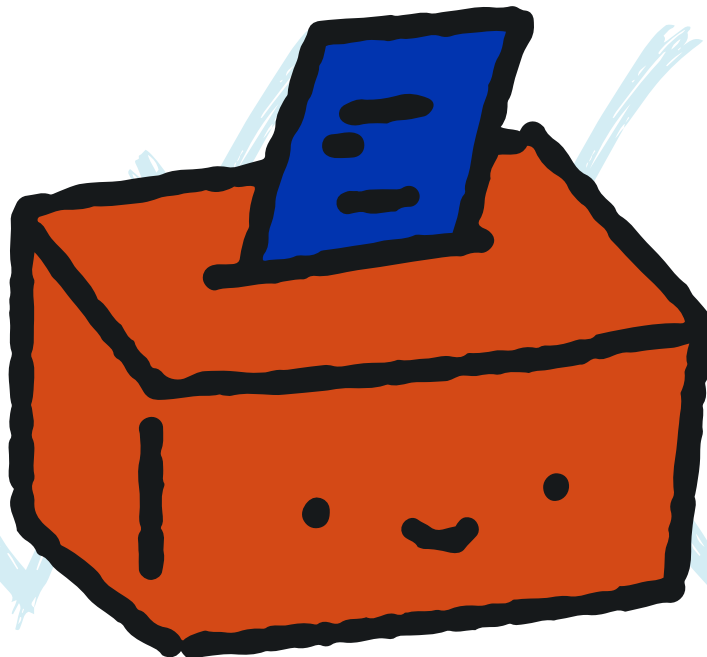


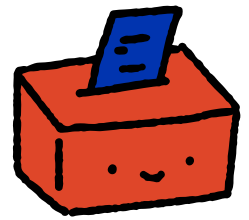
CAST YOUR BALLOT

a party game
about voting



5-10
players

GATHER SUPPLIES



You only need 2 things to play this game. They are:

- ✓ Paper and a writing utensil for all players
- ✓ Hat, bowl, or some other container. This will be your ballot box

In addition, each player will be playing one of the following characters. Here's a list of totally optional and very goofy character props if you choose to ham it up. Consider this inspiration. Follow your own weirdo heart.

SOUTHERN BELLE

A ribbon to tie in your hair
A glass of sweet tea
Big sunglasses

OVERLY POLITE MIDWESTERNER

Your emotional support casserole dish
A warm hat and/or mittens
A bottle of ranch dressing

AGGRESSIVE COFFEE-OBSESSED EAST COASTER

At least one cup of coffee
A perpetual scowl on your face
Gum to smack constantly

LONER TRUCK DRIVER

Hat and ratty t-shirt
Fake handlebar mustache
Chewing gum or a big to-go cup

GENERIC WHITE-COLLAR PROFESSIONAL

Any accessories from your chosen profession. Ex: first aid kit, calculator, or briefcase
Fake or drawn-on mustache

KAREN

Hair pulled back into a low ponytail
Phone at the ready to record someone
Bright lipstick

COWPOKE

Bandana and/or cowboy hat
A bolo tie made from your shoestring
A toothpick or grass strand to chew on

POT-SMOKING "WOKE" GRANDPARENT

Big glasses
Hair pulled back in a low bun
Cough drops to suck on

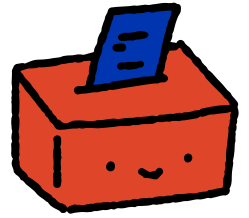
ECCENTRIC BILLIONAIRE

Dollar bills to throw at people
Plain, black t-shirt or sweater
Sneakers

DAY-TRADING TECH BRO

Slouchy beanie hat and/or fleece vest
Headphones in at all times

HOW TO PLAY



OBJECTIVE:

One of you is the Undecided Voter. The rest of you have done your research and are confident in who you will vote for for the upcoming 'Life of The' Party vs. Birthday Party election. **The objective of the game is to sleuth out who the Undecided Voter is and convince them to vote for your party.**

If you are the Undecided Voter, your objective is to remain anonymous for the duration of the game, trying to avoid all the attention of your fellow players. If you go undetected for the entire game, you win. If the majority of the other players guess who you are at the end of the game, they collectively win.

