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THE 2020 ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The presidential election season has begun. Democrats, Independents and even a few Republicans are making noises about seeking the office. It is a good time to consider what would make a suitable candidate. Each of us will have a unique view of what a person should be like to make a good or successful president. (Is there a difference?) Since our views will differ we should benefit from a discussion.

To initiate the discussion a few of many characteristics could include:

- (a) honesty, intelligence, good health;
- (b) skills in public relations, management of organizations or people;
- (c) experience in finance, foreign policy &c.;
- (d) a particular philosophy of government;
- (e) opinions, i.e. stands on specific issues;
- (f) a record of achievement;
- (g) a record of sticking to a position or a record of flexibility, i.e. ability to adapt or compromise.

Does it matter if the candidate is a woman or a man?

Do the characteristics of the supporters of the candidate matter?

Are there any specific issues the candidate must support to gain your approval?