



# ELECTION DAY TEACH-IN SESSIONS

## NOVEMBER 3, 2020

### **ACB, DJT, and LGBTQ: What the Election Means for Queer Americans**

Discussing what is at stake for LGBTQ Americans in the upcoming elections, and the history of what could be overturned.

### **Bills, Bills, Bill**

Affordable housing is one of the biggest issues in DC at the moment. We will discuss this issues regarding affordable housing in DC, and its impact on the many minority residents. Narrowing in on the many different factors regarding the extended history of affordable housing, we will dissect topics such as homelessness, gentrification, and laws/policies. Come and find out how affordable housing is a hot button issue in our city!

### **Can Political Journalists Stay Unbiased?**

One of the greatest challenges in journalism is writing without betraying a bias or opinion, especially with topics that are as personal as politics. Most political journalists have strong opinions, so how do they write about the world in a way that doesn't favor one side over the other?

This session has a maximum capacity of 20 students.

### **Can't We All Just Get Oolong? The Foreign Policy Debate by the Art of Tea Club!**

In this session we will discuss the promises and actions done by politicians, specifically the two presidential candidates, from an unbiased point of view. We will compare and contrast their websites and how clearly they present the information we are trying to find. We will also read news articles from all sides of the political spectrum to ensure that we have as informed beliefs as possible.

### **Corruption in our Government—Voter Suppression in America**

In this presentation, we will discuss the suppression that may in fact sway this election.

### **Elections in Pictures: A Visual History of Voting and Voter Suppression in America**

Come view a slideshow about the history of elections in the United States through photos! Photography club is hosting a webinar-style session that will share photos capturing the different emotions and perspectives during elections in our country. We will discuss the impact of important historic photos on public opinion.

### **Entertained, Distracted, and...Manipulated**

If you don't pay for the product, then you are the product. In this session, we'll be watching "The Social Dilemma," a documentary about how the technology that connects us also divides and polarizes us. Why can't the people in our country get along? Why are depression and anxiety rates rising dramatically? Why can't you stop looking at Instagram? Come to watch and then talk. Trailer [here](#).

### **Environmental Justice: Looking at Environmental Racism in DC and the Outdoor Community**

We will learn about Environmental Justice as a group and discuss different ways in which it manifests itself. In smaller break out rooms, we will look at DC specific examples, like lack of green spaces and food deserts, and discrimination of minorities in the outdoors.

### **Everyday Activism: Microaggressions and How To Combat Them**

This teach-in is great for those of you who want to make Washington Latin a safe and welcoming environment for all! In this class, you will learn what a microaggression is, how microaggressions affect the lives of your fellow students, and how you can stop microaggressions when you see them. With the skills and knowledge this class provides, you will be more equipped to call out prejudice when you see it and help make every space in your life a welcoming one for minorities.

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### **Immigration: Not So Hot Topic, the 2020 Election**

The Latinx Heritage Club will dissect why both candidates plan to implement in terms of immigration policy and reform. We will discuss why we think Immigration is not a popular topic this election compared to 2016. We will also discuss recent events that have taken place at the ICE detention centers.

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### **Lead by Serving? Serve by Leading?**

In this group we'll look at the qualities that make what we consider a "good", "effective" leader. Is character important? Is "effectiveness" more important? Should a leader model certain characteristics and behavior to the people he/she is entrusted to lead? Does a leader need to have a "spotless" record when it comes to her or his personal life? Should leaders be "forgiven" for their mistakes, or for changing their minds?

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### **“Not Playing:” A History of Protests in Professional Sports**

In this group we will introduce the issues surrounding the protests that professional athletes have led and been a part of in the last six months, focusing on topics of equity and inclusion. We hope to examine the effectiveness and results of their efforts, opening the door for a discussion about the power of sports and athletes in American culture.

### **The Power of Protest Through Music**

No longer standing as the smiling entertainer, artists have gradually used their voices to send messages of hope, of anger and of promotion of change. From Billie Holiday to Kendrick Lamar, we will be listening to music and talking about how artists promote and create societal change through their music.

*Note: This session will include explicit content (lyrics and pictures)*

### **The Trial of the Chicago Seven**

Do you want to know more about one of the most famous young-person-led demonstrations in recent U.S. history? Watch the new Aaron Sorkin (*The West Wing, The Social Network*) movie on Netflix and discuss the important issues raised in the film. Group members will look at how race, age, and approaches to peaceful demonstrations impacted the lives of the leaders of the protests at the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

*Note:* Students will need to have access to a personal Netflix account and will need to have watched the movie (rated R for language, news reels showing violence against demonstrators, and drug use) prior to this session. THIS SESSION WILL RUN AT 10:00am - 11:00am.

### **Voting While Black**

Join the Black Lives Matter Club to explore voter suppression tactics dating back to when Americans of color first gained the right to vote. We will be watching clips of Ava DuVernay's documentary 13th before discussing and educating one another on the dark history (and present) of the struggle for voting rights.

### **WAP: What American Politicians Should You Look Out For This Election Day?**

On November 3rd, join the Community Council as we take you through the hottest Senate, House and DC Council races this year. We will discuss and explain tight Senate races in 10 states, like South Carolina, Maine and Iowa, explaining why these races are so notable this election day. We'll move closer to home and discuss the biggest races for D.C. Council At-Large, giving you a breakdown of all the candidates running (there are 24!). We will also dive into a couple interesting House races and the impact those seats have. Please note this presentation won't be biased and will focus on facts, accurate polling numbers and statements from each candidate. Come ready to learn about WAP. You should know about it :)

### **Watching for Wolves**

We will start with a Kahoot about tiger poaching and then a short discussion about the current issue of wolf poaching and finish with a letter to be written to the head of the organization that is allowing wolf poaching and the transport of wolves into the US.

### **Who Really Elects the President? How the Electoral College Works.**

Ever wonder why the candidate that gets the most votes doesn't always become the president? In fact, in two of the last five presidential elections, the candidate that won the most votes did not get to be president! In this session, we will talk about what the electoral college is, how it works, and why there is a growing movement to get rid of it. Join us for a little history, a lot of discussion, and how you can prepare yourself to get involved and make your voice heard.

### **Win the White House!**

Do you have what it takes to Win the White House? Play this online game to see if you can raise enough money and make enough public appearances to convince voters that you are the optimal candidate! Choose a platform with topics taken from the current debates. Play against a friend. . .or foe!

### **Women and the Vote!**

GLOW will be hosting a session centered around the history of women and voting in America. We will have a slideshow and discussion on the history of women's right to vote, women's role in the 2020 election, and the new balance on the Supreme Court with the addition of Amy Coney Barrett and its affect on issues such as family planning and abortion.