

## Chantelle Jones

Name:	Chantelle Jones
Gender:	Female
Race:	African-American
Education:	Community College
Age:	30
Profession:	Insurance Adjuster
Residence:	Urban
Family Status:	Engaged to be Married
Voter:	Yes
Native English Speaker	Yes



For the past several months, Chantelle's life has been a joyful whirlwind as she prepares for her upcoming wedding.

Chantelle, who has a two-year degree in administration from the local community college, lives in an urban neighborhood and works as an insurance adjuster. The work doesn't thrill her but the benefits are good and she likes her boss, so she is planning to stick around for a while.

Like others in her family, Chantelle devotes a lot of her free time and energy to the church. Despite the demand of the wedding preparations, Chantelle still makes time for choir practice. But she had to relinquish her role as volunteer bookkeeper for the battered women shelter that the congregation runs. She hopes to get involved again after the honeymoon.

Chantelle grew up hearing stories from her relatives about the struggles of the civil rights era. She never fails to vote, but doesn't follow local news very closely, so she always shows up at the polling place wishing she knew more about the candidates and the issues.

There's not many parks or natural areas in Chantelle's neighborhood, so exercise means the gym. She's been a couple of time this year, hoping to look her best for the wedding. She's looking forward to a wedding ceremony in the church courtyard which has been recognized for having one of the largest cherry trees in her state.

## Dawn Beene

Name:	Dawn Beene
Gender:	Female
Race:	Caucasian
Education:	Bachelor's Degree
Age:	48
Profession:	Office Manager
Residence:	Urban
Family Status:	Married, Two Kids
Voter:	Yes
Native English Speaker	Yes



Dawn is the office manager for a thriving financial services firm that recently bought one of its competitors. The company's success has its downsides. It's Dawn's job to give pink slips – and break the news -- to many of the employees in the newly acquired company. It's a stressful time.

Dawn's older son is a freshman in college, and he's talking about pursuing a career as a veterinarian. Dawn thinks that's great but she has a hard time following him when he gets excited about his studies. She majored in literature herself. Dawn's younger daughter is harder to handle. Dawn has found cigarettes in her purse and thinks she is starting to run with a bad crowd. She wishes her husband was more supportive.

Dawn used to be on the board for the local neighborhood association, but she gave that up after she got that last promotion. One of the last things she was involved in was a dispute between some families who wanted a new playground near the creek and some environmentalists who said the area was a restoration site. She thought the environmentalists had a point but were prone to exaggeration. She voted for the playground.

Dawn needs a vacation and she has one planned: a trip to Jamaica in a few weeks. Sometimes she finds herself daydreaming about white sand and blue water and in between meetings with the people she's about to fire.

## Stanley Nguyen

Name:	Stanley Nguyen
Gender:	Male
Race:	Asian
Education:	High School
Age:	41
Profession:	Mechanic
Residence:	Suburban
Family Status:	Married, No Kids
Voter:	No
Native English Speaker:	No



Stanley's father was a GI and his mother worked on a U.S. Army base outside of Saigon. Stanley came to the U.S. when he 10. Stanley still speaks with a pronounced Vietnamese accent, and he's better with his hands than with words. He can disassemble anything and put it back together. He excelled in his high school vocational training and wasn't much interested in anything else.

Stanley works as a mechanic at an independent garage. The owner is close to retiring and hopes to sell it to Stanley when he does. Stanley is saving money for that day.

Stanley and his wife have not been able to get pregnant, and they recently resigned themselves to that. They have redoubled their efforts to bring his young cousins over to America so they can have a better life.

Although he's a U.S. citizen, Stanley doesn't vote.

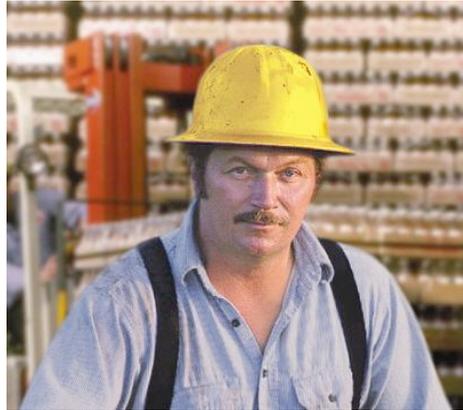
Once in a while Stanley and his cousins go fishing. They never buy a license and they eat everything they catch.

*Stanley is a fictional character.*

## Peter Wright

Name:	Peter Wright
Gender:	Male
Race:	Caucasian
Education:	High School
Age:	51
Profession:	Factory Foreman
Residence:	Small Town
Family Status:	Divorced
Voter:	Yes

Native English Speaker	Yes
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Peter Wright has been working for Nabisco, ensuring that Nutter Butters are packaged properly for distribution, for almost 30 years. Although he wears his safety equipment, the noise of the machines has left him a little hard of hearing. As the foreman, he supervises a crew of hard working men, many of whom live hand-to-mouth on the hourly wages the facility pays. He's helped his men deal with a lot of life's troubles, sometimes successfully, sometimes not.

Peter divorced his wife as soon as the kids left the nest. She had been cheating on him for years and he knew it. Secretly, he was relieved. Although he's afraid to tell people, he's gay.

Peter recently picked up a brochure for a local charity that pairs adults with troubled children needing an adult mentor. Peter knows he'd be good at that, but thinks it might be too much like going back to work.

Peter votes in every election, and supports the candidates that his union has endorsed.

Some of Peter's friends like to watch professional bass fishing on ESPN2, but that's not his style. Once or twice a year he grabs his son and his nephew and takes them catfishing at the local pond. They always drink a lot of beer. For vacation, he likes the beach.

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