



DEMOCRAT OR REPUBLICAN?

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POLITICAL SPECTRUM



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

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WHAT IS A DEMOCRAT?

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WHAT ARE YOUR POLITICAL VIEWS?

- READ EACH STATEMENT
USE THE FIRST COLUMN

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As we discuss these topics, walk to the side of the room that represents your opinion and be ready to share your response.

Strongly Agree

Strongly Disagree

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TO WHAT SIDE DO YOU LEAN?

- ADD UP THE "YOU" COLUMN

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WHAT DOES THIS REVEAL ABOUT YOU?

IF YOU AGREE WITH THE STATEMENT

★ ★ ★ LET'S PLAY THIS OR THAT! ★ ★ ★

THIS? OR THAT?

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WHAT DOES EACH STATEMENT REFLECT?

- AS A CLASS DETERMINE EACH

COMPLETE SET OF VISUALS & NOTES TO HELP GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE LESSON!

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WHICH SIDE IS DEMOCRAT & WHICH SIDE IS REPUBLICAN?

DEMOCRAT (LEFT LEAN)

INDEPENDENT PARTIES

REPUBLICAN (RIGHT LEAN)

LIBERAL

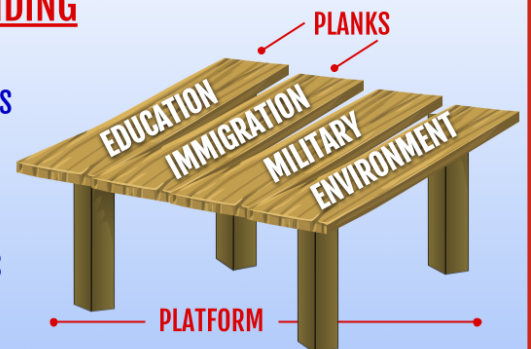
MODERATE

CONSERVATIVE

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TERMS FOR UNDERSTANDING

- **POLITICAL PARTY** - GROUP OF PEOPLE WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS
- **PARTY PLATFORM** - WRITTEN DOCUMENT OF WHAT THE PARTY BELIEVES IN OR STANDS ON
- **PARTY PLANK** - SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT MAKE UP A PLATFORM



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FULL SET OF TEACHER DIRECTIONS!

- ★ STEP BY STEP GUIDE
- ★ EXAMPLES TO INCORPORATE
- ★ HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND
- ★ YOU WILL FEEL PREPARED
- ★ TEACHER TESTED & APPROVED



TEACHER DIRECTIONS LET'S PLAY "THIS-OR-THAT!"

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DIRECTIONS FOR "THIS OR THAT": With slide 4 of the included slideshow visible, announce to students that you are going to play a little game called "This or That." You can continue with the following script:

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- ★ Direct students show side of the ro
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- ★ Continue this are done, exp fights for...(N
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- 1 THANKS:** Thank you for downloading this fantastic resource regarding political parties. I hope this resource adds great value to your classroom. For more quality resources visit MisterHarms.com.
- 2 FORMAT:** For your benefit, I have included print versions and digital Google Drive versions. For the print version, just print the included pdf and go! For the **Google Drive Version**, access by clicking the links within this PDF resource!
- 3 INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:** There are various ways to incorporate this resource into practice. Below is a suggestion on how I use this resource in my class:
 1. Begin Slideshow (slide 1) - Start the lesson by showing the first slide of the included slideshow. **The Political Spectrum Slideshow can also be accessed here.**
 2. What I know? - Show the slide entitled "What do we already know?" Have each group write down their answers. Have each group share their answers.

"MY STUDENTS LOVED THIS RESOURCE AND MANY WERE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT WHERE THEY WERE ON THE SPECTRUM."

POLITICAL SPECTRUM

WHAT ARE YOUR POLITICAL VIEWS?

name: YOUR NAME HERE

To better understand the differing political views between liberals and conservatives, complete the given chart. If you agree with the given statement, write A in the first column. If you disagree with the given statement, write D in the first column. Leave the other two columns empty at first.

#	Issue	AGREE or DISAGREE	LIBERAL or CONSERVATIVE	RESULTS FOR YOU
		A/D	L/C	YOU
1	The government should set up more programs to help those in need even if it has to raise taxes.			
2	To keep America peaceful and safe from international threats we must build up our military and weapons to keep the			
3	Our government should encourage "In God we trust." and Ch			
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10	A'			
11	Marriage shor marriages.			
12	Building a wall and impro we can to stop illegal imm			
13	To help gas prices, we should drill for oil in Alaska even if it means disturbing some natural wildlife habitats.			
You Totals				

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STUDENT ASSIGNMENT FOR COMPLETION & DISCUSSION!

