Political Ad Analysis Worksheet

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	Candidate/Issue Position Party/Affiliation	Ad Type (see below)	Audience Targeted	Key Images*	Sounds Used*	Theme* Key Words (slogans)
Spot #1						
Spot #2						

Types of Political ads:

- Negative One candidate portrays the other in an unfavorable light
- Warm and Fuzzy Candidates make the viewer feel good about the country or his/her campaign.
- Biography & Vision: emphasize the candidate's life or "vision" for America
- Humorous Candidates elicit a laugh or smile from the viewer.
- Scary Candidates evoke images of fear (usually combined with a Negative ad)
- Advocacy- advocates for/against a certain position(s) on an issue/person
- Trust: seek to convince voters that the candidate is someone they can trust to lead them during challenging times

* Things to pay attention to:

- Colors
- Props
- People
- Symbols
- Clothing
- Music
- Superimposed Words
- Code Words