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Section Party Development Handout (Week 2)

# Country Demographics and Statistics

Please see the Polsistan country profile, and review the fictional country Polsistan’s conditions and demographics. Then answer the following questions.

1. What do Polsistan’s demographics (population characteristics) look like? (e.g. Diverse or homogenous? Young or old? Any other things you have noticed?)
2. What does Polsistan’s economy look like? (e.g. How is Polsistan’s economy doing in general? What does Polsistan export and import? How does the labor force look like?)
3. What do Polsistan’s energy and environmental conditions look like? (e.g. Any natural resources or environmental issues the new political parties should be aware of?)
4. What do Polsistan’s current conditions look like in regards to health and education?

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\*To see examples of constitutions around the world see https://www.constituteproject.org/

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Section Party Development: Debate Handout 1A

# Executive Branch Debate: Presidential

Your group supports instituting presidential system rather than parliamentary system in Polsistan. Use the *assigned readings, lecture materials, and Polsistan country profile* to address the following questions.

**Question 1.**

What is presidential system? Please briefly define presidential system. Which countries have presidential system?

**Question 2.**

What are the advantages of presidential system?

**Question 3.**

The other group supports parliamentary system. How do you support your position (presidential system) vis-à-vis the other group’s position (parliamentary system)? Why is presidential system more suitable for Polsistan than parliamentary system? What are the disadvantages of parliamentary system?

**Question 4.**

What are the evidence that support your group’s position, presidential system? (Hint: use the assigned readings, lecture materials and Polsistan country profile as your evidence.)

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Section Party Development: Debate Handout 1B

# Executive Branch Debate: Parliamentary

Your group supports instituting parliamentary system rather than presidential system in Polsistan. Use the *assigned readings, lecture materials, and Polsistan country profile* to address the following questions.

**Question 1.**

What is parliamentary system? Please briefly define parliamentary system. Which countries have parliamentary system?

**Question 2.**

What are the advantages of parliamentary system?

**Question 3.**

The other group supports presidential system. How do you support your position (parliamentary system) vis-à-vis the other group’s position (presidential system)? Why is parliamentary system more suitable for Polsistan than presidential system? What are the disadvantages of presidential system?

**Question 4.**

What are the evidence that support your group’s position, parliamentary system? (Hint: use the assigned readings, lecture materials and Polsistan country profile as your evidence.)

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Section Party Development: Debate Handout 2A

# Legislative Branch Debate: Bicameral

Your group supports instituting bicameral legislature rather than unitary legislature in Polsistan. Use the *assigned readings, lecture materials, and Polsistan country profile* to address the following questions.

**Question 1.**

What is bicameral system? Please briefly define bicameral system. Which countries have bicameral system?

**Question 2.**

What are the advantages of bicameral system?

**Question 3.**

The other group supports unicameral system. How do you support your position (bicameral system) vis-à-vis the other group’s position (unitcameral system)? Why is bicameral system more suitable for Polsistan than unicameral system? What are the disadvantages of unicameral system?

**Question 4.**

What are the evidence that support your group’s position, bicameral system? (Hint: use the assigned readings, lecture materials and Polsistan country profile as your evidence.)

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Section Party Development: Debate Handout 2B

# Legislative Branch Debate: Unicameral

Your group supports instituting unicameral legislature rather than bicameral legislature in Polsistan. Use the *assigned readings, lecture materials, and Polsistan country profile* to address the following questions.

**Question 1.**

What is unicameral system? Please briefly define unicameral system. Which countries have unicameral system?

**Question 2.**

What are the advantages of unicameral system?

**Question 3.**

The other group supports bicameral system. How do you support your position (unicameral system) vis-à-vis the other group’s position (bicameral system)? Why is unicameral system more suitable for Polsistan than bicameral system? What are the disadvantages of bicameral system?

**Question 4.**

What are the evidence that support your group’s position, unicameral system. (Hint: use the assigned readings, lecture materials and Polsistan country profile as your evidence.)

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Section Party Development: Debate Handout 3A

# Election System Debate: PR

Your group supports instituting Proportional Representation (PR) electoral system rather than First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) electoral system in Polsistan. Use the *assigned readings, lecture materials, and Polsistan country profile* to address the following questions.

