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The Road to the White House

Study Leader: Maynard Goldman

Fridays, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

7 weeks beginning Sept. 27

AIL Classroom, Lethbridge Lodge, Colby-Sawyer College

Maximum number of participants: 45

An historic resignation has shaken the rules of the political game and the pillars of this critical election cycle. Only once in the past 188 years has a sitting vice president been elected to the presidency.

Millions of disaffected citizens still believe the 2020 election was stolen; many are certain that we will see violence at some time before, during or after the election. We will again confront the requirements of the Electoral College and wonder about the effect of independent candidates on the outcome. Could the results be determined by a contingent election in either the House or the Senate or both? Most agree this still could be one of the dirtiest and, likely, the most expensive presidential campaign in U.S. history.

Nor can we ignore down-ballot races for the Senate and House determining control of Congress; to say nothing of state and local races, including elected judges, that often have more direct impact on our day-to-day lives as citizens.

Voter turnout by racial minorities and age divisions, sorted by educational background and geographic location and motivated by definitive issues such as privacy rights, immigration, grocery and gas prices, and foreign policy matters will play a determinative role. Will the candidates agree to more debates? Who will emerge as the nominee for Vice President at the Democratic Convention? How will these new developments change the nature of this campaign, if at all?

In an election like no other, we'll have a front row seat to history. As Yogi Berra said, "It ain't over till it's over." But the real questions are "Who will be inaugurated, and when?" and "Will it ever really be over?"

Please note: This course will not be held on Friday, 10/11. The first two sessions will be held on 9/27 and 10/4. The course will resume on 10/18 and conclude on 11/15.