



RACE TO 270! *DISCUSSION*

Directions: The following questions will help guide a discussion after watching Episode 9 of *On the Campaign Trail*.

- 1. What is the difference between the popular vote and the electoral vote?**
- 2. Why are swing states so important for presidential hopefuls? Why do they spend less time campaigning in states that predictably vote for Democrats or Republicans?**
- 3. Identify some of the important swing states in this election. Which candidate do you think will win each swing state and why?**
- 4. Do you think the Electoral College is necessary? Why or why not? If you could construct an alternative election system, what would it look like?**