

# POLITICAL PARTIES

## THE SIMPSONS VIDEO – SIDESHOW BOB ROBERTS

1. Who is Birchibald T. Barlow supposed to be?
2. What is possibly being said about the Democratic party when Barlow says that Mayor Quimby is a “pot smoking, wife swapping, tax cheating, illiterate, spendo-crat”?
3. What is being said about the Republican party when Barlow states that “treehuggers would rather play hacky-sack than lock up the homeless.”?
4. Why would Mayor Quimby be worried about the old people in the retirement home and their views?
5. What political idea is expressed by the old man saying, “what’s in it for us”?
6. How is the Republican party portrayed in the video?
7. What happens at the elementary school political event? What issues are discussed?
8. What does Lisa mean when she says “vote for Quimby, this time he is the lesser of two evils”?
9. What is peculiar about the ad asking people to vote for Sideshow Bob?
10. What historical event does the Quimby/Sideshow Bob debate mirror?
11. Is the Simpsons shown from a particular political viewpoint?
12. Does this episode say anything about the Republicans winning an election?