Your Political Party

Just as the Federalists and Antifederalists created America’s first two political parties, I want you to create a new political party for today.

Not that type of party

This type of party
What is a political party?
A group of people come together who believe the same way on certain political, social, economic and foreign policy issues. This group selects people from within the party to run and hopefully win elected positions in government. This way they can get laws and policies put in place that support their beliefs.

Do people have to join a political party?
No. In the United States you are not required you to belong to a political party. Some courtiers, usually dictatorships, require citizens to belong to a party. The U.S. Constitution doesn’t mention political parties in any way.

Why do people join political parties?
Strength in numbers. You are more likely to get your ideas heard, and the government to take action if you can elect others who believe the same way you do.

Can you still vote in elections if you don’t belong to a political party?
Yes, but only in the general election not in the party primary elections. Primaries are were the political party selects their candidate(person) to run in the general election.
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1. Pick a partner of your choice.
2. Complete this assignment in Google Presentation. Share this with Mr. Furman.
3. Present your new political party in class. Your job is to inform your fellow classmates about your party, and persuaded them to join.
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1. Party Name: Example- Republican Party

2. Party Symbol:

- Green Party
- Libertarian Party
- Constitution Party
- Democratic Party
- Socialist Party
- Republican Party
- Communist Party USA
- Tea Party
- Reform Party USA
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4. Party Mission Statement: Example- Democrats believe that we're greater together than we are on our own—that this country succeeds when everyone gets a fair shot, when everyone does their fair share, when everyone plays by the same rules. Our party, is focused on building an economy that lasts—an economy that lifts up all Americans

5. Party Platform: Issues: Where does your party stand? Pick 5-7 of the issues on the next slide to include in your platform. Explain your party’s beliefs in on each of the issues. I gave you some specific points under each issue to get you thinking. You may need to do some research first before commenting on them.
What is your Party’s Platform?

**Foreign Policy** - ISIS, U.S. involvement in Middle East, global war on terror, Situation in Ukraine and Russia.

**Energy** - Natural gas (Fracking), alternate sources of energy.

**Health Care** - Affordable Health Care Act (Obamacare). Should the government provided healthcare to its citizens?

**Environment** - Should the Federal government be involved in protecting the environment? Should there be penalties for companies who pollute? Setting more land aside to be protected.

**Immigration/Border Security** - Amnesty for illegal immigrants, punishment for companies who hire illegal immigrants. Building a wall on America’s border with Mexico.

**Taxes** - Tax increases or cuts for wealthy/ middle class/ poor, Raising income tax %, or going with a flat tax (%) rate.

**Gun Control: 2nd Amendment Rights** - Stronger or more lenient gun laws.

**Equal pay for women** - Should companies be forced to pay women the exact same wages for the same job that a man does? Is this a decision for state governments, federal government, or private companies.

**Raising the Minimum Wage** - Should the current federal minimum wage of 7.25 an hour be raised? To what amount? Is this a decision for state governments, federal government, or private companies.

**Education** - School vouchers, common core standards - should federal government be involved in public education?

**LG/Scale**

You will understand how a political party/ party platform is created and a political party’s role in the election process.

- Create a political party including party platform outlining the issues your party stands for.

- This assignment needs to be **academic** and school **appropriate**. If you have to ask is this is school appropriate it isn’t.

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Register for a political party

• Listen to the political party presentations. Use this information to choose a party to join. You can’t choose your own party-sorry.

• Fill out the registration form given to you in class.
  - Give the name of the party.
  - List out the reasons why you want to register to be a member of this party. Tell specific points from this party’s platform that you liked.