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Hillary Clinton B1

■ **Democrat**
■ **Age on election day: 69**
■ **Career: Lawyer, political activist and politician.**

Hillary Clinton was First Lady when her husband, Bill, was President, from 1992 to 2000. She worked with him to try to get better <u>medical care</u> for children. In 2000, she was elected Senator for New York State. In 2008, she ran for the Democratic nomination for the presidential elections, but she was defeated by Barack Obama. She accepted a post in his government: she was Secretary of State (<u>foreign</u> minister) from 2009 to 2013.

■ **Family:** Hillary Rodham was born into an ordinary family, not rich and not poor. But her mother's childhood was difficult: she had to start work at age 14. Hillary married Bill Clinton in 1975. They have one daughter, and two grandchildren.

■ **Promises:**
▶ Less tax for ordinary working families, but force rich individuals and companies to pay their taxes.
▶ Continue President Obama's reforms to give all Americans access to medical care.
▶ Help immigrants become American citizens.
▶ Invest public money in education, transport systems, scientific research.
▶ Work to help the environment and stop climate change.
▶ Limit access to buying guns.

■ **Possible problem:** Her opponent in the Democratic primaries, Bernie Sanders, was very popular with young voters. Will they vote for Hillary Clinton, or not vote at all?

Donald Trump ⓑ¹

■ **Republican**
■ **Age on election day: 70**
■ **Career: Businessman and TV star.**

Donald Trump is a <u>billionaire</u> businessman who builds luxury hotels, casinos, golf courses. Trump Towers, where he has his offices, is one of the most famous skyscrapers in New York. It is also where *The Apprentice* is filmed, the reality TV show Trump has starred in since 2005. Each season, 16 candidates complete a series of challenges to win a job with the Trump Organization. It is one of the most popular shows on American TV. His fortune is estimated at $4.5 billion.

■ **Family:** Donald Trump inherited his company from his father. He is now married to his third wife, and has five children and seven grandchildren.

■ **Promises:**

▶ Less tax for everyone – and no income tax for 50 per cent of families (the poorest). Force rich individuals and companies to pay their taxes.

▶ Abandon President Obama's reforms to give all Americans access to <u>medical care</u>.

▶ Limit immigration, particularly from Mexico. Construct a 3,200 km wall to stop Mexicans illegally immigrating to the U.S.A. and force the Mexican government to pay for the wall.

▶ Donald Trump refuses to accept that there are problems with climate change.

▶ Support Americans' existing rights to buy guns.

■ **Possible problem:** Donald Trump has a tendency to make comments that insult entire population groups like the Hispanic community, Muslims and women, which could be a problem for voters.

Help

billionaire (n) a rich person whose fortune is one *billion* (1,000,000,000) dollars or more

foreign (adj) concerning other countries. Here, the *foreign* minister is responsible for diplomacy and relations between the U.S.A. and other countries.

medical care (exp) the possibility to receive medicine and help from doctors