**AP Presidential Candidate Project**

**United States of RAA**

**Part 2: Researching Candidates DUE May 20**

Each team member will need to research  **2** candidates from different political parties and find their stance on relevant issues (use the list of issues in step 4 as a starting point to your research). Use the attached worksheet (Political Platform Worksheet) to compile results of your research and note any unlisted issues the candidate addresses.

● Use the following links to see a current (and growing) list of declared presidential candidates and potential candidates. You should pick 2 candidates from the list.

● Make sure that at least one of your candidates has a speech (transcript) that can be analyzed. **You will need to print that speech which will be analyzed for rhetorical devices and fallacies.**

○ Though we have covered fallacies throughout our

discussion of argument, here is a good resource of what to look for:

<http://writingcenter.unc.edu/handouts/fallacies/>

● Choose candidates to research wisely. While varying parties can be valuable, staying within a party can provide slightly different thoughts on issues within a party. Candidates who are little known or who have significantly divergent views can offer varied opinions, but can also misdirect you.

● <http://www.politics1.com/p2016.htm>

● <http://ballotpedia.org/Possible_presidential_candidates>,\_2016

● <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/us/elections/2016-> presidential-candidates.html

● Possible Platform issues:

 ISIS

 Legalization of marijuana

 Healthcare

 Gay Marriage (governmental support)

 Immigration

 Women’s rights (abortion)

 Education reforms (state testing, government funding)

 Other (must have teacher approval before researching)

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| Name of candidate #1 |  |
| Political affiliation |  |
| Speech delivered (date and place) |  |
| Name of candidate #2 |  |
| Political affiliation |  |
| Speech delivered (date and place) |  |