**Creating a Political Party & Party Platform**

State Law Concerning Establishment of Political Parties (<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/?link=EL>)

ELECTION CODE

TITLE 10. POLITICAL PARTIES

SUBTITLE A. INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

§161.001:  INHERENT POWERS. A political party retains all of its inherent powers except as limited by this code.

§161.002. PARTY NAME.

(a) The name of a political party as printed on the ballot for an election may not consist of more than three words.

(b) A party may not select for its name a name previously assumed by another existing party.

§163.003. CONSISTENCY WITH STATE LAW. The rules adopted by a political party must be consistent with state law.

**Instructions:**

You are being asked to create a political party under the rules and guidelines listed in Title 10 of the Texas Election Code. The questions listed on pages 2 – 4 (attached) are designed to guide you through this process. When creating your party, keep in mind the purpose of political parties: parties are mechanisms to get people who share common viewpoints elected to government office. Additionally, since political parties are, by definition, comprised of groups of people, you cannot complete this assignment by yourself. Please write the first and last names of those you work with on page 5.

Please make sure that you are **clearly and directly** addressing the specific questions that are asked. Additionally, please make sure that your writing is legible. If I cannot read what you have written, I cannot grade your assignment.

**When you are creating your party, please remember the following:**

* All of your writing should be clear and legible. **Submissions that are illegible will not be graded** **and will be scored 0.**
* Please make sure that you are directly address the specific questions asked and following all instructions listed above. **Assignments that are not on topic or do not follow the instructions will not be graded and will be scored 0.**
* Take your time and make sure that you are completing the whole assignment**. Incomplete assignments will not be graded and will be scored 0 .**

You are responsible for the creation of a new political party. In order to accomplish this, you will need to do several things:

Legal Requirement

What is the **name** of your party (must be 3 words or less)?

**Using complete sentences**, how would you classify the **ideology** of your party?

Beliefs & Values

What is your party’s **slogan**?

Marketing

What is your party’s **logo**?

Since all elections are conducted at the state level, **using complete sentences**, describe which **areas** or which **voters** of **Texas** will your party target? (Which demographic groups would your party target? Who you think would be most likely to vote for you party?)

**Using complete sentences**, describe the **top 3 issues** for your party.

Party Platform

**Using complete sentences**, what **solutions** does your party propose **for each** of these issues?

Party Platform

Please list the names of the other students that you worked with to create your party. You **must** work with other students to create your party, and **you will not get credit for the assignment if you do not create your party and platform without working with other students.** Please make sure that the names written below are clear and legible, with both first and last names included.

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