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Political Science 321  
Panels (15%)

**Objective**

To be able to present and discuss your ideas and opinions about politics and US elections in a small-group, public forum setting.

**Schedule**

Each student will select only **one day** to present. Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time Allotted**

Each group will have 15-25 minutes for the panel at the beginning of each scheduled day. The panel will cover 3-4 pre-selected news stories. Each topic's discussion will last approximately 5-7 minutes.

**Directions**

These panels are an exploration and group discussion of recent election events. Group members will sit at desks, arranged in a semi-circle at the front of the class, and discuss 3-4 pre-selected topics that have been in the news cycle. The list of topics will be sent via email two days prior to the panel. Group member should be prepared to share their general thoughts and opinions about each topic.

**Format**

The professor will moderate in the panel by introducing each topic in the panel. The objective of the moderator is to describe the news event to the class, keep the group on time, and elicit discussion from the panel. This means the professor will also participate and challenge participants in the discussion. Group members should attempt to contribute equally (avoid being too quiet *and* monopolizing the panel's time) to the discussion of each topic. Students are welcome to prepare notes, but reading prepared statements is *not allowed*.

**Grading**

Students will be graded on the quality of their discussion, length of time they speak, and the content of their comments. Students are expected to interject their opinions into the discussion and are *not* expected to instruct the class with statistics or facts. Facts and statistics are very much welcome, but **only** if they inform your discussion and advance your opinions. Each member will receive an individual grade.