The nominees for the 2016 presidential race, Trump and Clinton, have given rise to a variety of citizen responses, including local yard signs calling for “Nobody for President” and “Elvis for President.”

We will talk about the challenges that are building in our democracy, and how this election is a critical wake-up call for citizens. Given this analysis, participants in the class will be able to better work with a roadmap for the 2016 election, designed to navigate the political terrain in the fall of 2016.

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