**POLITICAL PARTIES - GROUP PROJECT**

**Group #:**

**Names:**

**What party have we been assigned?:**

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| **Instructions:**  Your group has been assigned one of the major parties in our two-party system OR one of the more influential third parties. You will be working together to learn about what ideas that your political party stands for and what ideas they are against. You will report on the ideas of your party, choose a candidate to run for President who represents the ideas of your party, and design a campaign poster and campaign speech that reflect these ideas. Your group will then present these to the class. |

**Step 1: Choose the roles for your group. Everyone must have at least one role!**

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| **ROLE** | **NAMES** |
| Who will read the political parties fact sheet out to your group? |  |
| Who will work on completing the questions below? | Everyone! |
| Who will help to select your candidate? | Everyone! |
| Who will work on the poster? (half of the group) |  |
| Who will work on the campaign speech? (the other half of the group) |  |
| Who will present the project to the class? (select two of the group) |  |

**Step 2: Read the Political Parties FACT SHEET file that is posted in the “Files” section of each group. Focus on your specific political party, looking for the major ideas that your party believes in or is against. Fill them in below.**

What are the major beliefs or ideas of your political party? (pick at least 4 things/ideas)

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What is your political party against? (pick at least 2 things)

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**Step 3: Choose a party from a different page on the Political Parties FACT SHEET file that is posted in the files section of each group. Read about this party, and look for two differences between your party and that other party.**

Which political party are we comparing our party to?

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What are two ways that our party is different from that other party? (be specific!)

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**Step 4: Pretend that your political party is running a candidate for President in the 2020 presidential election. Use the information that you have come up with above and your own creativity to select a candidate who would best represent the ideas of your party. Highlight the candidate you have chosen. Please discuss this in the group video call to make your choice together as a group!**

First, you must choose a candidate from those below. Highlight the candidate.

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| **Nicole Rodriguez**   * Small business owner * Wants lower taxes * Wants fewer government regulations | **Peter Marino**   * Son of immigrants * Plumber * Wants more government services | **Juan Gonzalez**   * Army veteran * Wants a strong military * Believes USA should play a stronger role in the world |
| **Melissa Patrino**   * Firefighter * Active in her church * Wants less government regulation | **Mark Whipple**   * Scientist * Worried about climate change * Wants more green energy initiatives using public funds | **Jessica Martinez**   * Gun instructor * Pro 2nd Amendment * Wants lower taxes |
| **Julian O’Brien**   * Lawyer * Against the death penalty * Pro-immigration | **Amanda Del Potro**   * Feminist * Wants health care for all, paid for by government | **Sam Jones**   * Police Officer * Advocate for traditional marriages |

Which candidate did you (as a group) select to run as your party’s nominee for President?

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Why did you select that candidate?

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What might be a slogan (or catchphrase) that you can come up with for your candidate that would reflect them and your party’s ideas/platform?

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**Step 5: Half of the group will work to create a campaign poster that reflects the platform (ideas) of your candidate and your party. There is a blank PowerPoint file that has been posted in the group “Files” section that is labeled “Political Parties POSTER.” You may use this file or create your own.**

Your poster should contain the following items:

* Candidate name
* Political Party name
* A logo or image that represents the candidate and/or the party
* A slogan or catchphrase
* 3 things that your candidate supports (briefly)
* 1 thing that your candidate is against (briefly)

Be creative and make it colorful!

**Step 6: The other half of the group will work within this Word doc to create a brief campaign speech that reflects the platform (ideas) of your candidate and your party. This “speech” should be at least 6 sentences and should tell the voters of the country (and our classroom) about your candidate, his/her platform, and their promises for the country if they are elected.**

Your speech should contain the following items:

* Candidate name
* Political Party name
* At least one qualification that the candidate has for the job
* 3 things that your candidate supports
* 1 thing that your candidate is against
* 1 promise that your candidate will make if they are elected as President

Your campaign speech:

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| My fellow Americans, I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |