**Political Parties PowerPoint: Guided Notes**

**Directions:** Using the “Political Party Stances” PowerPoint, complete the guided notes.

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| **Platform Issues** | **Democrat Stance**  **(Liberal/Left)** | **Moderate Stance**  **(Middle)** | **Republican Stance**  **(Conservative/Right)** |
| **Immigration** | Legal- Believes we are a nation of immigrants and immigrants’ contributions help our nation.  Illegal- Allow them to become citizens through proper means. | Legal- As long as immigrants don’t burden the nation’s resources (i.e. Welfare, Medicaid, and Social Security).  Illegal- Create a guest worker program and allow immigrants to work toward citizenship. | Legal- Immigrants take jobs away from Americans therefore immigration should be restricted.  Illegal- Deport immigrants back to their home country. |
| **Gun Control** |  | To get a gun, a person must:  1.  2.  3. | Anyone with a clean record should be able to own a gun (no restrictions). |
| **Social Welfare** | Provide \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for those people who are poor and unable to work. | Invest in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to get people off Welfare and into paying jobs. | Get rid of welfare programs  Give poor people no choice but to find jobs. |

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| **Federal Budget** |  | Save the Social Security System  Any extra $ should go to cut taxes for middle class. |  |
| **Defense Spending** | Need less defense spending  With no serious rival to the US, money should go to education and social programs. | We are strong enough to handle any threat in the future. |  |
| **Environment v. Business** | Save the environment and compensate businesses for loss of money. |  | Keep businesses open and relocate environmental areas to other locations. |
| **Trade v. Human Rights** | Force China to change by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Until it ends its human-rights abuses | Cut back on trade with China to convince China to improve its human-rights record. | Human-rights violations are regrettable but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are more important |