

Task Statement

Citizens across America are confused. They are unable to determine what Presidential candidates actually believe. Political ads, television news broadcasts, radio talk shows, news magazines, and newspaper editorials are overwhelming the public with contradictory information about the Presidential candidates. Voters do not know what to believe about Democratic and Republican stances on the issues. The lines between the two have blurred as each candidate positions himself before the electorate. The World Help Organization for Open Political Speech (WHOOPS) has asked students to investigate the Presidential candidates and then to create an imaginary interaction between candidates that will clarify some aspect of their beliefs/personalities/convictions. The interaction should be videotaped as a one to two minute presentation. Students should choose the vehicle that best allows them to highlight candidate similarities and differences. Vehicles include a puppet show, a play, a musical, a Claymation, an interactive webpage, a talk show, or even a musical presentation. As part of their investigation students are asked to identify sources showing bias or spreading misinformation about the candidates by filling in the Bias/misinformation template. Each group will create a five-question quiz assessing viewer understanding of the presentation. This will give students the opportunity to determine the effectiveness of their clarifications. A fully formatted bibliography should be maintained throughout. Individually students should complete the project by creating a hyper linking narrative expressing their own opinions on the interaction.