

Debate I and Advanced Competitive Debate

US Presidential Politics

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1. Daily Objective:

Explore options in a democracy.

2. Bell Ringer/Let's Get Started:

[Why Do Americans Vote on Tuesdays?](#)

What changes could be made to increase voter participation in the US?

3. Lesson/Activity:

Thinking outside the box, explore these proposals for making government work.

[Replacing Politicians with Avatars?](#)

[Replacing Politicians with Randomly Selected People?](#)

4. Practice:

Of course, neither of the ideas suggested in the Ted Talks are likely to occur. But, consider the ideology behind them. What principles could you use to suggest more realistic changes in our democratic system?

5. Additional Resources:

<https://www.icivics.org/>

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