**Question 1.**

What is Proportional Representation (PR)? Please briefly define PR. Which countries have PR?

**Question 2.**

What are the advantages of PR?

**Question 3.**

The other group supports First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) electoral system. How do you support your position (PR) vis-à-vis the other group’s position (FPTP)? Why is PR more suitable for Polsistan than FPTP? What are the disadvantages of FPTP?

**Question 4.**

What are the evidence that support your group’s position, PR. (Hint: use the assigned readings, lecture materials and Polsistan country profile as your evidence.)

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Section Party Development: Debate Handout 3B

# Election System Debate: FPTP

Your group supports instituting First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) electoral system rather than Proportional Representation (PR) electoral system in Polsistan. Use the *assigned readings, lecture materials, and Polsistan country profile* to address the following questions.

**Question 1.**

What is First-Past-The-Post (FPTP)? Please briefly define FPTP. Which countries have FPTP?

**Question 2.**

What are the advantages of FPTP?

**Question 3.**

The other group supports Proportional Representation (PR) electoral system. How do you support your position (FPTP) vis-à-vis the other group’s position (PR)? Why is FPTP more suitable for Polsistan than PR? What are the disadvantages of PR?

**Question 4.**

What are the evidence that support your group’s position, FPTP. (Hint: use the assigned readings, lecture materials and Polsistan country profile as your evidence.)

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Section Party Development: Debate Handout 4A

# State’s Rights Debate: Federal

Your group supports instituting federal system rather than unitary system in Polsistan. Use the *assigned readings, lecture materials, and Polsistan country profile* to address the following questions.

**Question 1.**

What is federal system? Please briefly define federal system. Which countries have federal system?

**Question 2.**

What are the advantages of federal system?

**Question 3.**

The other group supports unitary system. How do you support your position (federal system) vis-à-vis the other group’s position (unitary system)? Why is federal system more suitable for Polsistan than unitary system? What are the disadvantages of unitary system?

**Question 4.**

What are the evidence that support your group’s position, federal system? (Hint: use the assigned readings, lecture materials and Polsistan country profile as your evidence.)

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Section Party Development: Debate Handout 4B

# State’s Rights Debate: Unitary

Your group supports instituting unitary system rather than federal system in Polsistan. Use the *assigned readings, lecture materials, and Polsistan country profile* to address the following questions.

**Question 1.**

What is unitary system? Please briefly define unitary system. Which countries have unitary system?

**Question 2.**

What are the advantages of unitary system?

**Question 3.**

The other group supports federal system. How do you support your position (unitary system) vis-à-vis the other group’s position (federal system)? Why is unitary system more suitable for Polsistan than federal system? What are the disadvantages of federal system?

**Question 4.**

What are the evidence that support your group’s position, unitary system? (Hint: use the assigned readings, lecture materials and Polsistan country profile as your evidence.)

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Section Party Development: Debate Handout (5)

# Health Care Debate

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Section Party Development: Debate Handout (6)

# Protection of Rights Debate

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Section Party Development: Debate Handout (7)

# Higher Education and Tax System Debate

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Section Party Development: Debate Handout (8)

# Energy and Climate Change Debate

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Section Party Development Handout (Week 11)

# Party Ideology and Goals

What is the name of your party?

Given your party’s positions on Article I, II and III, what is your party ideology regarding Left, Center or Right? Explain why you chose the proposed ideology within a few sentences.

What are the goals of your party? What are the aims and intentions of your party? What does your party want to achieve in newly democratized Polsistan?

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Section Party Development Handout (Week 12)

# Party Constituency and Platform

Who are your constituents? Based on your party ideology and goals, what segments of the population does your party represent? Review Polsistan’s demographics as well as your party’s ideology and goals, and identify your constituents. Example why within a few sentences.

Review your party’s positions on Article I, II and II. Are your party ideology, goals, and constituency aligned with your party’s positions? Example why within a few sentences.

Let’s finalize your party platform! Briefly summarize your party’s positions on Article I, II and II, party ideology, goals, and constituency.

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Section Party Development Handout (Week 13)

# Getting Ready for National Assembly

Discuss your party platform and strategy for the National Assembly.