This is my attempt at consolidating your questions as a class. Please, pretty please, don’t just read through them during your interview. In fact, take a minute, go through these and design your own set of questions (even using some of those here) that you think will be best. There are many questions in here that are similar but worded differently. So, you really don’t want to just read them. Take a few minutes before your interview, please. ☺

Interview Question Ideas

**General Demographics**

\*(don’t forget to ask for name, age, place of residence if you don’t know already). Maybe even # of kids, level of education, etc.).

1. Where were you born?
2. Where did you grow up?
3. What was your childhood like?
4. What race and / or ethnicity would you describe yourself as?

**Party / Candidate Preference**

1. Do you know who is running for president? If so, how would you describe the two candidates?
2. If you wouldn’t mind sharing, what is the main thing you consider when choosing who to elect for president?
3. What qualities do you look for in politicians you vote for?
	1. What are 3 qualities that you think the next president should possess and why?
4. Do you lean to one side or the other politically (republican or democrat) and why?
5. Would you consider yourself Democratic, Republican or something else?
6. Would you vote across party lines? Why or why not?
7. Do you have more liberal or conservative views? Have they always been that way?
8. Do you affiliate with the same political party as your parents?
	1. What about other members of your family?
	2. Why do you think your affiliation is the same or different?
	3. Do you think that it was a conscious or subconscious decision?
9. Would you want your family to vote for who you’ll vote for?
10. If you feel comfortable, would you tell me who you intend to vote for this election and why?
11. If you feel comfortable, would you tell me who you voted for last presidential election?
12. What do you think Obama or Romney (depending on who planning to vote for) is going to do that will benefit you?
13. How do you feel about our two party political system?
14. When / from where do you get most of your political information?
15. Do you feel that media affects your political opinion?

**Voting / Political Practices**

1. How old were you when you first voted in a U.S. election?
	1. What were your thoughts on the process?
	2. How did you vote?
	3. Did you do research / already know much about the candidates you were voting for?
2. Is it important for you to vote?
3. Do you vote in every election? Why or why not?
4. Do you think it is important to vote? Do you feel that your vote matters?
5. Do you think voting has an impact on you besides voting for a candidate? 1q
6. Did you listen to the presidential debates? Did it influence your perspective on either of the candidates?
7. Do you think religion, race, or wealth influence who you vote for?

**Latino Vote**

1. What generation “American” are you? In other words, how many generations of your family have lived in the U.S. prior to you? (\* I put American in quotes because Latin Americans also consider themselves to be “American” – as we are all part of the Americas).
2. What, if any, beliefs do you think Hispanics / Latinos from both parties share?
3. Why do you think some Latinos who are eligible to vote don’t?
4. Do you feel that being Latino affects how you vote, why or why not?
5. Do you think your Hispanic / latino ancestors would agree or disagree with your political views?
6. Do you believe that overall Latinos favor one political party over another and why?
7. Which candidate running for president will be better, for serving the Latino population in the United States and why?
8. As a Latino voter, who do you think has tried to gear their campaign more towards the Latino community?
9. What do you think or know about the latino voting population?
10. Do you think that Latino voters have a big impact on voting in the US? Why or why not?
11. How do you think the issues that are important to you are similar or different to the majority of Latino voters?
12. How do you think your generation of Latino voters differs from that of Latinos older or younger than you?
13. What strategies do you think would be beneficial to win the “Latino vote?”
14. Do you feel that being a latino/a voter influences your political views?

**Issues / Voting this Election Cycle**

1. What do you think are some of the biggest issues in this election?
2. What are some of the bigger issues in our country that affect you?
3. What changes would you like to see in the new presidential term?
4. What is your view on the DREAM Act? Do you support it? Why or why not?
5. Do you think that we should do more to “secure” the border?
6. What are your thoughts on health care in the United States? What are your thoughts on Obama Care?
7. What concerns do you have for the upcoming election?
8. What do you think about Romney and Obama’s plans to tackle the deficit?
9. Do you think the upper class should be taxed more? Why or why not?
10. Are you concerned about the future of social security?

If you could, what would you like to change about the United States?

Do you think we should end the welfare program in the United States? Why or why not?

Would you care about the elections if you weren’t eligible to vote?