

Describing The President

Much to the surprise of The Party and The Opposition, a new President with no political experience has been elected. They're a celebrity who campaigned on populist ideas - nominally as a member of The Party, although The President's policies aren't always well aligned, or even consistent. But through The President, The Party is in power, and they'd like to stay that way.

As a populist, The President:

- claims to speak for the “will of the people”
- tends to frame politics in terms of what they oppose (usually elites)
- has been generally against a free press and in favour of executive power since elected.

Each player should in turn verbally answer one of the rows of the ‘Describing The President’ table, and have their answer agreed by the others (revise it if they don’t agree); then write it down in the empty box by the question. Don’t fix the answers of questions yet to come while you do this - e.g. The President’s name is decided last.

What manner of celebrity was The President before they started a political campaign?	
What is known of The President’s upbringing before they were a celebrity?	
Populist policies are often “against” something, without really stating what the alternative is. What’s the first thing The President is against?	
What’s the second thing The President is against?	
What’s the third thing The President is against?	
What was The President’s campaign slogan?	
What is The President genuinely good at?	
Is The President’s gender and sexuality relevant to this game? If so, what are they?	
What is The President’s name?	

If you draw on aspects of The President you’ve defined when creating news stories, they will have more effect.