GAME SET-UP:

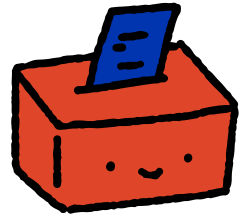
The following pages are 10 character sheets, each with a cover sheet to prevent you from reading each other's characters. Take turns picking up one character cover sheet and the character sheet behind it. Pick whatever character is speaking to you most. It's okay to skip sheets. Discard any remaining characters. You need a minimum of 5 people to play.

Pause here to read your chosen character sheets. I'll wait!

Alright, now that everyone has a character, it's time to choose the Undecided Voter. Take pieces of scrap paper equal to the number of players you have, and write "Undecided Voter" on one of them. Fold them in half and put them in your ballot box (hat, bowl, etc.). Take turns drawing papers. Whoever draws the "Undecided Voter" paper is the Undecided Voter for this round.

KEEP THESE PAPERS ON YOUR PERSON THROUGH THE DURATION OF THE GAME. DO NOT SHOW THEM TO ANYBODY UNLESS PROMPTED.

HOW TO PLAY



GAME PLAY:

This game is broken up into four parts. First is “Sleuthing Round 1,” where you set a timer and learn about each other’s political positions, ask questions, and try to figure out who the Undecided Voter is. They will lie, you will lie, it will be funny. You have stipulations on your character sheet about what you can and cannot say. Follow those.

When the timer runs out, move on to the “Voting Round 1” where all characters will anonymously cast their vote for their party. The Undecided Voter will draw a doodle, leave it blank, write in a witty joke, whatever they choose. Perhaps they even reveal which way they are currently leaning. The votes will then be revealed for everyone to see. This will give you added information about who was lying, who’s decided, etc.

You will then have one more Sleuthing Round, “Sleuthing Round 2” to poke at your fellow players a little harder. This is your last chance to gather information.

You all will then cast your final party vote anonymously and review the results together. The Undecided Voter will choose a party and vote like all other characters. Review the votes together, then go around and declare who you believe the Undecided Voter was. The Undecided Voter will then reveal themselves.

WINNING THE GAME:

If the **majority** of players identifies the wrong person as the Undecided Voter, the real Undecided Voter wins! If the majority vote identifies correctly, the rest of the players win collectively.

The next page gives you an overview of the two parties: the ‘Life of The’ Party and the Birthday Party. Your character sheet says which party you are voting for. Keep that private.

You should all have character sheets already. If not, choose them now and discard the rest.

Once you hit the “SLEUTHING ROUND 1” page proceed as instructed. Happy voting!

PARTY OVERVIEWS



'Life of The' Party
VS
Birthday Party



'LIFE OF THE' PARTY SLOGAN: *Give me pineapples, or give me death!*

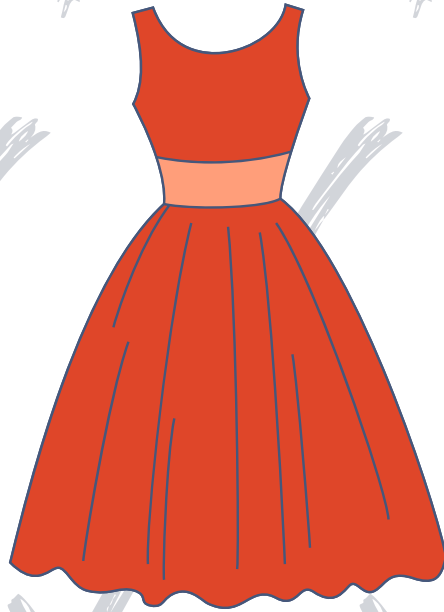
BIRTHDAY PARTY SLOGAN: *Read my mustard-covered lips: Hotdogs are Sandwiches*

STANCES ON KEY ISSUES:

	'Life of The' Party	Birthday Party
PINEAPPLE ON PIZZA	FOR	AGAINST
BEST HOUSEHOLD PET	DOGS	CATS
IS A HOTDOG A SANDWICH?	NO	YES

Look at your character sheet to see what party you're voting for. Take a few minutes to think of your main arguments for and/or against both parties. Do not tell anybody who you are voting for.

