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THIS PAPER IS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH, AS IT IS PART OF AMC (ENGLISH IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD), WHICH IS A NEW SPECIALTY FOR THE BACCALAUREATE. IT ALLOWS THE PUPILS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NUMEROUS ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES AND TO APPREHEND BETTER THEIR INFLUENCE AND IMPACT ON A GLOBAL SCALE TODAY.

SPECIAL ISSUE N°1

OUR GOAL IS TO SHARE NEWS WITH YOU AND, FOR THIS FIRST ISSUE, WE HAVE DECIDED TO FOCUS ON A CURRENT EVENT: THE US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. YOU WILL LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AMERICAN ELECTION PROCESS WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. YOU WILL ALSO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TWO CANDIDATES: DONAL TRUMP (REPUBLICAN) AND KAMALA HARRIS (DEMOCRAT).

NEXT ISSUES

THE NEXT ISSUES WILL BE ON A MORE CLASSICAL FORMAT WITH REGULAR SECTIONS SUCH AS THE NEWS (OF COURSE!), TRAVEL, CULTURE AND ARTS, SPORTS AND A COMIC STRIP. OTHER SECTIONS WILL BE ADDED GRADUALLY TO SATISFY THE READERS.

SO, ENJOY READING LYCOMMUNICATION AND SPREAD THE NEWS ABOUT IT!

VALERIE STOTZ, ENGLISH TEACHER

THE AMERICAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS A COMPLEX PROCESS THAT TAKES PLACE OVER SEVERAL MONTHS AND INVOLVES THE TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES: THE DEMOCRATS AND THE REPUBLICANS. THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT CAN SERVE TWO TERMS ONLY OF 4 YEARS.



In the United States, to be elected, the president must be at least 35 years old and be a natural-born citizen of the United States. He must have been a resident of the country for 14 years and have enough money to lead the campaign as well.

The general election is held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November every four years, which means that this year it is going to happen on November 5th. In these presidential elections, there are several key steps that take place over nearly two years.

First, the candidates announce their intentions to run when they register with the Federal Election Commission. Primary elections are organized by state authorities whereas caucuses are private events run by the political parties. Voters in each state select delegates to support the candidates at party conventions. This is where the major political parties officially nominate their presidential and vice-presidential candidates (it is called a ticket). After the conventions, the candidates start a nationwide campaign to share their ideas and canvass the states, participating to debates, rallies and events across the country.

Then, the Election Day comes, and the Americans do not directly elect the president. Instead, they vote for electors who will represent their state in the Electoral College. There are 538 electors in total. In December, the electors meet in their respective states to vote for the presidential ticket, but it is only a formality, this is why the name of the President is already known on election day. A candidate needs to win at least 270 out of 538 electoral votes to become president.

In early January, Congress meets to count the electoral votes and then officially declare the winner. The new president is then sworn in on Inauguration Day, which is on January 20th, at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C

PRIMARY ELECTIONS: VOTERS DIRECTLY CAST THEIR BALLOT FOR A CANDIDATE, AND ELECTORS FROM EACH STATE PLEDGE TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDATE CHOSEN BY THE POPULAR VOTE.

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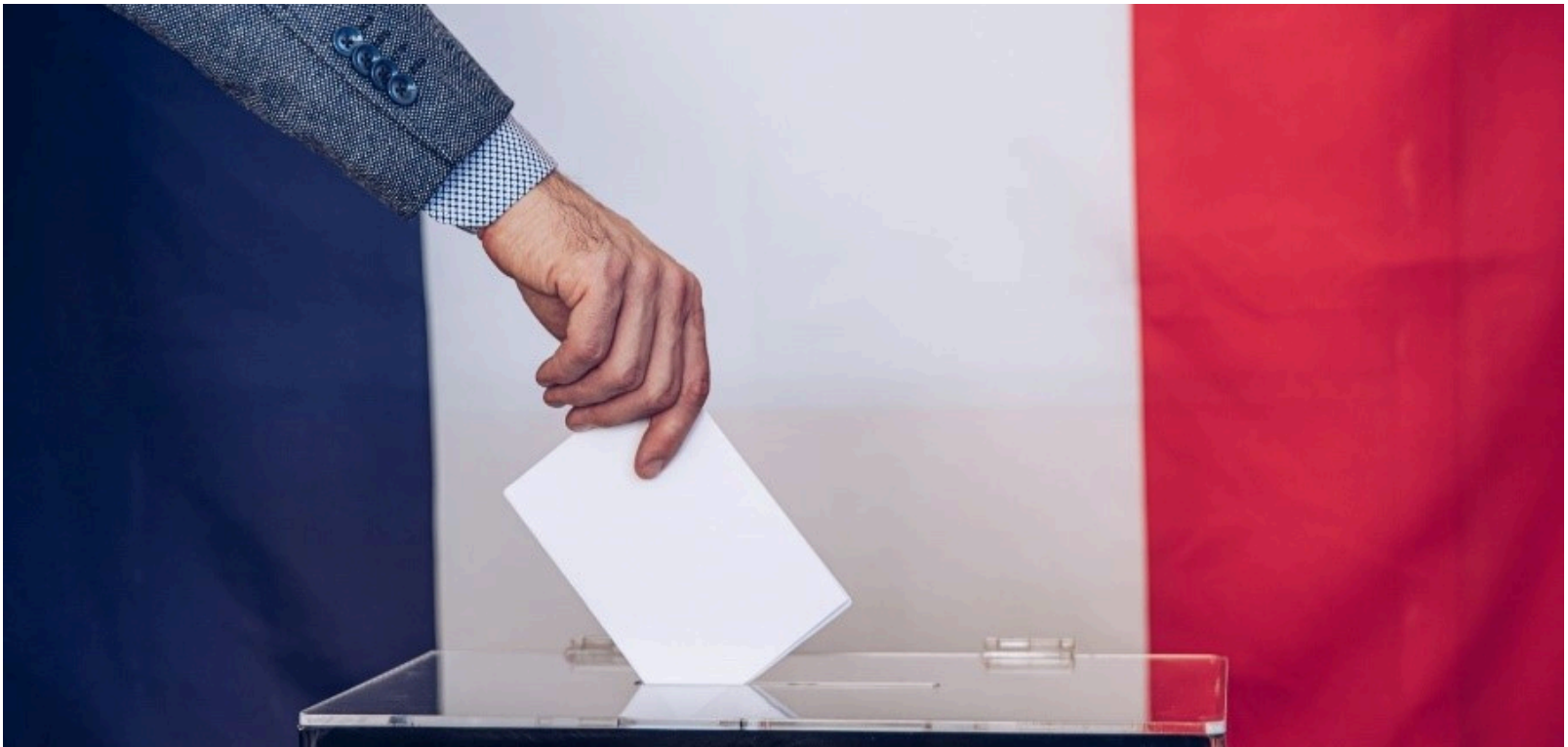
TO PLEDGE: PROMISE

