

## University of Virginia Center for Politics



### Democracy Corps Lesson Plan 7: YLI Mock Election

#### Purpose:

This lesson is a part of YLI's Democracy Corps service learning program. Student participants in the YLI Mock Election examine the candidates, study the issues that define the campaign, and simulate the election process. Information gathered on national problems help them select their target Democracy Corps issue.

#### Materials:

- Access the YLI mock election at [www.youthleadership.net](http://www.youthleadership.net)

#### Central Questions:

- Who are the candidates?
- What issues are current priorities?
- How does the election process work?

#### Procedure:

1. Visit the Youth Leadership Initiative at [www.youthleadership.net](http://www.youthleadership.net) to register for the YLI mock election. Participation is free and registration for the National Mock Election opens in August. Mock Election Anytime is also very useful for this lesson if you are outside of the National Mock Election which takes place in late October.
2. Visit the mock election demonstration section of the YLI website to learn more about the program and how to integrate it into your curriculum.
3. Contact staff at the Youth Leadership Initiative at [ylihelp@virginia.edu](mailto:ylihhelp@virginia.edu) if you have question about the mock election project.