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**Presidential Candidate Research**

Candidate Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Candidate’s Political Party: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **QUALIFICATIONS***What previous/relevant political experience does this candidate have?* | **ENVIRONMENT***Climate change, energy, fuel, oil, etc.* |
| **SOCIAL ISSUES***Same-sex marriage, Affirmative Action, diversity, abortion, legalization of marijuana, gender equality, education (loans, standardized testing, charter schools), etc.* | **ECONOMY and TAXES***Tax rates, tax cuts, improving the economy, etc.* |
| **GUN CONTROL***Gun laws, weapons ban, 2nd amendment, etc.* | **IMMIGRATION***Legal and illegal immigrants, process of becoming a naturalized citizen, the children of immigrants, etc.* |
| **HEALTHCARE***“Obamacare,” universal healthcare, privatized healthcare, etc.* | **FOREIGN POLICY***Dealing with other countries (i.e. – Iraq, Iran, Israel, etc.), defense, military spending, foreign aid, War on Terror/Terrorism, etc.* |
| **NATIONAL SECURITY***Homeland Security, NSA, Patriot Act, surveillance, etc.* | **GOVERNMENT SPENDING***Social Security, Medicare, how tax money is/should be spent, solving the national debt, etc.* |

**Resources to use for your Candidate Research:**

* To learn more about the *issues*, go to <http://www.crowdpac.com>, then click on “Issues” at the top of the webpage.
* Political Party Websites: <https://www.democrats.org/>, <https://www.gop.com/platform/>
* Overview of candidates’ positions: <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/tag/what-the-candidates-believe/>
* Search individual candidate’s opinions, compare to other candidates, see where they fall along the political spectrum, etc: <https://www.crowdpac.com/candidates>
* Individual Candidate’s Campaign for President Websites:

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| **DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE** | **CANDIDATE’S WEBSITE** |
| Bernie Sanders | <https://berniesanders.com/>  |
| Martin O’Malley | <https://martinomalley.com/>  |
| Jim Webb | <https://www.webb2016.com/>  |
| Hillary Clinton | <https://www.hillaryclinton.com/>  |
| Joe Biden | <https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/vice-president-biden>  |
| Lincoln Chafee | <http://www.chafee2016.com/>  |

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| **REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE** | **CANDIDATE’S WEBSITE** |
| George Pataki | <http://www.georgepataki.com/>  |
| Donald Trump | <https://www.donaldjtrump.com/>  |
| Chris Christie | <https://www.chrischristie.com/>  |
| Lindsey Graham | <http://www.lindseygraham.com/>  |
| Rick Santorum | <http://www.ricksantorum.com/>  |
| Jeb Bush | <https://jeb2016.com/>  |
| John Kasich | <https://johnkasich.com/>  |
| Bobby Jindal | <https://www.bobbyjindal.com/>  |
| Carly Fiorina | <https://carlyforpresident.com/>  |
| Marco Rubio | <https://marcorubio.com>  |
| Mike Huckabee | <https://www.mikehuckabee.com/>  |
| Ben Carson | <https://www.bencarson.com/>  |
| Ted Cruz | <https://www.tedcruz.org/>  |
| Rand Paul | <https://www.randpaul.com/>  |