

Debate I and Advanced Competitive Debate

US Presidential Politics

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1. Daily Objective:

Compare political viewpoints with candidates and political parties.

2. Bell Ringer/Let's Get Started:

The next [US Presidential election](#) is scheduled for November 3, 2020. US Presidential elections are scheduled for every four years. In Missouri, you must be at least 17 ½ to [register](#). You must be 18 years old and a US citizen to vote.

When will be the first year you can vote in a US Presidential election?

3. Lesson/Activity:

One way to decide who to vote for in a representative democracy is to compare your views on issues with the candidates and their political parties. Take this quiz to see how you compare with the candidates: [I Side With 2020](#)

BEFORE YOU BEGIN, here are some helpful tips:

- a. If you are unsure about a topic, you may want to click on “Learn More.” If you still don't feel well informed, you might choose to conduct more research or skip the question.
- b. If you feel more strongly about some of your views than others, mark the MORE or MOST at the bottom of the question. If you have a view, but you don't feel that strongly about it (in comparison to other issues), you may mark LESS or LEAST. The quiz defaults to “somewhat” for each question.
- c. If the YES or NO option doesn't feel right, you might click on the “other stances” so you can clarify your position.
- d. At the bottom of each set of questions, there is an option to “Show more...questions.” Click this if you are interested and have the time. You can still get results without completing those questions.

4. Practice:

When you are done answering the questions you want, click on SHOW MY RESULTS.

This quiz will show you, on these tabs:

- MY PARTIES - which political parties you currently most agree with.
- MY BALLOT - which CANDIDATES you currently most agree with.

- Local candidates are listed first.
- Scroll down to the bottom for Presidential candidates.

Of your results, what was surprising? What was not a surprise to you?

5. Additional Resources:

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

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