Plymouth, MI. - October 29, 2020 - Stardock released a v1.4 update today for The Political Machine 2020, its popular PC political strategy/simulation game. The update adds a new randomization feature, updates existing issues, adds new achievements, and more.

“Issue and State Randomization” is the top new feature added in v1.4. Players can now access randomization options in a single player match under the Advanced Settings tab. They will be able to choose varying levels of random, increasing the importance of even the craziest of fringe issues. Randomization can affect state data, including wealth, electoral votes, party affiliations, or all of the above.

New achievements like “#YangGang4Ever,” “Trump Train,” “A Totally Random Win,” and more have also been added. Most of these are geared at players who enjoy playing the game on Masochistic difficulty with specific candidates.

Because of the constantly changing political landscape, v1.4 took great care to update existing issues and add new issues that are currently relevant. Investigating Hunter Biden, a peaceful transfer of power, saving the middle class, and herd immunity are just some of the new issues. Updated issues include fracking, filling the supreme court vacancy, defunding the police, and more.

Ideology trees for Donald Trump and Joe Biden have also been updated in order to reflect the stances they’ve taken on real-world issues. Trump’s tree now includes Saving the Middle Class, the China Virus, and the Dangers of Socialism. Joe Biden’s tree has a National Mask Mandate, Second Stimulus Package, and Court Packing as new additions.

The Political Machine 2020 features unique ideology trees for candidates that allows each of them to play differently from one another. In v1.3, when players choose an ideology, the map will show a wave of red or blue to indicate what states are aligned with the policy and which way voters are leaning.

“This game takes politics and brings them to players in a way that is fun and interesting,” said Stardock CEO Brad Wardell. “We use current data to model the US and voters. Each issue is modeled on a per state basis with voter support based on polling data to allow for accurate simulations of how those issues will play out in different states.”

The Political Machine 2020 combines polling data, voter enthusiasm, and recent US census results to deliver a game that is fun to play for casual players, and realistic enough for political wonks.

Get The Political Machine 2020 on Steam and Stardock for $14.99. A mobile version is also available for iOS and Android. Learn more on the forums.
About Stardock: Stardock is a developer and publisher of PC games and desktop software. Its PC games include *Sins of a Solar Empire*, the *Galactic Civilizations* series, and more.