

Instructions: Use this worksheet to prepare for your weekly discussion posting and quiz. Use the chart below to compare and contrast how the two major political parties present their stance on major issues. In addition, you should locate and compare a third party website as well (your choice!).

Note: You will see a variety of issues presented on the websites. It is up to you which issues you choose to explore. You are encouraged to learn more about major policy issues including: the economy, immigration, health care, taxes, and civil rights/liberties.

As you are completing the worksheet, consider:

- How are the Democratic and Republican parties using the Web? Evaluate each party's use of Internet technology.
- How sophisticated is each site? Who are they trying to reach? To whom do you think their Web site will most likely appeal, and why? What image are they trying to project for the party (or candidate)? How successful are they in their efforts?
- What improvements might they make to appeal to certain demographics?

After completing this worksheet, proceed to the lesson discussion.

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