**Create Your Own Political Party Project**

A. Create your own political party (name). Come up with a “platform” that outlines and defines the philosophy of your party. Include the platform on the paper and brochure.

B. Write a short synopsis of your party’s stance on each of the following “issues.” **Make sure they are ranked in order of importance to your party!!!.** Make sure the reader knows **exactly** how your party feels about that particular issue and how (if your party was in power) you would deal with each of the issues.

1. Death Penalty (capital punishment – Abolish? Cruel & Unusual punishment? Fits the crime?)

2. Gun Control (Right to bear arms? Any limitations? Background Checks? Guns in public places)

3. Abortion (Right to life? Freedom of Choice? Support Roe v. Wade? Cases of Rape/threat to mother?)

4. Healthcare (Who should provide it; government or private sector? What are the pros and cons of each? )

5. Same-Sex Marriage (Marriage legal for all? 1 man, 1 woman? Violation of moral/religious beliefs? Tax breaks for married couples?)

 6. Legalization of Marijuana (How would positively/negatively impact the US?)

7. Immigration (Amnesty? Earned Citizenship? Enforce current laws and deport? Anchor babies? Businesses that hire illegals?)

8. Affirmative Action (Make up for past disadvantages? Best person for the job? Should race, gender, disability, etc. be considered for employment/college enrollment?)

9. Economy/Taxes (Lower taxes give businesses more money to hire more workers? Increase taxes, esp. for businesses/wealthy, so government can provide more jobs/services?)

C. Create a slogan, political poster for your party. Include party name & top 5 issues.

D. Create a political handout/pamphlet that outlines your party’s beliefs. \*Include all 9 issues.

E. Nominate a candidate for your party who will represent your party. All group members will present their party to the class.