Senior Final Project/ Term Paper

2020 Presidential Election

Primary and Candidate Analysis

* Throughout the Fall of 2019 and Spring of 2020, nearly twenty-three individuals will seek out the Democratic Party’s nomination to run for President against incumbent, President Donald Trump. During our class time, we will investigate, analyze and document their journey through the Primary race of the fifty states and our territories.

YOUR TASK: You will choose one Democratic candidate and compare this candidate with President Trump on several controversial topics using a list “hot topic” issues facing the nation. During the two semesters worth of Government, you will follow and research your candidate and their stance on the issues, as well as your position on these very issues. When you learn the topics and the Democratic Candidate’s stance on the topics, you will then compare this candidate with President Trump’s view or stance on said topic. **This research paper will be your final for this class.** You will be given the task of creating a well-developed and organized term paper. You will document their journey through the beginning of the Presidential nomination process and focus on their success or lack of success throughout the fall. We, your teachers, will guide you through the process of this term paper and assist you on every level in order to complete this task. If you follow the below prescription, you will be successful in this task.

The Issues:

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| Foreign Policy | Civil Right | Immigration | Health Care |
| Social Security | Abortion | Foreign Policy | Jobs in the US or abroad |
| Wall Street, Corporations and Taxes | Education | Gun Control – Second Amendment Rights | Fossil Fuel Energy/ Alternative Energy - Environment |

You will choose 4 of the above issues to discuss throughout your term paper. If there is an issue not listed above, please ask Mr. Conroy or Myself to approve the issue for you.

* Research Paper Outline
  + Paragraph 1: Introduction (describe the Presidential election process, as taught in class)
  + Paragraph 2: Candidate’s personal history, biographical information, contributions to society and political history, placement on the political spectrum
  + Paragraph 3: Issue 1:
    - Describe the issue and why it is controversial
    - You must include one (1) piece of legislation or court case which addresses this issue
    - Minimum one (1) quote on the issue from your candidate
    - Your analysis of this quote
    - Your position on the issue
    - Why do you agree or disagree with your candidate on this issue?
    - President Trump’s view on this topic.
    - How close together does your candidate and President Trump stand on the issue? Very far apart, close, share the same views, etc...
  + Paragraph 4: Issue 2:
    - Include same format as above
  + Paragraph 5: Issue 3:
    - Include same format as above
  + Paragraph 6: Issue 4:
    - Include same format as above
  + Paragraph 7: Would you vote for this candidate? Why or why not? Explain and use examples. If you would not vote for this candidate, would you vote to re-elect President Trump, why or why not? Explain and use examples
  + Paragraph 8: Reflection of candidate
    - Key backings
    - Using the “roles of the President” taught in class, describe how your candidate would fit in those roles. You must use at least five roles taught in class.
    - Why did your candidate drop out of the race?
    - Why is your candidate the front runner?
    - Do you believe your candidate win the Democratic party’s nomination? Presidential Election?
  + Paragraph 9: Conclusion
  + Work Cited Page
    - Minimum four (4) sources cited. Chicago format