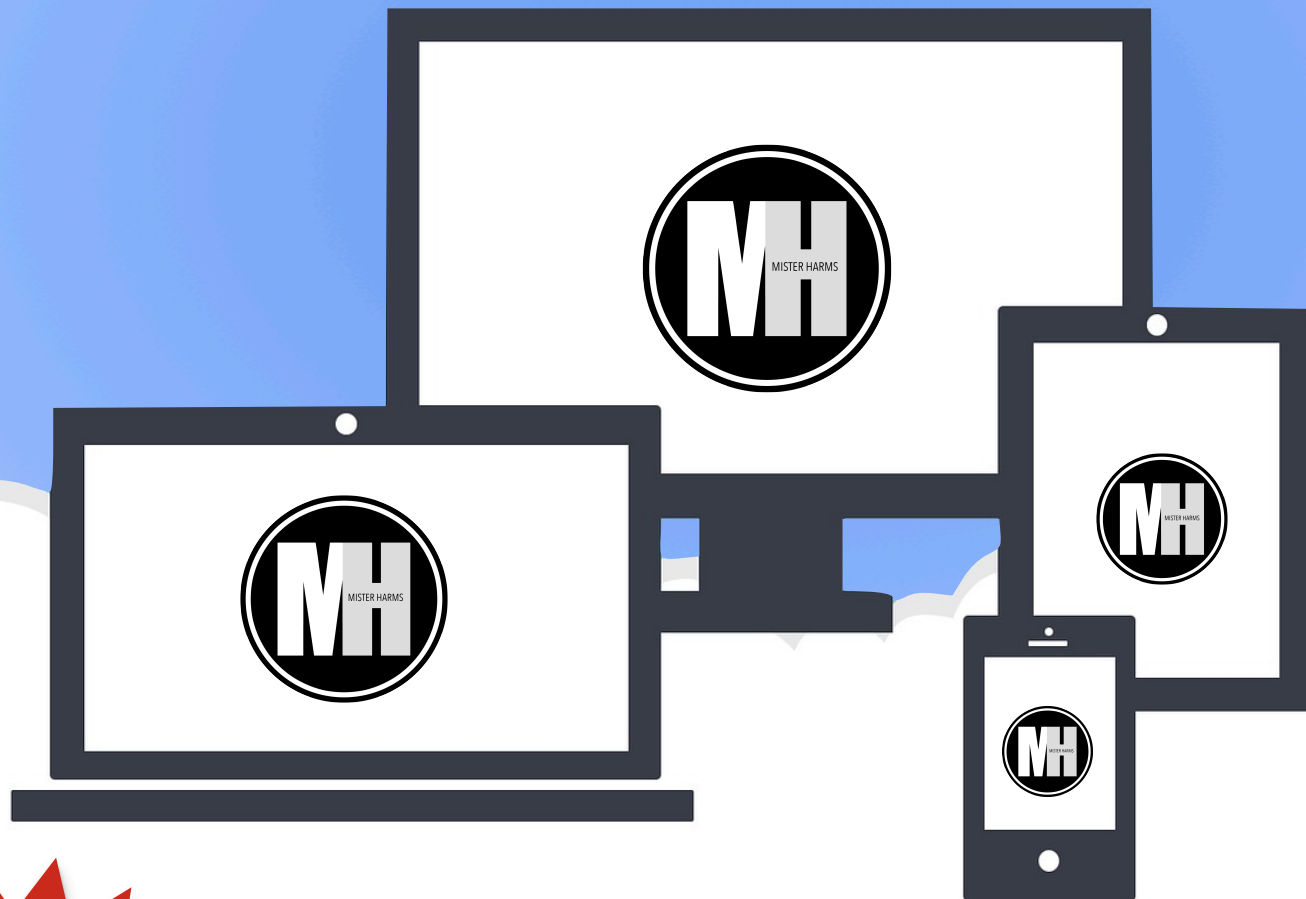
- ★ REAL-LIFE POLITICAL ISSUES
- ★ STUDENTS TAKE A STAND
- ★ CLASS DISCUSSES
- ★ OUTCOMES HELP REVEAL WHAT PARTY STUDENTS ALIGN WITH



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