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why you think voters need to be informed: If voter's aren't informed, they're probably not going to care may not even vote. It's important to be aware of who you're voting for, and which candidate best matches the issues that you care about.

what policy/reforms do you think are important in Phila &/or PA: In Philadelphia, the education system needs some serious attention. At the state level, Pennsylvania needs to start taxing revenue from the Marcellus Shale, which should be invested in public schools and making universities more affordable. Pennsylvania also needs to reform ballot access, making politics more accessible to third parties.

your own political leanings and who you support: I feel like voting for a democratic or republican candidate would be pretty synonymous—the same people fund campaigns on both sides and the parties are corrupt and irrelevant to average people. I am in favor of third parties that can help challenge the corporate-owned duopoly, but feel like a lot of third parties are fledging and too opinionated to be accessible to a lot of people, and relevant parties aren't taking root because of Pennsylvania's hostility towards third parties.

Beat: I'll probably focus on third party options and the challenges they face, as well as the similarities of the Democratic and Republican parties.