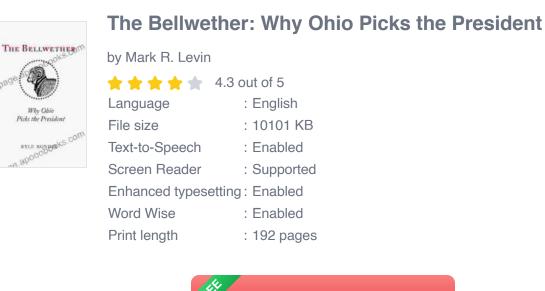# The Bellwether: Why Ohio Picks the President

In the 2020 election, Ohio was once again a bellwether state, accurately predicting the outcome of the presidential race. This article explores the history of Ohio as a bellwether state and the factors that have contributed to its predictive power.

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Ohio's History as a Bellwether State

Ohio has a long history of being a bellwether state. Since 1896, the state has voted for the winning presidential candidate in all but two elections (1944 and 1960). This track record has made Ohio one of the most closely watched states in presidential elections.

There are a number of factors that have contributed to Ohio's status as a bellwether state. First, Ohio is a politically diverse state. It has a mix of urban, suburban, and rural areas, and its population is evenly divided

between Democrats and Republicans. This makes it difficult for either party to win Ohio by a large margin.

Second, Ohio is a swing state. In recent elections, the margin of victory in Ohio has often been very close. This means that even a small shift in the vote can swing the state to either party.
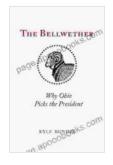
Finally, Ohio is a microcosm of the United States. It has a similar demographic makeup to the country as a whole, and its economy is diversified. This makes it a good indicator of the national mood and the issues that are important to voters.

The Factors that Contribute to Ohio's Predictive Power

There are a number of factors that contribute to Ohio's predictive power. These include:

- **The state's political diversity.** As mentioned above, Ohio is a politically diverse state. This makes it difficult for either party to win Ohio by a large margin.

- **The state's swing state status.** Ohio is a swing state, which means that the margin of victory is often very close. This makes it even more difficult for either party to predict the outcome of the race in Ohio.

- **The state's microcosm of the United States.** Ohio has a similar demographic makeup to the country as a whole, and its economy is diversified. This makes it a good indicator of the national mood and the issues that are important to voters.

Ohio's status as a bellwether state is due to a number of factors, including its political diversity, swing state status, and microcosm of the United States. These factors make it difficult for either party to win Ohio by a large margin, and they also make Ohio a good indicator of the national mood and the issues that are important to voters.

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