SOUTHERN BELLE



COVER SHEET

SOUTHERN BELLE

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Party You're Voting For:



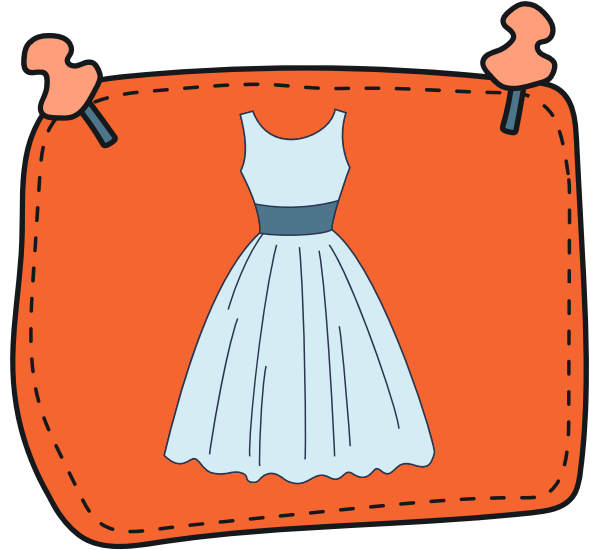
BIRTHDAY PARTY

Your stances:

AGAINST pineapples on pizza

CATS are the best pet

Hotdogs **ARE** sandwiches



About You:

- You're a lil ole southern belle who loves a good glass of sweet tea and a bit of gossip. You've been known to stir the pot, but are so sweet nobody seems to notice that you're the one drama follows.
- You think societal expectations and manners are important
- You are far too prim and proper to talk about who you're voting for. **You will try to change the topic when someone asks you about your political opinions.** How undignified to discuss such matters!

You have a Special Ability!

You are gossip royalty! You can spread up to TWO rumors of your choosing. After you say the rumor you'd like to spread, add the claim that "you know this to be true" and insinuate this is information directly from your character sheet. Nobody is allowed to question you further. If they try to, tell them they cannot.

You get two total rumors for the entire game. Choose your timing wisely!

COWPOKE



**COVER
SHEET**

COWPOKE

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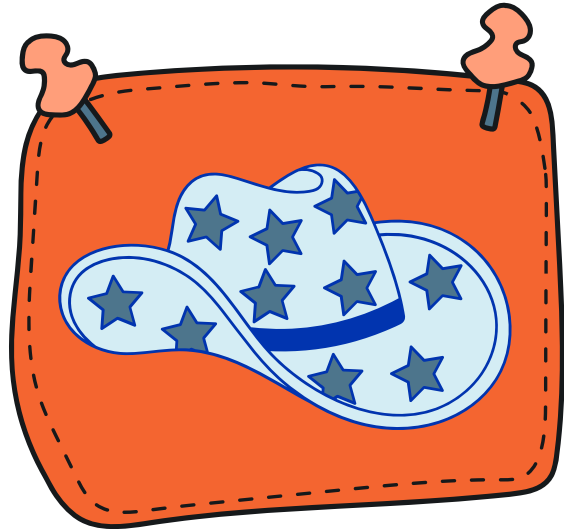
Party You're Voting For:



'LIFE OF THE' PARTY

Your stances:

FOR pineapples on pizza
DOGS are the best pet
Hotdogs **ARE NOT** sandwiches



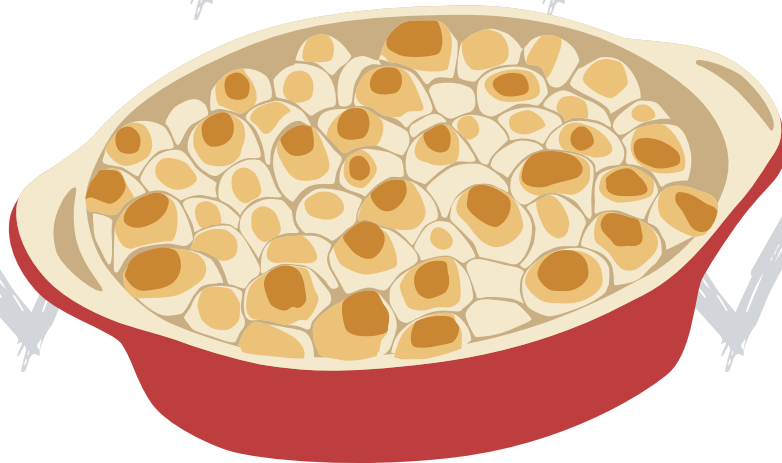
About You:

