

In the UK

DOC.1 THE UK 2019 SNAP GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS
Share of the 650 MP seats in the House of Commons

 **CONSERVATIVE 365 MPs - 56.1% of the seats**

 **LABOUR 203 MPs - 31.2% of the seats**

 **LIBERAL DEMOCRAT 11 MPs - 1.7% of the seats**



Victory front-pages on December 13, 2019 & July, 4, 2024.



DOC.2 THE UK 2024 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS
Share of the 650 MP seats in the House of Commons

 **CONSERVATIVE 121 MPs - 19 % of the seats**

 **LABOUR 412 MPs - 63 % of the seats**

 **LIBERAL DEMOCRAT 72 MPs - 11 % of the seats**

QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. POLITICAL PARTIES

Docs 1 & 2 ; all US docs. What are the main UK & US political parties (name, associated colour -and animal in the US, right or left-wing party)? What are the names and the political party of the current UK PM and the current US president?

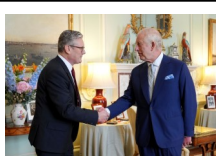
2. MAJOR ELECTIONS

The UK general election

- **Holding the election.** Doc.1 & 2. What is a general election (GE)? How frequently is it held? So how long the prime minister's (PM) term last? When do you think is the next GE due?
- **Winning the GE.** Doc.2. Which political party won the 2024 GE? +Doc.3. Why was it a major victory? What happened to their main opponent? What could explain it? Define Brexit and explain the part it played.
- **Becoming PM in the UK** Doc.3. Why did Keir Starmer become PM? So what is the first way to become PM? Doc.1. Which party won the 2019 GE? Consequently who became PM and why? Doc.3. However, did he resign after the 2024 GE? In fact, who resigned after the 2024 GE? Who else did? So, how many Conservative PMs were there between the two GEs? And do you need a GE to become PM? Indeed, how did Rishi Sunak become PM in 2022? How do you think he was chosen? Regardless of how they became PMs, when are they officially so? Why (think in terms of head of government and state)?

POLITICS ◀ MAJOR ELECTIONS ▶

DOC.3 After the results of the U.K.'s general election came in announcing that the Labour Party had won by a landslide yesterday, its leader Sir Keir Starmer held an audience with the king, where the reigning monarch officially appointed him as Prime Minister. In keeping with convention, Mr Starmer did not become PM until invited to form a Government by the monarch.



King Charles III welcomes incoming Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Buckingham Palace, London on July 5, 2024, a day after Britain held a general election. Photo by Yui Mok, AFP via Getty Images

Earlier in the day, Charles III hosted former Prime Minister Rishi Sunak at Buckingham Palace to accept his resignation. Sunak took office in October 2022 following the resignation of his predecessor, Liz Truss.

Sunak and the Conservatives had the largest defeat in their party's history at the polls on Thursday while Starmer's Labour Party now holds the majority in the House of Commons. The Labour Party's win marks the end of a 14-year streak of Conservative rule mostly marked by political instability due to Brexit.

"King Charles Appoints Sir Keir Starmer as His Prime Minister", James Crawford-Smith, *Newsweek.com*, July 05, 2024.

The US presidential election

- **Holding the election.** Doc.8. How frequently is the US presidential election held? So how long is a presidential term? How many times can a president stand for re-election? Doc.6. When is the president elected? Doc.7. Are they really president then? How are they called? When do they really become president?
- **Winning the party nomination.** Doc.4. Describe the Republican party primaries. Who won the race? What happened in the Democratic party? Doc.5. So who were the presidential nominees? Why is it a 2-people ticket? Why do you think primaries take so long?
- **Winning the presidential election.** Doc.6. How does a candidate win the presidential election? +Doc.8. What are the two successive votes of the election? Which one matters the most? So what type of election is it?

In the USA

THE US ELECTION YEAR : A TIMELINE

JANUARY - JUNE Presidential nomination thanks to party primaries
LABOR DAY (1ST MONDAY OF SEPTEMBER) Electoral campaign
NOVEMBER - DECEMBER Presidential election
JANUARY

DOC.4 The party primaries



Ready for Battle, Christopher Weyant, *CagleCartoons.com*, July 28, 2024.

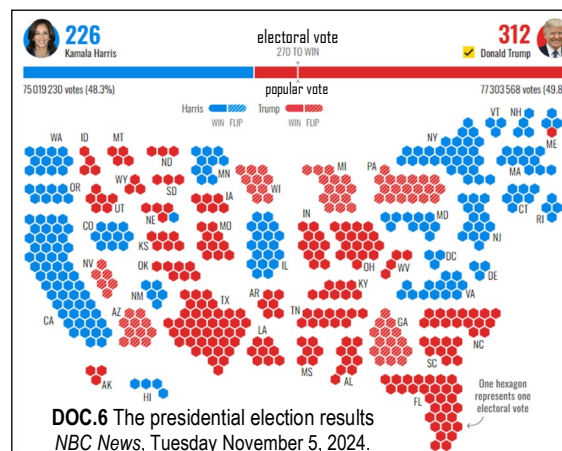


The Republican race, Paresh Nash, *CagleCartoons.com*, January 18, 2024.

DOC.5
The party presidential nomination



The 2024 presidential tickets



DOC.7
The presidential inauguration



President-elect Donald Trump sworn in as the 47th president of the United States by Chief Justice John Roberts, U.S. Capitol, Washington D.C., Monday, January 20, 2025. Photo: Morry Gash, Associated Press.

DOC.8 Donald Trump has sealed a historic victory in the US presidential election and completed his stunning political comeback after his 2020 defeat to Joe Biden ending his first term in office. This time the Republican comfortably defeated Democrat Kamala Harris in what polls had suggested would be a very tight election, after he swept several key battleground states and won a commanding lead in the national popular vote - a feat he fell short of when first elected in 2016.

"Trump pulls off historic White House comeback", Jude Sheerin & Matt Murphy, *BBC NEWS*, 6 November 2024.