# Creating your own Political Party
# 100 Point Group Assignment
# Mr. Mac, 10/24/2019

Based on your study of Political Behavior – Government by the People, your group will be creating a political party utilizing the following criteria:

1.      Each group must come up with a unique Party Name.  You are not allowed to use the names of any current or historical political parties (i.e., Democrats, Republicans, Whigs, Know-Nothings, etc.).  Try to come up with a name that fits the unique personalities and ideas of the group.  During the presentation, the group will be required to explain how and why the name of the Party was chosen.

2.      The Party must have a 5 plank platform.  Each plank must take a position on a nationwide public issue.  In addition to taking a position, the reasoning for the position must be well-developed.  Explain **why** the Party is taking this position.

3.      The Party must decide on its own process for selecting a candidate for president to run in the national presidential election.  Be specific.  What are the advantages and disadvantages to this method.

4.      Describe the steps your Party will take in order to raise money to get out the message and encourage voters to vote.

Each group will have five to seven minutes to make their presentation to the assembled masses in the classroom.  While all members the group must physically make the presentation to the class, a 45 to 90 second video regarding some aspect of the project is required.  Powerpoints and other visuals, including party logos, are strongly encouraged for this project.  Flyers and handbills about the party may be useful.

Presentations will start at approximately 10 minutes after the start of class on Tuesday, October 29 in order to ensure enough time for all Parties to make their presentations by the end of the period on Wednesday, October 30.

Finally, it is up to the Party to make sure that everything is ready to go when it is their turn to present.  Like in real life and politics, there are times when the show must go on, even if someone is absent.  Be sure that EVERYONE on your team has access to everything they need to present, especially if you cannot be there.  All electronic presentations need to be a) e-mailed to Mr. Mac at john-mccumiskey@scusd.edu, or b) brought in on a flash drive as there may not be time for electronic downloads, the internet may not be available, etc.  Bring all the copies of flyers and/or handbills you will need to class.

# Creating your own Political Party Presentations

Student presentations on the country they have been assigned will be graded as follows:

**1** = Weak   **2** = Moderately Weak   **3** = Average   **4** = Moderately Strong   **5** = Strong

1.  Each member of the group had a clear understanding of the group's       1    2    3    4    5
    task and of his or her expected contribution to the group's assignment.

2.  Group members showed strong leadership qualities such as               1    2    3    4    5
    encouraging others to express opinions or contribute information,
    keeping group members focused on assignment, not wasting time by
    being on cell phones, visiting with members of other groups, taking
    naps, etc.

3.  All aspects of the project are presented.

    a)    Party Name                                                       1    2    3    4    5

    b)    Five Plank Platform                                              1    2    3    4    5

    c)    Process for Selecting a Candidate for President                  1    2    3    4    5

    d)    Steps to Fund Raise and Get Out the Message                      1    2    3    4    5

4.  Information is presented in a clear and organized manner.              1    2    3    4    5

5.  The visual for the presentation is of the appropriate size and can be  1    2    3    4    5
    easily seen by the class.

6.  The presenters maintain eye contact with the audience and do not rely  1    2    3    4    5
    too much on notes or visuals.  The presenters speak loudly and clearly
    enough to be heard by the audience.  All members of the group spoke
    and participated in the presentation.

7.  The presentation met the required time limit (5 - 7 minutes).         1    2    3    4    5

Score: _____

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TOTAL SCORE: _____