- You're a cowpoke through and through and spend more time with livestock than with other people.
- You're a rough and tumble person who isn't one for small talk and tends to stay fairly quiet, using grunts when possible instead of real words.
- **You're a straight shooter and tend to be fairly honest.**

You have a Special Ability!

You are observant! You can read a room. If someone makes a statement and you think they're lying, you can evoke this special ability! Right after they make the statement, tell them to whisper to you (and you only) if what they just said is true or false. You can only use this special ability once per sleuthing round (total of two times).

OVERLY POLITE MIDWESTERNER



COVER SHEET

OVERLY POLITE MIDWESTERNER

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Party You're Voting For:



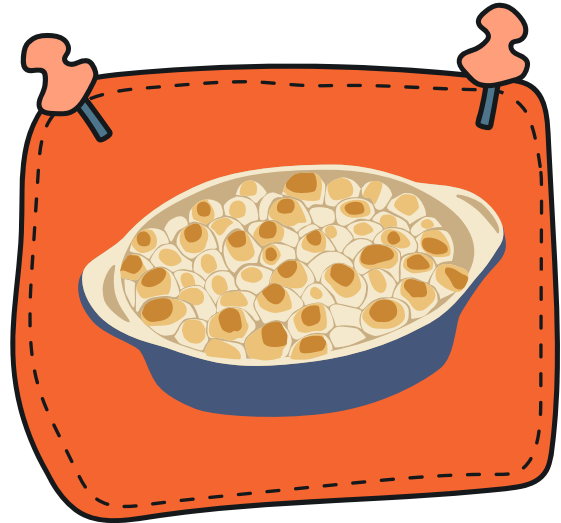
BIRTHDAY PARTY

Your stances:

AGAINST pineapples on pizza

CATS are the best pet

Hotdogs **ARE** sandwiches



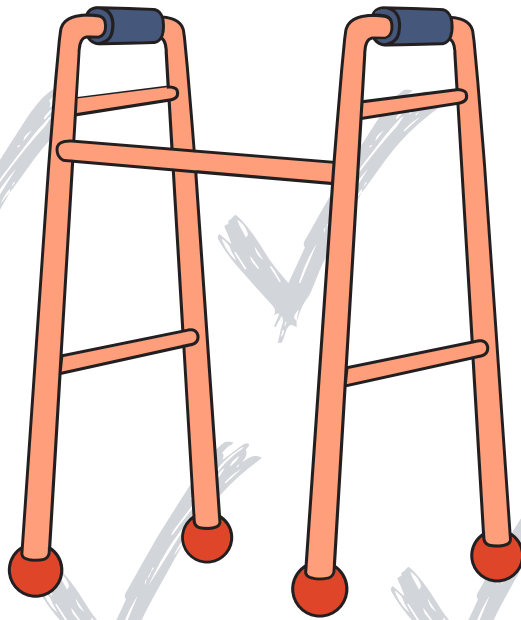
About You:

- You're the salt-of-the-earth and don't shy away from hard work and manual labor.
- You're extremely sensitive to spicy food. Bell peppers are the hottest ingredient in your kitchen.
- You like things the way they are. You're stuck in your ways and hate change almost as much as you hate construction season.

You have a Special Ability!

You're the most polite person in the world. **You can only say POSITIVE things about both parties.** You may not say anything negative about either. This rule is in place for the entirety of the game.

