

## 【美國總統大選2020】

本期課程我們將探討即將到來的大選，這可能是近代史以來最重要且最不確定的一場選舉，讓我們一起深入了解這個關鍵議題吧。

### **Hot Button Issues: The 2020 American Presidential Election**

In this Hot Button Issues Class we will discuss the upcoming presidential election. No other election in modern history feels this important or uncertain. The stakes are high, so let's get together and learn about the issues.

Topics covered include:

- the differences between the political parties
- the important issues that each candidate and party represent
- the electoral college and voting mechanisms
- Trump and Biden
- Hacking and interference
- Threats to fair voting
- Gerrymandering
- Money in elections
- ...and more

## 【美國的種族抗爭與衝突】

種族是美國難解的議題（從美國開國以來便是），種族影響了美國許多層面，包括最近越演越烈的抗爭與衝突。本期課程是個開放的討論，我們會以影片、文章作為教材，並檢驗這個議題的脈絡，試著更全面地理解衝突的成因。

### **Hot Button Issues: Race and Protest in America**

In this section of Hot Button Issues we will dig into the topic of race. It is an issue that has defined and troubled America since the founding of the country, and it is the issue that is leading the current wave of protests. Through guided and open discussions, video, and readings we will learn about the historical conditions and current political tensions that are threatening to tear America apart. At the end of the class, you will have a deeper understanding of the role race plays in American society and why it remains such an important and contentious issue.

Each class will consist of several parts: a lecture portion where we learn about and discuss an issue of topical importance; a reading assignment which will be discussed together in class; and an open discussion portion where we discuss our own feelings and reactions to what we read and talked about.