

# Following the Election (Adv.)

#### About this lesson

In this lesson you'll learn how to:

- discuss what you look for in a political leader
- politely disagree with someone

You'll also learn about how Americans participate in their political system through elections and discussion of politics.

## Following the election

Have you been following the election much these days? ابن روزها اخبار مربوط به انتخابات را دنبال کر ده ای؟

I don't think my vote will make much of a difference in such a big state.

You can't just leave your responsibility as a citizen to everyone else.

I guess if everyone thought their vote didn't matter then no one would ever vote.

This is a common conversation among Americans, especially in large states like California and Texas. About 50% of the American voting age population regularly votes in elections.

### A healthy debate

Do you find yourself leaning toward one candidate or the other? آیا تمایلی به هیچ یک از کاندیداها داری؟

I'd rather not say who I'm voting for since I don't like getting into political arguments.

Discussing politics or religion in a casual social setting is taboo in American culture.

I just want to engage you in a healthy debate! فقط مي خوام مشغول يک مباحثه سالم بشيم

## Don't see the point

I don't really see the point of arguing with each other about personal beliefs.

I think there's a lot of value in hashing out why you feel the way you do.

I don't mind backing up my opinions as long as you don't force your beliefs on me.

## In the pocket of

I don't like the way the incumbent candidate is running his campaign.

Both the candidates this year seem to have their advantages.

I think the incumbent candidate seems to be in the pocket of powerful corporations.

He seems to be a man of the people to me... you know he started out working in a factory.

You know he started out working in a factory, right?

#### The lesser evil

I'll never find a candidate who advocates every policy I support.

I just try to pick the one I disagree with the least.

I figure all politicians are dishonest so I try to pick the lesser evil.

#### After all

I think charisma and the ability to speak well are just as important as a candidate's platform.

I was just about to say that but you beat me to the punch.

Looks like we agree on some fronts.

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This turned out to be a worthwhile conversation after all. . با همه این ها مکالمه خوبی از آب درآمد

Video: Obama and Immigration