A political party platform is a basic statement of a party’s principals and positions on major issues. It can also be used as propaganda designed to attract votes. Over the next several days, you will be developing a platform for your own political party

Objectives: -Identify political party platforms as ideological statements and propaganda

-Understand how political platforms are developed

-Develop position statements on important issues

Using the internet, you will be researching some of the major current political issues. Today, you will be working individually to develop a position for these issues to form a new 3rd party. You will also need to do some research on the Democratic and Republican views so you can decide how your party will be different than the two major parties.

Tomorrow, you will be put in groups to form your party and discuss what your Political Party’s positions should be. Each student should be prepared to suggest a position or policy statement for the party and have something to contribute.

Platform issues to be discussed

Economy

Government Finance

Taxes

Role of Government

Individual Rights

Family and Children

Crime

Health Care

Retirement

Environment

Defense

Foreign Policy

Immigration

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How we differ from Republicans

How we differ from Democrats