POT-SMOKING WOKE GRANDPARENT



COVER SHEET

WOKE GRANDPARENT

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Party You're Voting For:



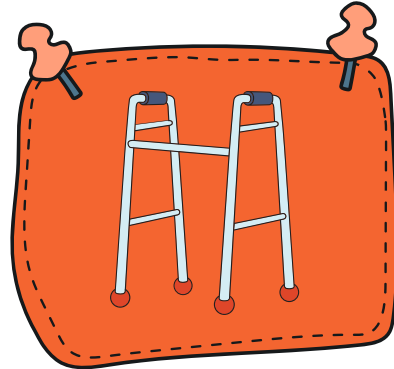
'LIFE OF THE' PARTY

Your stances:

FOR pineapples on pizza

DOGS are the best pet

Hotdogs **ARE NOT** sandwiches



About You:

- You were all about the War on Drugs back in the day, but have since embraced the slow life in retirement and are at least a little high most of the time.
- You embrace "woke" culture and often swing a little too far in some statements you make. You're not sure why your grandkids roll their eyes at you all the time.
- You're very forgetful. You may get confused and misspeak, causing confusion for other players.

You have a Special Ability!

You're confused! **You can only say negative things about your own party, and can only say positive things about the Birthday Party.**

You are to keep this up for the entire game. If someone uses their special ability to figure out if you're lying, you may state that you "were confused" and disclose that you were lying.

**AGGRESSIVE
COFFEE-
OBSESSED EAST
COASTER**



**COVER
SHEET**

AGRO EAST COASTER

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Party You're Voting For:



BIRTHDAY PARTY

Your stances:

AGAINST pineapples on pizza
CATS are the best pet
Hotdogs **ARE** sandwiches



About You:

- You're mad at everything, all the time! Traffic sucks, your sports team just lost, and your sweatpant's waistband is getting too stretched out.
- You think the entire country's politics revolves around you and your region. You have Washington DC, New York City, and Boston all nearby! What else is even there in the rest of America?
- You have a hard time understanding that others have a point of view that's different from yours. **You're very argumentative.**

You have a Special Ability!

People don't like talking to you. You're pushy and have strong opinions. You can use this to your advantage by taking over the narrative! Use this special ability to force all other players to stop talking for two minutes, saying whatever you'd like during that time. When you'd like to use this ability, ask another player to note the time and let you know when the two minutes is up.

You may only use ability once during the entire game, so choose wisely.

GENERIC WHITE COLLAR PROFESSIONAL



COVER SHEET

GENERIC PROFESSIONAL

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Party You're Voting For:



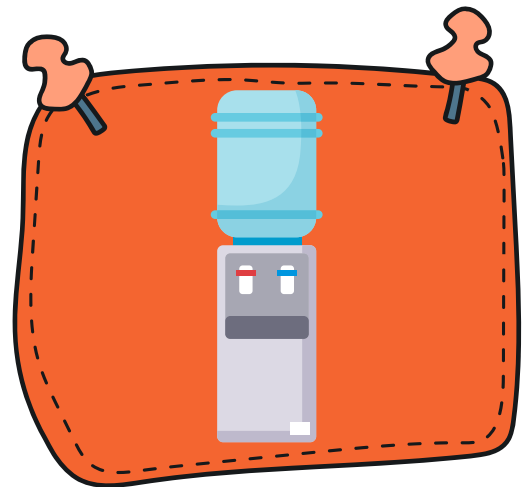
'LIFE OF THE' PARTY

Your stances:

FOR pineapples on pizza

DOGS are the best pet

Hotdogs **ARE NOT** sandwiches



About You:

- You are a generic white-collar professional. Choose any profession that you'd like. Suggestions: Doctor, Engineer, Lawyer, Corporate Executive.
- People often assume you are trustworthy.

You have a Special Ability!

People tend to trust you. **Up to two times per round**, if get called out lying, whether it is a lie or you're telling the truth, you can double down on your statement and say, "you can't talk to me that way!" They must move on and cannot press you further.

KAREN



COVER SHEET

KAREN

If you did not draw the Undecided Voter paper, you are decided in your vote. If you did draw the Undecided Voter paper, you are the Undecided Voter. Ignore the statement below telling you which party you are voting for. All other information still applies.

Party You're Voting For:



'LIFE OF THE' PARTY

Your stances:

FOR pineapples on pizza

DOGS are the best pet

Hotdogs **ARE NOT** sandwiches



About You:

- You're constantly with your phone at the ready to record someone doing absolutely nothing wrong.
- You voice your opinions **STRONGLY**, even when nobody asks and demand that others think the way you do.

