

PSA Student Short Video Competition 2016



“DO YOU HAVE TO BE SUPERMAN/ SUPERWOMAN TO BE US PRESIDENT?”



What does it take to be US President?

Is it a Superhuman feat? What personal attributes do you need to deal with political gridlock? Should political leaders be consensual or dominating? How should a leader navigate competing sources of power? Do you need different qualities to be US President and British Prime Minister?

The Political Studies Association is inviting teams of post-16 students who will be studying during the academic year 2016-17 to submit a video of no more than 4 minutes that explores the question: ***“Do You Have to be Superman/Superwoman to be US President?”***

The aim of this competition, **kindly sponsored by YouGov**, is to get students to explore the role and limits of individual political leadership; the personal attributes of political leaders; and the advantages and disadvantages of a presidential system.

Students should tackle issues of the separation of powers; the role of Congress, the Supreme Court; and the US federal system. Comparisons may be made with the UK Westminster Model and the differences or similarities that exist there.

The winning group receive their award at the PSA's Annual Awards Dinner in London in November. On top of this, the winning students will each be invited to spend a week voluntarily shadowing the YouGov political team during their school holidays. **Good luck!!**

Competition Guidelines:

- Teams should consist of no fewer than two and no more than five students.
- Entrants are encouraged to think creatively and to adopt a broad approach that challenges dominant assumptions or offers new perspectives.
- Short-listed teams will be invited to a meeting at the Houses of Parliament in November 2016 to discuss the ideas presented in their video with a jury consisting of politicians, journalists, pollsters and academics.
- Travel and accommodation will be provided for the winning team and their teacher in a central London hotel for the Awards Ceremony.
- **The deadline for submissions is Friday 21 October, 2016.**

For more details about the competition, please call the PSA Head Office on 020 7321 2545 or e-mail info@psa.ac.uk



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