

So you are the Herodians!

Key information to read and discuss:

Herodians

Herodians got their name because they supported Herod Antipas. They were not an organised group. Some of them believed that Herod the Great was the Messiah. The Herodians had plotted to kill Jesus. (Mark 3:1-6)

From: <https://firstcenturypalestineil.weebly.com/religious-and-social-groups.html>

Herodians - probably a faction that supported the policies and government of the Herodian family, especially during the time of Herod Antipas, ruler over Galilee and Perea during the lifetimes of John the Baptist and of Jesus.

- Mentioned only twice in Mark and once in Matthew, but never in Luke, John, or the rest of the NT.
- In Mark 3:6 they conspire with the Pharisees to kill Jesus, still fairly early during Jesus' ministry in Galilee.
- In Mark 12:13-17 and Matt 22:16 they join some Pharisees in trying to trap Jesus with a question about paying taxes to Caesar.
- See also the possibly related references to the friends and court officials of Herod (Mark 6:21, 26; Matt 14:1-12; Luke 23:7-12).

http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Jewish_Groups.htm

Questions to discuss:

How would have likely talked with one another? (Think like pro supporters of our premier today!)

Why would you see that Jesus could be a threat?

Interesting things your group could highlight:

Your alignment to the Pharisees, and why you're keen to get rid of Jesus. (Seriously, troublemakers need to be dealt with swiftly!)

Choose one or texts to highlight with the group. After all, you know what's best for your country and you already have a great leader!