You have a Special Ability!

You're the most negative person in the world! **You CAN NOT say anything positive about either party.** You can only say negative things about BOTH parties. This rule is in place for the entirety of the game.

LONER TRUCK DRIVER



COVER SHEET

TRUCK DRIVER

If you did not draw the Undecided Voter paper, you are decided in your vote. If you did draw the Undecided Voter paper, you are the Undecided Voter. Ignore the statement below telling you which party you are voting for. All other information still applies.

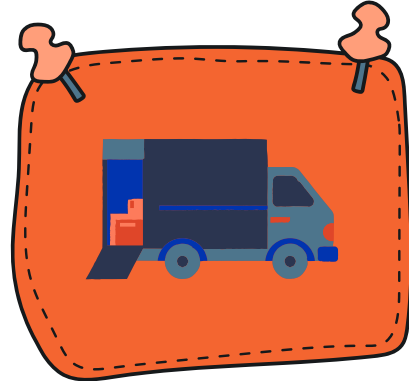
Party You're Voting For:



'LIFE OF THE' PARTY

Your stances:

FOR pineapples on pizza
DOGS are the best pet
Hotdogs **ARE NOT** sandwiches



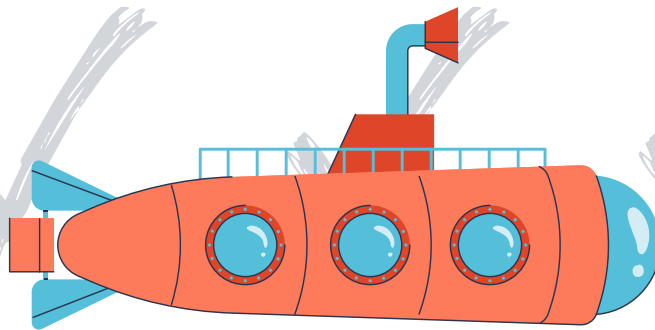
- You are a little rough around the edges, but have a good heart and care about other people.
- You're not one to shout or yell, and are eager to hear others' opinions on their political views.
- **You shy away a bit when asked about your own opinions, preferring to keep to yourself.**

You have a Special Ability!

You're a loner! You listen more than you speak and have a great judge of character. At the end of Sleuthing Round 1 before the voting begins, choose one character and tell them they must show you (and only you!) their scrap paper they drew at the beginning of the game.

You can not tell anybody else. Even if another special ability is evoked, you can not share this information. Read this sentence out loud to the other players if they don't believe you.

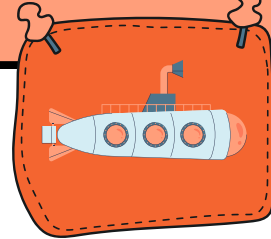
ECCENTRIC BILLIONAIRE



COVER SHEET

BILLIONAIRE

If you did not draw the Undecided Voter paper, you are decided in your vote. If you did draw the Undecided Voter paper, you are the Undecided Voter. Ignore the statement below telling you which party you are voting for. All other information still applies.



Party You're Voting For:



BIRTHDAY PARTY

Your stances:

AGAINST pineapples on pizza

CATS are the best pet

Hotdogs **ARE** sandwiches

About You:

- You buy yachts for fun, and money is no object.
- You influence the elections by throwing money at different candidates, not usually bothering to vote yourself.
- You're a loudmouth who likes to be the center of the attention and flaunt your wealth.

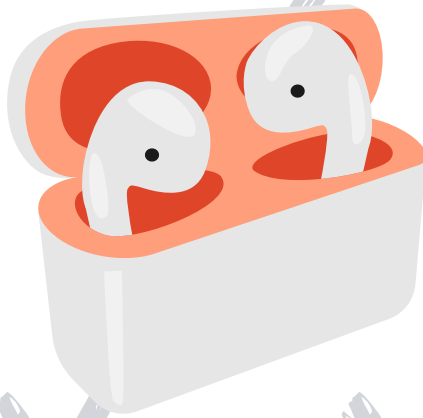
You have a Special Ability!

You LOVE being the center of attention and think the Undecided Voter is crazy for staying anonymous.

