



PROMISES TO KEEP

(Time varies)

OBJECTIVE

Students track the candidates' promises to involve themselves in the ongoing political process.

MATERIALS

Promises to Keep handout

GET READY

- ✓ Copy *Promises to Keep* handout for each student or group.
- ✓ See "Political Campaigns" in the Appendix.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ Instruct the students to find the winning candidate's promises by examining newspapers and news magazines and by watching TV.
- ✓ Have the students list the candidate's promises and make their predictions in the appropriate *Promises to Keep* column.
- ✓ Save the charts until spring (if the election was in the fall). In March, April, or May, place check marks in the last column if the promises are kept.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ★ *Have the winning candidates kept all their promises?*
- ★ *Do you think the candidates were sincere about their promises?*
- ★ *Why might it be difficult to keep campaign promises?*
- ★ *What course of action do we have if a candidate has not kept his or her promises?*



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Fill in the Promises and Predictions columns in the time leading up to the election. After some time has passed, fill out the “He/She Did It!” column.

Candidate's Name		
PROMISES	PREDICTIONS	HE/SHE DID IT!
	I PREDICT HE/SHE _____KEEP THIS PROMISE.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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