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It seems like every time we turn around politicians are gearing up for another big political election. *Election Day* is a political satire and may be performed by a male or female and be entered in Humorous Interpretation; however, this play could also be adapted and entered in Duo Interpretation. There are a myriad of characters found within this script, and it will be important for the performer(s) to distinguish each character vocally and physically. Presidential campaigns are noted for their high-energy; after all, each political party wants to see its candidate win the election and move to the White House. Keep the performance energized; however, do not rush the delivery of the dialogue. The performer(s), like candidates and news reporters, want their messages to be clearly understood by voters and television viewers. Sound effects could also play an important part in the presentation of this selection. It might even be clever to create a musical jingle for transitions into a few of the news segments. There are quite a few vignettes in this play, which will make editing this selection easier for the performer(s) should one choose to cut any of the scenes. This play possesses a lot of tongue-in-cheek humor and could be a tour-de-force performance for the right actor(s), so have fun!

Cast of Characters:

Brett Stare, an anchor for JOX News

Sing-Sing, the Birthday Clown

Wife, a wife

Husband, a husband

Mary Jane, spokeswoman for the Potluck Party

Bill Ballot, a news reporter

Master DJ, Chairman of the Get Down and Party Party

Rush Limberger, a political radio host

TJ, a member of the Housewarming Party

Reporter #1, a reporter

Jimmy 'the Joker' Justice, nominee for the Surprise Party

Reporter #2, another reporter

Reporter #3, yet another reporter

Brett Stare: Good evening. I'm Brett Stare, and this is a Really Special Report from JOX News, where we encourage you to take the news...like a man. Citizens across the nation are gearing up for what appears to be

the most explosive presidential election in America's history. Today, we'll be taking you behind the scenes of America's new political landscape, and what a not-so-pretty picture it's turning out to be. Once upon a time, American politics were dominated by two major political parties: Democrats and Republicans. Of course, those parties have long gone by the wayside. Today's political climate has changed drastically with dozens of new political parties entering the political arena in hopes that their candidate will soon be headed to the White House. In this Really Special Report, we'll look at some of these new political parties, as we try to understand what they believe in and what they stand for—right after this commercial break.

Commercial #1: *(Singing)* Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you! If you have one, come join us! Our party's for you! *(Spoken)* Hello, I'm Sing-Sing, the Birthday Clown, and if you have a birthday—maybe you should join the political party that celebrates our commonality, the *Birthday Party*. It's our political party's belief that everyone should feel special at least *one* day a year. If you agree, join the Birthday Party—where it's our wish to decorate the Oval Office with paper hats and streamers.

THIS POLITICAL AD PAID FOR BY CHUCK E.'S CHEESIEST BIRTHDAY PARTY HEADQUARTERS.

Wife: *(Knitting)* Honey, isn't this nice? I'm comfortably knitting and you're busy reading the newspaper, while the TV bombards us with dozens of political ads.

Husband: *(Looking up from his newspaper)* Yes, I suppose it is.

Wife: Speaking of politics, I couldn't help but notice today—

Husband: *(Reading the newspaper)* Yes, Sweetheart?

Wife: You got your voter registration in the mail.

Husband: *(Still reading the newspaper)* That's good.

Wife: *(Hesitant, and obviously a bit upset)* I opened it by mistake.

Husband: Oh?

Wife: I must say. I was a bit surprised.

Husband: You were?

Wife: Since when did you become a registered member of...the *Bachelor Party*?

Husband: *(Puts the newspaper aside)* Sweetheart, don't be upset.

Wife: *(Begins knitting faster)* Upset? Whose upset? I'm not upset. I mean, you think you know your husband, and then—*wham!* You're stabbing yourself with a knitting needle trying to make an afghan for your husband's cold, smelly feet!

Husband: Oh, Baby, it's just a political party. My affiliation with the Bachelor Party doesn't define who I am.