If you are NOT the Undecided Voter: You will win the game if you convince at least 1 other player (not yourself) to vote for you as the Undecided Voter. *Example: If you have 5 total players and 3 guess the Undecided Voter correctly, but you and one other player vote for yourself, You are the sole winner of the game.*

If you ARE the Undecided Voter: You can fly a little closer to the sun without getting burned. After all, your money puts you above the law in many ways. If at least one person does not guess you correctly, you are still considered the winner. *Example: If 3 players guess you as the Undecided Voter, and you have 5 total players, you win, not them. Even though the majority guessed you correctly.*

DAY- TRADING TECH BRO



COVER SHEET

TECH BRO

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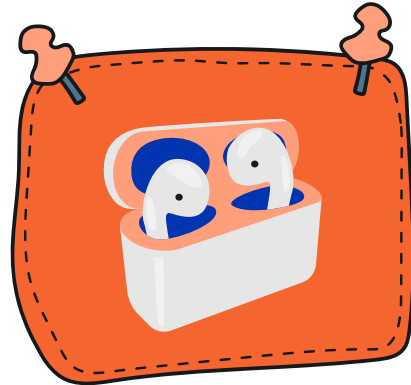
Party You're Voting For:



BIRTHDAY PARTY

Your stances:

AGAINST pineapples on pizza
CATS are the best pet
Hotdogs **ARE** sandwiches



About You:

- You're all about that money and are constantly checking your phone to check in on your day trading.
- You don't really listen to what others are saying, and interject with your own points often.

You have a Special Ability!

You're distracted, but you're lucky! Even though you were barely paying attention, you still manage to gather important intel.

At the end of Sleuthing Round 1 before the voting begins, choose one character and tell them they must show you (and only you!) their scrap paper denoting if they are the Undecided Voter.

You can not tell anybody else. Even if another special ability is evoked, you can not share this information. Read this sentence out loud to the other players if they don't believe you.

SLEUTHING ROUND 1

If you've made it to this sheet each player already has a character and you've read the "How to Play" page. Woo! Time to play.

cue dramatic music

Set a timer for 20 minutes. During this time, get into character and ask each other questions, pump one another for information, and try to suss out the Undecided Voter! Jot down notes as you wish.

Unless otherwise noted in your character sheets, you may lie, skirt around questions, and respond to questions however you wish. Some characters might be incentivized to lie, so be wary!

IMPORTANT: Nobody is allowed to come out and directly say which party they are voting for. You may not ask another player who they are voting for.

You each have a Special Ability listed on your character sheet. If another player questions your action, you may tell them this is your "special ability" and to not press further. You may also preemptively tell them so they play along.

For example, a player may shout, "Special Ability! Answer truthfully," and ask another player a question. That player must respond truthfully even if they do not want to. Follow all rules laid out on your character sheets about your special abilities.

Timer set for twenty minutes? Ready...Set...Sleuth!

VOTE ROUND 1

You just sussed each other out for 20 mins. You learned what's important to one another, perhaps even who some of you say they are voting for. Perhaps you're suspicious some are lying. Perhaps you think you know who the Undecided Voter is.

It's time to vote!

Take the hat, bowl, or whatever you're using for a make-shift ballot box and put it in the middle of the group.

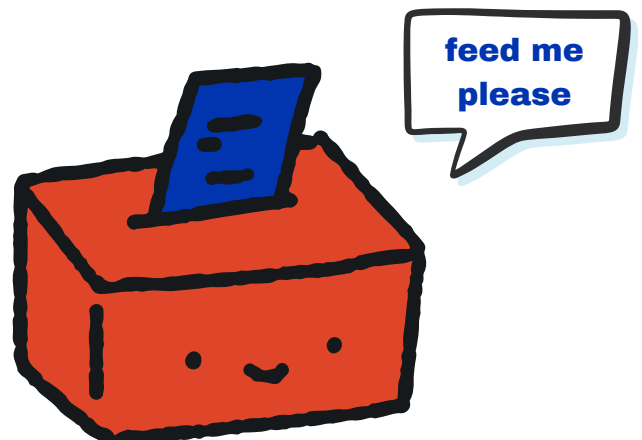
With additional scrap pieces of paper, everyone cast your ballot for your party. Either the 'Life of The' Party or the Birthday Party.

