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   A. Background
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   A. 2015 Preparation
   B. Feb. 1, 2016 Iowa caucus
   C. July 18-21, 2016 Republican National Convention (Cleveland, OH)
   E. Nov. 8, 2016 Election Day
   F. Jan. 20, 2017 Inauguration of 45th president

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   A. Candidates (17)
   B. Mainstream vs. outsiders
   C. Donald Trump phenomenon
   D. Future of the GOP

IV. Democratic Party
   A. Candidates (5)
   B. Hillary Clinton
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V. Three Surprises
   A. Donald Trump (fear, anxiety, anger, “Crippled America”)
      1. Economy: unemployment, wages, inequality, “rigged system”
      2. Globalization: trade, immigration, terrorism, losing control
      3. Politics: dysfunction in Washington, DC
      4. GOP opposition to Obama; distance from activist base; party discipline
      5. Outsider as new, reformer, change agent
      6. Mainstream candidates attacking, eliminating each other; underestimating Trump
      7. Mass media; social media
      8. Race: tipping point in 2040s
   B. Bernie Sanders (“We need a political revolution!”)
      1. Economy, globalization, politics
      2. Wall Street, “billionaires”
      3. End of the Cold War and socialism; millennials
      4. Outsider as new, reformer, change agent
      5. Distrust of Hillary Clinton
   C. Trade (TPP)
      1. Obama Administration
      2. Congress
      3. Labor unions, NGOs, NPOs, economists
      4. Trump, Sanders, Clinton
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   1. Secretary of State: Nakasone, Okada, Maehara, Matsumoto, Gemba
   2. Asia Pivot/Rebalance
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