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EXERCISE FOR THE BRAIN

As the November 2018 Midterm elections approach, we return to the field of political battle. Nearly halfway into his Presidency, POTUS is on a roll. He is now the undisputed leader of the Republican Party and the king of Twitter, with loyal soldiers Mitch, Paul, Rudy, and most nationally prominent Republicans on board. He touts victories on taxes, North Korea, Iran and the Supreme Court. At the same time, the bewildered opposition, Chuck, Nancy, Bernie and the Democrats plot a "blue wave" comeback while they castigate his every move and tweet (racism, misogyny, homophobia, xenophobia!) and decry the end of civility and decorum. Meanwhile, mysterious Robert "Wild Card" Mueller probes, subpoenas and indicts. Michael Flynn, Paul Manafort, Michael Cohen (?). . . . Is he planning an October surprise? Stay tuned as *The Midterms*, a Mini-Series continues through December.

Limited Seating Available! Call 941.240.1000 to Reserve Your Seat Today!

Sep 4th | 10:30am - 12:00pm | RSVP by Sep 2nd

The Consequences of the Diminishing of Political Parties

In the U.S. political parties have historically paved the path to elective office. By providing ideological guidance, fundraising, leadership support and activist volunteers in campaigns, leadership could then use the "carrots and sticks" of power to "whip" members into supporting the party line. Not anymore. Now, with Congressional leadership less popular than a very unpopular Congress as a whole, members have the ability to raise unlimited funds through PACs, campaign directly through a variety of media outlets, the internet, and social media, and stay far, far away from the Pelosis and McConnells in Congress. As President Trump and Bernie Sanders have shown, a candidate can bend the parties from their historical orthodoxies to the contours of his own political will and beliefs.

Sep 18th | 10:30am - 12:00pm | RSVP by Sep 16th

The Evolving Role of the Media in the Era of "FAKE NEWS!"

The ability of Americans to gravitate to their own comfortable ideological "echo chambers" anywhere along the political spectrum on cable TV, radio, internet, and social media and receive/reinforce the same "flavor" of the news of the day has contributed to the polarizing and misinforming of the electorate from all sides. Now, the denunciation of unfavorable, unflattering, disliked (but often accurate) media reports as "fake news" will greater permeate our body politic from all sides and further obscure the honest dissemination of news about the important issues of the day.

Oct 2nd | 10:30am - 12:00pm | RSVP by Sep 31st

What is Really at Stake? Plenty!

The party of the President usually loses Congressional seats in Midterm elections (since 1932, the only exceptions have been the 1934 and 2002). Republicans currently hold a 51 to 49 edge in the Senate, while Democrats need to win a net of 23 seats in the House of Representatives to gain the majority, the more likely path to power in 2018. Democrats controlling either house would make the President's legislative path even more difficult than it already is, and with control of the House of Representatives and its investigative committees, Democrats would be under heavy pressure to consider anew issues concerning Russia, collusion, obstruction, emoluments, and conflicts of interest, with the power to impeach the President and other members of his administration.

Oct 16th | 10:30am - 12:00pm | RSVP by Oct 14th

What are the Issues?

Winning campaigns usually depend on which party or candidate is able to shape key issues and voter perceptions of them to their advantage. President Trump, using the bully pulpit of the Presidency, and Republicans emphasize victories on tax cuts, border security, trade, the Supreme Court, North Korea and Iran while Democrats decry immigration policy, portray trade protectionism as anti-worker, lament the dismantling of Obamacare, argue that pulling out of the Iran agreement was a mistake, that the North Korea meeting was a photo-op and that Supreme Court appointees are a threat to individual freedoms and liberties.

Nov 6th | 10:30am - 12:00pm | RSVP by Nov 4th

America Votes

As Americans go to the polls, we examine possible "October surprises" as well as voter and voting related issues which may emerge (many states have stringent voter ID laws). By Election Day, which issues actually received the most attention? Were female candidates from both parties poised to increase their percentages in Congressional and state offices? What do pre-election polls suggest?

Nov 20th | 10:30am - 12:00pm | RSVP by Nov 18th

Now What? A Post-Mortem Analysis of the 2018 Midterm Elections

The votes are counted and the winners determined (we hope!). Who were the major winners and losers? Which party controls the U.S. House and Senate? Was this a "wave" election year? What happened in important gubernatorial and state legislative races? We'll consider data measuring the voter turnout by age, race, ethnicity, religion, income and especially gender to analyze the results.

Dec 4th | 10:30am - 12:00pm | RSVP by Dec 2nd

Season Finale

In our final gathering of 2018, we celebrate the conclusion of another successful year of Discovery University lectures. We recall the notable events that made 2018 a memorable year and direct our attention to the people, places, and topics we will consider in the months to come with an introduction to our first lectures of 2019.

We wish a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanzaa and a Happy New Year to all!