- Decided Voters - be honest in this vote, follow your character sheet. Write 'Life of The' Party or Birthday Party on your ballot.
- Undecided Voter - you are still undecided but you may be leaning one way based off of the conversations you just had. Feel free to write whatever you wish on your ballot. It could be a random doodle, a smiley face, anything you wish. If you're so inclined, you may nod to a specific party, indicating which way you may be leaning. Do not just write a party name like the other decided voters.

Fold your vote in half to avoid others seeing it and cast it into the ballot box. Mix up the votes once all have been cast.

Count the votes for everyone to see!

Move on to the next page when you're ready!



SLEUTHING ROUND 2

You know the drill! Set the timer for 20 minutes.

Like last time, unless otherwise noted in your character sheets, you may lie, skirt around questions, and respond to questions however you wish. Some characters might be incentivized to lie, so be wary!

IMPORTANT: You still can not ask someone straight up who they are voting for.

Special Abilities are still fair game. Follow all rules listed on your character sheet.

This is the last sleuthing round before the final vote! Time to figure out who that Undecided Voter is!

Timer set for twenty minutes? Ready...Set...Sleuth!



VOTE ROUND 2

Phew, nice work! You learned what's important to one another, perhaps you're confident you've figured out who the Undecided Voter really is. It's time to put our deductions to the test.

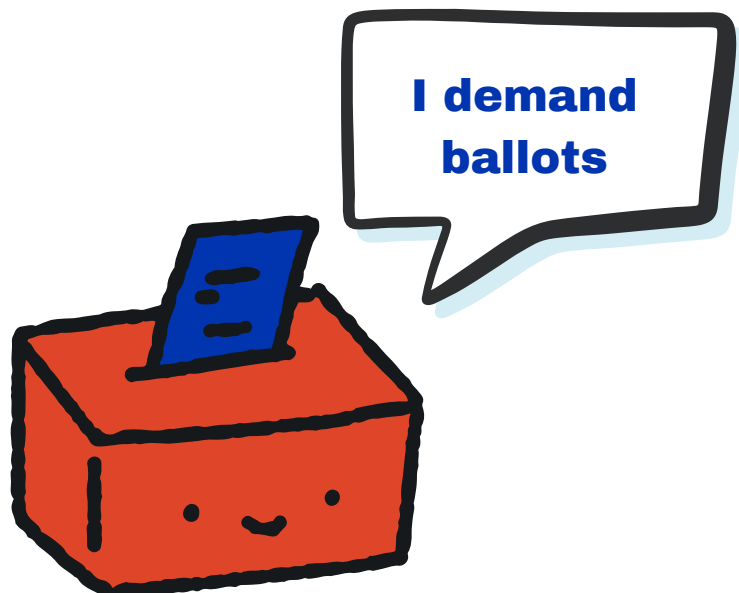
It's time for our final vote!

Follow the same anonymous voting process as before. This time, the Undecided Voter will cast their vote for a party just like everyone else!

Undecided Voter - put a little notation on your ballot like a star or smiley face. Something to help you identify your ballot after all the votes are cast.

Reveal all ballots like last time and take note of who the once-Undecided Voter voted for!

Once all the votes are tallied, go around and make your final guesses about who the Undecided Voter is.



WHO WON?

With all of the guesses and ballots cast...it's time to reveal the Undecided Voter!

cue drumroll

Undecided Voter, reveal yourself!

If the majority did not guess correctly, the Undecided Voter wins.

If the majority guessed correctly, they collectively win.

Did you have an Eccentric Billionaire play? If so, check in with their special ability for additional wrinkles. 🙄

Give a hearty honorable mention and pat on the back to the party supporters who convinced the Undecided Voter to vote for their party. Way to go!

Want to play again? Simply redraw characters and the Undecided Voter scrap papers so a new player becomes the Undecided Voter. You know the drill now! Go forth and conquer!

The moral of this little game is that it's important to cast your ballot! Make sure to get out this year and vote for the candidate you think meets your needs the best. For nonpartisan information on how to vote, visit vote.org.