

Candidate Evaluations

1. The chart below shows candidate campaign positions.

Candidate	Political Experience	Cutting social welfare programs (like food stamps)	Increase federal funding to schools	Tax breaks for the wealthy
A	Senator (4 terms)	Supports	Opposes	Supports
B	School Board Member (2 terms)	Opposes	Supports	Supports
C	City Council (1 term)	Opposes	Supports	Opposes
D	Mayor (2 terms)	Supports	Supports	Opposes

Based on these positions, which candidate would a mother of three children living in poverty most likely support?

2. The chart below shows candidate campaign positions.

Candidate	Political Experience	Increase federal funding to colleges and universities	Tax breaks for the wealthy	Increasing the federal minimum wage
A	Senator (3 terms)	Opposes	Supports	Supports
B	Governor (2 terms)	Supports	Opposes	Supports
C	Senator (6 terms)	Opposes	Supports	Opposes

The CEO of a Fortune 500 company is going to cast their vote for President. This business owner became successful with just a high school diploma. Based on the positions in the chart above, which candidate would they most likely support for President?

3. The chart below shows candidate campaign positions.

Candidate	Political Experience	Cutting Social Security benefits	Increased military spending	Increase Federal funding for public transportation
A	Mayor (2 terms)	Support	Support	Oppose
B	Senate (1 term)	Support	Oppose	Oppose
C	Retired U.S. Army General	Oppose	Support	Support
D	Retired Navy Admiral	Support	Support	Oppose

Based on the positions in the chart above, which candidate would a retired Navy veteran living in a nursing home most likely support?

4. The chart below shows candidate campaign positions.

Candidate	Political Experience	Approving Tax Break for First-Time Homeowners	Increasing Medicare Benefits	Increasing Federal Funds for Higher Education
A	Mayor (2 terms)	Support	Oppose	Oppose
B	House of Representatives (2 terms)	Support	Oppose	Support
C	Senator (3 terms)	Oppose	Support	Oppose
D	School Board Member (1 term)	Support	Support	Support

A twenty-year-old college student is currently working at a hospital and is looking to purchase a home. Based on the positions in the chart above, which candidate would he/she most likely support?

5. The chart below shows candidate campaign positions.

Candidate	Political Experience	Increasing the federal minimum wage	Abortion (Pro-choice)	Same sex marriage
A	Mayor (2 terms)	Support	Oppose	Oppose
B	District Attorney (1 term)	Oppose	Support	Support
C	Governor (1 term)	Oppose	Oppose	Support
D	State Senator (3 terms)	Support	Support	Support

Based on the positions in the chart above, which candidate would a liberal woman living in poverty most likely support?

6. Use the information in the chart below to determine which major political party each candidate would most likely be a member of.

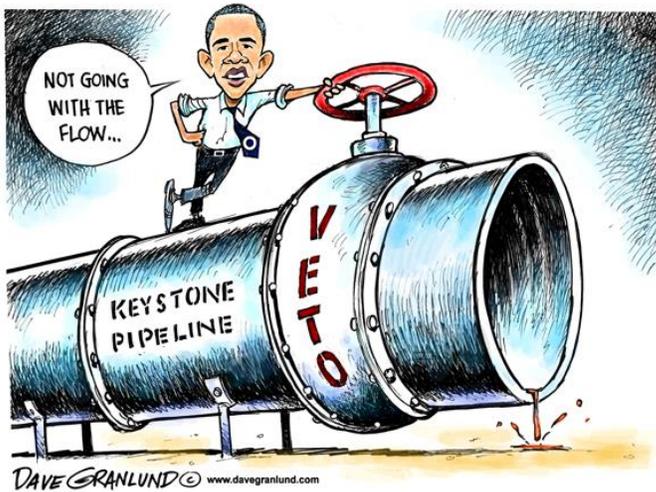
Candidate	Increase Military Spending	Same Sex Marriage	Tax cuts for the wealthy
A	Support	Oppose	Support
B	Oppose	Support	Oppose

7. Use the information in the chart below to determine which major political party each candidate would most likely be a member of.

Candidate	Decrease federal funds for wildlife preservations	Reduce carbon emissions nationwide by 15%	Make Abortion illegal
A	Oppose	Support	Oppose
B	Support	Oppose	Support

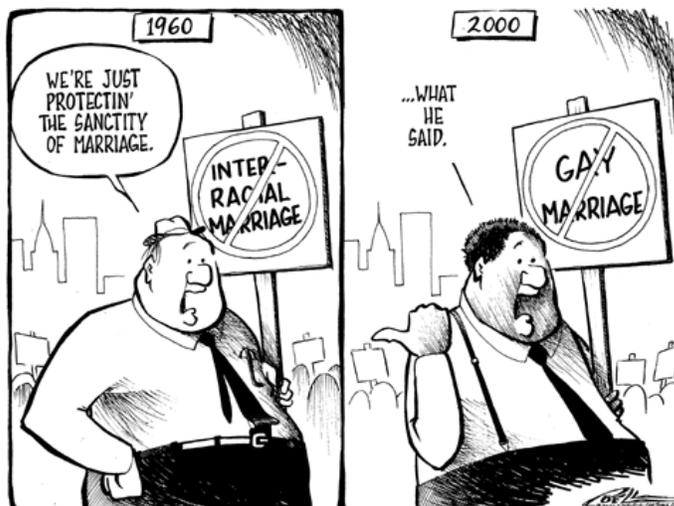
8. **Candidate A** supports renewable energy sources like solar, wind, hydroelectric, and nuclear.
Candidate B supports any energy option that benefits the economy.

Which candidate would most likely support the actions of the President in the political cartoon below?



9. **Candidate A** is a conservative who strongly supports states' rights.
Candidate B is a liberal who believes that the federal government needs to protect civil liberties.

Which candidate would most likely have the views of the man in the political cartoon below?



10. **Candidate A** is a conservative who supports more deportations of illegal immigrants and stronger border security.

Candidate B is a liberal who thinks illegal immigrants should have an opportunity to pay their debts and become legal citizens.

- Which political cartoon below would Candidate A use to criticize the views of Candidate B? Why?
- Which political cartoon below would Candidate B use to criticize the views of Candidate A? Why?

Cartoon 1



Cartoon 2

