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How does the media portray women in politics?

Your group will be given a visual portrayal of Hillary Clinton from the 2016 presidential election. Together, your group will use the image to answer the questions below. These questions will guide your thinking and help you consider the possible purpose of the image. Be prepared to share your group’s answers with the class. You will be discussing the questions as a group, but each group member is responsible for completing (and turning in) a handout.

1) Who is the intended audience for this image? Or, who do you think this artist had in mind when they created this image?

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2) What message do you think this image is trying to send about women in politics?

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3) Does this image give a positive or negative representation of this candidate? How do you know? Include details from the image. You might think about the colors, facial expression, shapes, angles, etc.

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4) Do you think this image could impact citizens’ views of this candidate? Explain why or why not.

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