

Activity 5

Assessment

The following is a list of direct quotes attributed to different presidential candidates from both parties during the 2016 campaign. First, determine which party platform the quote reflects. Second, circle the letter of the correct political party for that quote. Note that occasionally individual candidates will change their stances on issues during campaigns.

1. I will reverse trade policies like NAFTA, CAFTA, and PNTR with China that have driven down wages and caused the loss of millions of jobs.	D	R
2. Too many small businesses are being crushed by encroaching regulations. We need to get the government out of the way so the people can do what they do best — innovate, expand, and create new jobs.	D	R
3. Raising the minimum wage would make U.S. employees less competitive with foreign workers and thus make it harder to keep jobs in America.	D	R
4. Equal pay, paid leave, and affordable child care are crucial to our competitiveness and growth—and to lifting incomes for working families.	D	R
5. We must reduce tax rates to ensure businesses have the incentive to invest, hire and expand in the U.S.	D	R
6. If we want to get serious about raising incomes, we have to get serious about supporting union workers.	D	R
7. I oppose the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal because I want America to be stronger at home. I believe the deal makes it easier for some multi-national corporations to offshore profits and offshore jobs.	D	R
8. I am against raising the debt ceiling, and any debt ceiling increase must be accompanied by structural reforms, such as a balanced budget amendment, to better control the way Washington spends money.	D	R
9. I will restore free market policies, including a simpler, flat tax and reduced government regulatory burden on businesses, will increase the incomes of middle class families and allow more people to achieve the American dream.	D	R
10. The issue of wealth and income inequality is the great moral issue of our time, it is the great economic issue of our time, and it is the great political issue of our time.	D	R
11. We must reform entitlement spending, ensuring that America's safety net will continue to exist for today's seniors and future generations, while at the same time helping to reduce the explosion of national debt and demand for higher taxes that unrestrained growth of these entitlement programs will create.	D	R
12. We are long overdue in raising the minimum wage. I support raising the federal minimum wage to \$12.	D	R
13. One of the most significant reasons for the 40-year decline in the middle class is that the rights of workers to collectively bargain for better wages and benefits have been severely undermined.	D	R
14. Politicians in Washington have let America fall from the best corporate tax rate in the industrialized world in the 1980's to the worst rate in the industrialized world.	D	R
15. I will cut taxes for hard-working families to increase their take-home pay as they face rising costs from child care, health care, and sending their kids to college.	D	R
16. Today there are too many federal policies which discourage work. America must reduce the marginal cost to the employee of taking a job, and reduce the federally-imposed cost to an employer of hiring someone.	D	R