A CAUCUS: PROCESS ONLY USED IN 12 STATES TO SELECT THE ELECTORS THROUGH VOTE LIKE IN THE PRIMARIES

TO CANVASS: SOLICIT / ASK FOR THE VOTES OF PEOPLE (WORDREFERENCE.COM)

FRENCH ELECTIONS

In France, presidential elections take place every 5 years. The French President is elected by direct universal suffrage. There are strict rules for candidates but also for voters. There are 5 major political parties.



In France, to vote or to be candidate, you must be 18 or more, have the French nationality, live in France and be registered on the electoral list. Moreover, to be candidate, you need to collect the signatures of 500 elected officials such as mayors. Then the two candidates who have the best scores on the first round will face each other on the second round. And, once they are in the second round, they must have most of the votes to be elected as French President. The French President is elected by direct universal suffrage. He/she is elected for 5 years, and he/she can be elected twice in a row but must wait for another 5 years before being a candidate again. There are strict rules on the financial campaign. Candidates' expenses are limited to 22,51 million euros for the two candidates who are elected for the second round and 16,85 million euros for the candidates who don't go to the second round. To ensure fairness, the State gives back part of the campaign expenses, based on the votes candidates received.

Direct universal suffrage: a way to vote when voters elect directly their President. It is called "universal" as women and men who are French citizens can vote.

DONALD TRUMP : PRESIDENT FOR A SECOND TIME ?

TRUMP SAID AND DID MANY REMARKABLE THINGS DURING HIS LIFE, BUT LET'S GET TO KNOW HIM A BIT BETTER. HE BECAME THE 45TH US PRESIDENT IN 2017 AND IS NOW BACK TO BE ONE ONCE AGAIN !



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[HTTPS://WWW.WHITEHOUSE.GOV/PEOPLE /DONALD-J-TRUMP/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/people/donald-j-trump/) (ARCHIVE)

Life before politics

Donald Trump was born on July 14th, 1946, in New York City. Fred Trump, his father, was a real estate developer. In 1959, at the age of 13, the young Trump enrolled in the New York Military Academy where he developed a sense of discipline. Later, he attended the private and Catholic university of Fordham until he went to the Wharton School, a business school at the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the family business in the 1970s, expanding his investments, particularly in Manhattan, where the Trump Tower was built.

Political career

Trump is a member of the Republican party, which was founded in the USA in 1854. Although Donald Trump belonged to various political parties and was even a Democrat in 2001, he mainly proclaims himself as a nationalist. However, he ended up signing the Republican loyalty pledge and adopted their political opinion in 2015.

Presidential career

When elected president in 2016, he was straight up a bold leader, mocking openly other leaders on Twitter (now "X"). Being a global warming skeptic, he was against any major climate and trade agreements, and was also opposed to abortion. He even toughened up the immigration restrictions between the USA and Mexico even more. Donald Trump then lost the elections against Joe Biden and claimed the elections had been rigged. This provoked the assault of the Capitol the 6th of January.

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rigged: manipulated fraudlently

KAMALA HARRIS: A NEW VOICE



KAMALA HARRIS, CURRENT VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, IS RUNNING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

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Biography :

Kamala Harris was born on October 20, 1964 in Oakland, California, to immigrant parents: her mother, Shyamala Gopalan, is an Indian cancer researcher, and her father, Donald Harris, is a Jamaican economist. Growing up in a privileged and committed environment, she took an early interest in social justice. After her parents divorced, she mainly lived in Montreal with her mother, who instilled in her the values of determination and excellence. A graduate of Howard University in 1986 and UC Hastings Law School in 1989, she married Douglas Emhoff in 2014 and is stepmother to two children from a previous marriage.

Career :

Kamala Harris, elected California Senator in 2016, has enjoyed a remarkable political rise. As Vice President, she is committed to civil rights, gun control, immigration and against police violence. Following Biden's withdrawal in July 2024, Harris won the Democratic primary, becoming the party's presidential candidate. A former prosecutor and attorney general, she distinguished herself in the 2024 presidential debate with Trump. Her campaign highlights her experience in justice and her commitment to progressive policies, while striving to clarify her positions on controversial issues.

Facing discrimination :

With her mixed origins, Kamala Harris represents diversity in the United States. Her commitment to social justice, passed on by her activist mother and grandmother, has been put to the test by racist and sexist attacks that call into question her identity and skills. These discriminations take the form of attempts at delegitimization and devaluing stereotypes. Paradoxically, these attacks reinforce her pioneering image, while at the same time sparking debate about her authenticity within the black community, given her mixed origins.

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