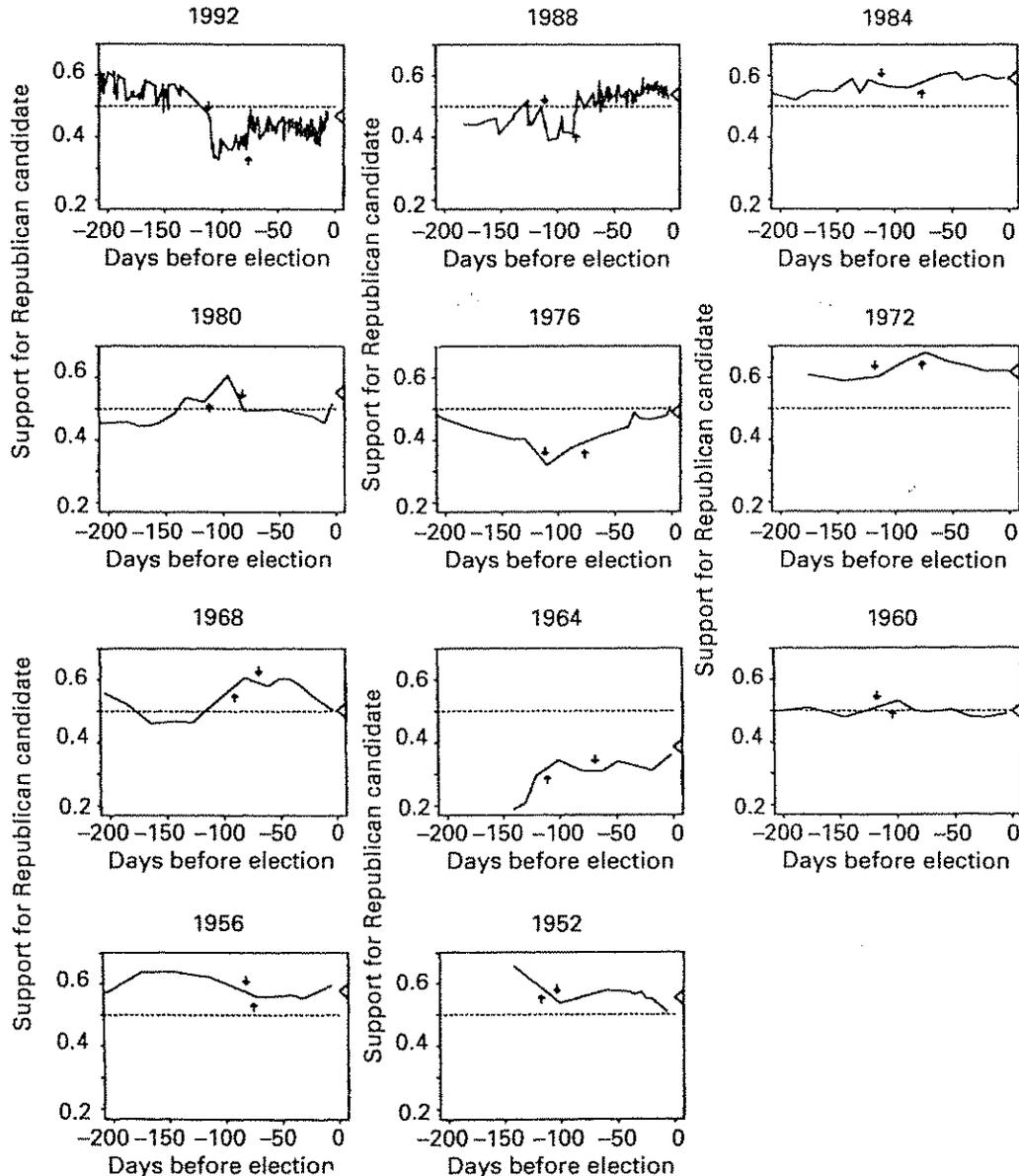


Fig. 1. Presidential trial heats

Notes: The solid line in each plot is the proportion of the survey respondents who would vote for the Republican candidate for president, among those who report a preference for the Democratic or Republican candidates. The 1992 and 1988 graphs include data from all available nationwide polls; plots for the other years are from the Gallup Report. The upward arrow marks the time of Republican convention and the downward arrow marks the time of the Democratic convention.