

Create your own Political Party Project

From what we've talked about in class, you know that very few people fit perfectly within one political party. With such a wide variety of policy agenda issues, most people end up voting for the candidate from the party that aligns with most of their beliefs. To solve that problem, you are going to create your own political party that more accurately represents your beliefs. You may work individually, with a partner, or in a group of no more than 4 people. **PLEASE NOTE: if you choose to work with other students, be aware that your grade is dependent on the amount of work they put into the project, so choose carefully.**

Task

1) Identity

Your new party needs a name, symbol, and slogan. You can either draw your symbol or choose a picture available on the Internet (with proper citation, of course). You MAY NOT choose a name, symbol, or slogan that is associated with a current or past political party. Describe your choices and your party's general philosophy in at least 5 sentences.

2) Platform

Create a political party platform in which your group states your beliefs/advocacy on a *minimum* of 15 policy issues.

<u>Must include at least SIX of the following:</u>	<u>Other Options (choose at least 4):</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration • Social Welfare • Education • Abortion • Healthcare • Environment (global warming, regulations) • Gun Control • Gay Rights/Same-Sex Marriage • National Security (military spending/size, diplomacy) • Economy/Taxes • Capital Punishment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • War on Drugs and Drug Laws • Influence of Special Interest Groups & Lobbyists • Peace in the Middle East (Israel) • Federal Deficit • Global Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons • Campaign Finance Reform • Humanitarian Aid • Congressional Term Limits • Minimum Wage • Any other issue you think is important, but must be cleared with me first

For each issue, you should not simply agree/disagree with the existing parties' stand. Instead, talk through the issues and create your own *unique statement* that reflects your party's position. Use academic vocabulary and constitutional justification for your beliefs. Position statements must be 2-4 sentences in length. After creating your platform, rank these issues by importance to your party. In fact, you may want to wait to choose a name and symbol until you have prioritized – as this may reveal the “core value” of your party.

Please Note: I do not care what position you take. I do not care if you are more to the left or the right, I only care that you are logical 😊

Format

Your project can be in a PowerPoint, a brochure/pamphlet, or a poster. On the due date, your party will submit to me your project IN PRINT (not by email). The cover must feature your party's name, slogan and symbol. Inside, you will list your ten party statements in **priority order** with a bolded header indicating the beginning of each new section.