# Course of the presentation:

Slide 1:

Interesting headline;

Important information (Name; Date; Subject; Class year)

Slide 2:

Question that is supposed to lead to the definition of a “good democracy”

--> Goal: Leading to the guiding question “Is the US-democracy system a good one?”

Slide 3:

Gathering characteristics that a „good democracy“ should fulfill

Thoughts:

Maybe make it interactive?

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Slide 4:

Naming the democratic system of the US

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Slide 5:

Explaining the government system of the US

Saying, that the focus of the presentation will be laying on the way the president is elected

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Slide 6:

The electoral college - what is it and how does it work?

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Slide 7:

Purpose of the electoral college (a quick insight into the history of the US)

--> Not sure how many slides I will need for this yet

Slide 8:

Drawbacks of the electoral college

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Slide 9:

How the electoral college works in reality

--> Swing States; Two party system; A couple historical elections

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Slide 10:

Is the electoral college still up to date?

--> Interactive summary? Maybe a small debate?

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Slide 11:

Improvement ideas for the US election system

--> Presenting other voting systems; Alternative vote voting?

--> Summarize improvement ideas

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Slide 12:

Everyday democracy – voting for everyday scenarios

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## Slide 3

[Germanys democracy definition7](#_7)

## Slide 4

What is the democratic system in the US?

The US democracy system is a [representative democracy1](#_1)

More accurate would be to call it a [constitutional federal democratic rebublic2](#_2)

## Slide 5

How does the government system work in the US?

Briefly explaining the executive, legislative and judicative powers distribution of the US

--> I will use a [diagram-kind of thing3](#_3) for visualization

## Slide 6

How is the president in the US elected?

538 electoral votes; One per senator (2 per state); Rest distributed equivalent to population

[Winner takes it all4](#_4)

## Slide 7

Why did the people back then decide it like this?

## Slide 8

What are potential problems with the electoral college?

First past the post; general ticket (winner takes it all) voting system

🡪 Getting elected with less than half of the votes

🡪 [Two-Party system6](#_6); Spoiler effect

🡪 Simulation to simulate votes under such a system

🡪 Vulnerable to gerrymandering and inaccurate representation (add into the simulation)

Not everyone’s vote is equal

[Not every citizen is allowed to vote5](#_5) (People living in US territories; Criminals)

## Slide 9

The reality of the electoral college

Minority rule instances

Swing states

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## Slide 12

Asking for OK’s instead of favorites 🡪 People can vote more than once, every time they’re OK with something, the option with the most OK’s gets chosen

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