

HOUSE OF CARDS

FIRST EPISODE

1. Plot

“Set in present-day Washington, D.C., House of Cards is the story of Frank Underwood (Kevin Spacey), a Democrat from South Carolina’s 5th congressional district and House majority whip who, after being passed over for appointment as Secretary of State, initiates an elaborate plan to get himself into a position of power. His loyal wife, Claire Underwood (Robin Wright), assists him in this endeavor. The series is primarily about ruthless utilitarianism, manipulation, power, and doing bad things for the greater good.”

Politics in the United States is somehow different from what it is in other countries. Do you know the meaning of the following political terms?

Democrats (political party) - _____

Congressional district - _____

Secretary of state - _____

Utilitarianism - _____

2. Introductions

At the New Year Party, Frank Underwood introduces some of the characters. Gather as much information as possible about the following people:

Garrett Walker - president elect - 70 million votes - Frank hates him

Jim Matthews - _____

Linda Vasquez - _____

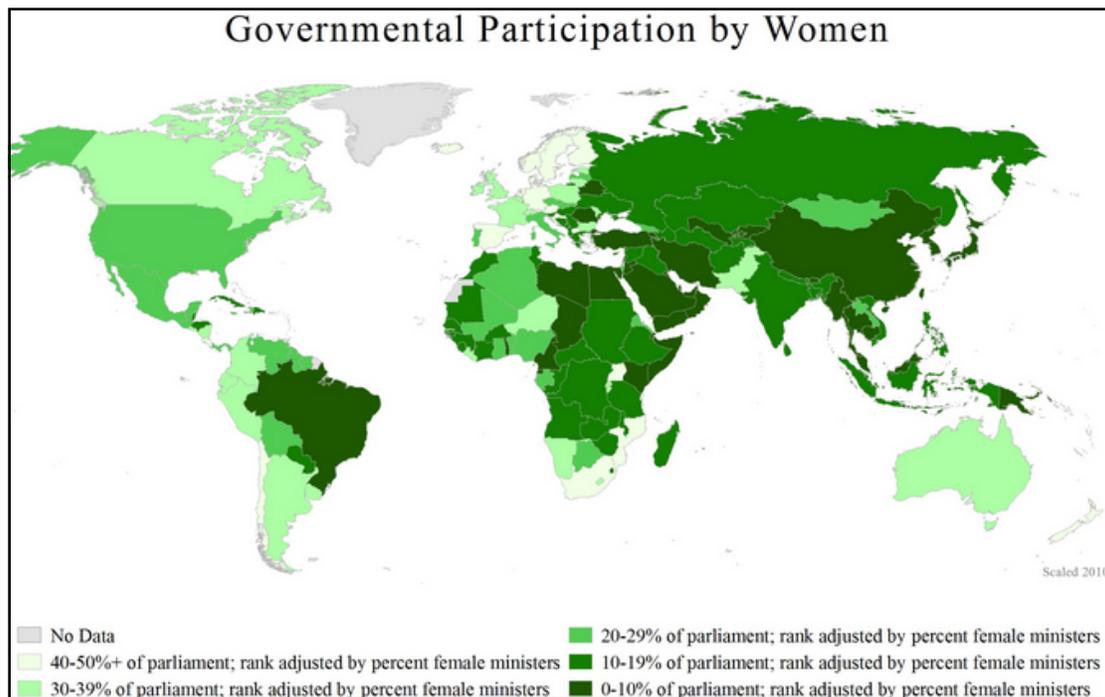
Frank Underwood - _____

3. Women in politics

Zoe: Did it take him a year to remember your name?

Women have never had equal representation in politics as men have.

Do you think this situation is changing or not?



3. Scoop!

At 42:00 we can see Zoey meeting Frank. What do you think happened before that?

Watch the previous scenes and find out.

3. House of Cards Brazil

Imagine that a Brazilian version of House of Cards will be produced. Who would be our version of these characters you met on this episode?

Marina Silva - Aécio Neves - Dilma Rousseff - José Sarney - Geraldo Alckmin - Luciana Genro
(other Brazilian politicians)

Frank Underwood:

Garrett Walker:

Linda Vasquez:

Michael Kern: