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Current topics in short: Talking about the outcome of the U.S. presidential elections (§ II)

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Im November 2020 wurde in den USA mit J den ein Meuer Präsident gewählt. Dieser hat den en Präsidente Donald Trump bereits abgelöst, auch wenn viele in vielerlei Hinsicht ungewöh alten und nicht anerkennen wollen – was zu Trump-Anhänger die Walkergebn. e für gefälsc. m auf das (apitol führte, Nach jeder Präsidentschaft stellt sich die Frage, dem schockierenden 2 was bleibt. Welches Erbe der veue Prasident an, welche mittel- und langfristigen Konsequenzen hatte die Politik des scheiden. räsidenten? Die Schülerinnen und Schüler setzen sich in diesen Einschätzungen aus Interviews mit US-Bürgerinnen und Unterrichtsm it verschie -Bürgern a seinander u Inen dies Zauf dem Spektrum politischer Meinungen ein.

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Klasse stufe: 11/12 (G8) bzw. 11–13 (G9)

Dauer: 3 Unterrichtsstunden

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sonen lesen und verstehen; 2. Sprechen: am Unterrichtsgespräch teilnehmen; 3. Interkulturelle Kompetenz: Werte, Haltungen und Einstellungen des zielsprachigen Landes erkennen und unter Berück-

sichtigung des fremdkulturellen Hintergrundes einordnen

Thematische Bereiche: USA, aktuelle gesellschaftliche Probleme

Material: Texte

Person 2: Trump's administration succeeded in dividing the country and encouraged people to speak out their prejudices and uncouth opinions and behaviors. He gave big business a big boost. Immigration issues are a long-term problem, including children who are now without parents. Party divide is worse than ever so our elected officials will have a hard time working together in the future. The new administration will be helping immigrants for example by legalizing DACA. Also, Biden will speak the truth about COVID-19 and its seriousness. The new administration will hopefully improve education and stop enabling millionaires in this country. People voted for Biden because he is very kind and caring. He wants normalcy, not chaos. I am sure he will help working class people at thelp get health care bills passed.

former teacher, now retired, female, based in Atlanta, mother of two and grandmother of four

Person 3: Despite my extreme dislike for Donald Trump, I think some positive 1 ings did happen while he was in office. He helped Israel make peace with its neighbours, while moving the US Embassy to Jerusalem. What is more, his administration implemented tay cuts. The onomy has grown considerably during his presidency, too. One of the problems is Trump has caused politicization of how Americans view the pandemic, w generally believing it's a hoax and Democrats believing in science. "also be a Biden's presidency to unify a much divided USA, I think. General, creating jobs in comb n with social equality and sustainability will be a problem for years come. W en is president, I will be less embarrassed about how the USA is represented around world. Truk may be smart and have good ideas (maybe), but he does not articulatibem in a diplomatic w for Biden because he is not Trump. I think many different type of people ve and Republicans alike, because they are not 'Trumpers'. Although, re are many Republicans who voted for Trump even though they do not like vote along party lines. I would like to invite Joe Biden to my house and talk thim about what drove him into politics and rs and attempts. why he continued to pursue the presidency over so many

professional working woman, 47-year-old wife

Person 4: The biggest achievements of Trum Jaul ration are the following: he tried to achieve better trade agreements, for example In China. He also made an effort to protect patent my opinion. Furthermore, he pulled US-troops out rights for US companies, that ry important of Somalia. And last but not least, challenged T k. What I would consider a long-term problem is the tax cuts aimed. be extrem a wealthy at the cost of our economy. Another problem is the issue of global warming a s decision to protect fossil fuels in this ultramodern economy. Under Biden, we are going to te be coronavirus a lot more seriously. We will also respect science. And our treat migrants ar way we view immigrants will change. People are generally tired of the political circu was constantly in the news. People were not treated fairly under the y immigrants and people of lower incomes. The idea of "America Trump ad inistration, espec a problem becal e global problems need global solutions.

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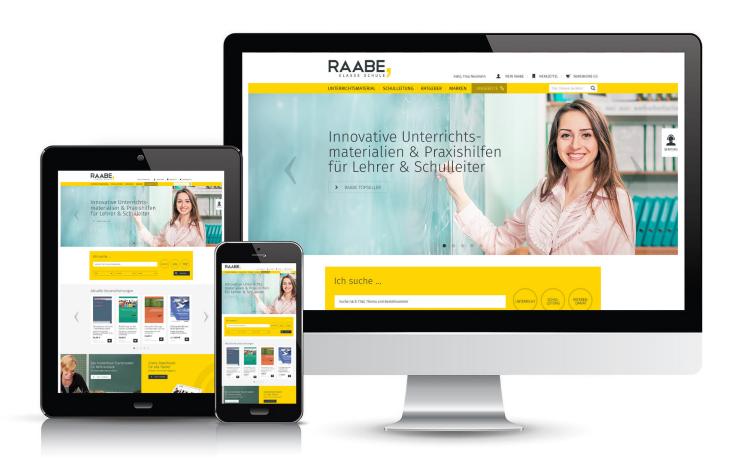
Additiona tasks:

- Classify e people who gave their opinion regarding their political position, i.e. from very to moderate to very liberal or even left wing. Explain your opinion to a partner.
- 2. Take a look of the problems and achievements of the Trump administration you have listed. Which of these achievements are domestic issues, which are international issues?
- 3. Rank these achievements in an order of your choice, i.e. from best to worst.
- 4. Rank the problems in an order of your choice, i.e. from worst to less bad to least bad.





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