**POINTS POLITIQUES A CONNAITRE SUR LE BOUT DES DOIGTS**

* **Les institutions politiques US et UK**
* **Les partis politiques** (leur histoire, l’idéologie, les leaders, la date des prochaines élections, les sondages)
* **Une dizaine de décisions phares de la Cour suprême des Etats-Unis**

**THEMES A FICHER (in no particular order)**

* **Oligarchy v democracy** (the second American Gilded Age, the Silicon Valley’s alignment with Donald Trump, SCOTUS decision: Citizen United, the promise of further deregulation, DOGE)
* **Racism and discrimination against African Americans** (what is white supremacy? systemic racism? redlining? critical race theory? voter suppression? whitewashing?)
* **Gender equality** (pay gap, #metoo / Jean Carroll, reproductive rights / Dobbs v. Jackson, female political leadership, the visibility of women in sports, the pink tax, the persistence of the glass ceiling in American politics)
* **Taking stock of Biden’s presidency** (Infrastructure Investment, Economic recovery and job growth after COVID pandemic, Inflation Reduction Act, CHIPS act, failed attempt at cancelling student debt, debacle in Afghanistan, support of Ukraine)
* **Trump’s historic comeback** (ongoing support from MAGA supporters despite lawsuits and indictments, 2024 presidential campaign and election results, Project 2025, Trump’s reactionary executive orders, the ‘shock and awe’ doctrine, the weakening of the Checks and Balances system, the threat of tariffs, a new world order? the end of the war in Ukraine?)
* **Immigration** (what is ICE, what is DACA, who are the DREAMers, Trump’s mass deportation plan v Democratic resistance in sanctuary cities, multiculturalism in the UK / calls for reparations from former colonies)
* **Gun control** (what still hinders it today? what is vigilantism? what are stand-your-ground laws? what is Gavin Newsom’s 28th amendment about?)
* **Healthcare systems** (the rise of obesity and sedentary lifestyles, the politicization of science during the pandemic, anti-FAUCI movement, the US’s withdrawal from the WHO, R.F. Kennedy and the rise of the antivax movement, the opioid crisis, the American and British healthcare crisis)
* **The rise of (Irish but also English) nationalism in the UK** (a disUnited Kingdom? the end of a common British identity? the decline of the SNP in Scotland)
* **British monarchy: a fragilized institution ?** (a nation in mourning, a sick king, an institution mired in scandals, can Charles III save the day?)
* **Environmental concerns** (what are PFAS? was COP 29 a success?, the radicalization of environmental activists = inevitable? legitimate?, the rise of veganismamong the young, lab meat = the future?, fast fashion, electric cars)
* **The world of work and business** (telecommuting under threat, the gig economy / the 4-day week v the hustle culture embodied by Musk, the revival of trade unionism, zero-hours contracts)
* **Higher education** (student debt relief, affirmative action, precariousness, food banks, mental health issues, pro-Gaza protests on US campuses)
* **Globalisation** (COVID19 = supply chains crisis/de-globalisation of trade, protectionist policies, America’s manufacturing renaissance)
* **The media, social media** (the “4th estate”: are the media still an efficient counter-power today? the Cambridge Analytica scandal, section 230, Musk/Zuckerberg, the end of fact-checking, free speech vs cancel culture, Rupert Murdoch’s resignation = the end of an era, the social media ban in Australia)
* **New technology** (Artificial Intelligence, facial recognition, drones, transhumanism: Neuralink)
* **The recognition of Indigenous rights** (Australia, New Zealand, The United States, Canada…)
* **The economy** (inflation, shrinkflation,the housing crisis, growing inequalities bet. the haves and the have-nots)