

**20 Multiple choice questions**

Term

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24th Amendment

- Lowered the voting age to 18
- Abolishes poll taxes
- Abolishes literacy tests
- Gave women the right to vote

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Populist

- the citizens eligible to vote
- a supporter of the rights and power of the people
- the ordinary members of an organization as opposed to its leaders
- a term used to describe people who have no party affiliation

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straw poll.

- a relatively small proportion of people who are chosen in a survey so as to be representative of the whole.
- unscientific survey used to gauge public opinion on a variety of issues and policies
- surveys with samples of citizens that are used to estimate the beliefs of the entire population.
- came up with a successful statistical method of survey sampling for measuring public opinion

Definition

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The process by which we develop our political attitudes, values, and beliefs.

- political socialization
- polling
- political efficacy
- stratification

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Which argument could be used by those who favor abolishing voter registration requirements?

- Abolishing registration leads to higher rates of voter fraud.
- Voter turnout decreased when most States first adopted registration requirements.
- Voter turnout increased when States eliminated registration requirements.
- Registration requirements ensure only qualified voters participate.

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The residency criteria for voting in State elections changed as a result of the passage of the

- Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- National Voter Registration Act of 1993.
- Election Reform Act of 2002.
- Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1970.

Definition

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citizens' attitudes about political issues, leaders, institutions, and events

- conservative
- independents
- republicans
- public opinion

Definition

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sectional political party that morally protested slavery, it became the second major political party  
-- believes in a smaller government  
-- more traditional beliefs

- republicans
- push polling
- Australian ballot
- public opinion

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Which of the following provides an example of a short-term factor in an election?

- A northerner votes for a Republican candidate for Senate.
- A westerner votes for an Independent candidate for Mayor.
- A southerner votes for a Republican candidate for President.
- A southerner votes for a Democratic candidate for Governor.

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Which of these ideas has contributed to an upswing in split-ticket voting?

- a decline in voter interest in major parties
- a decline in the strength of the major parties
- an increase in the strength of independent candidates
- a rise in the influence of third parties

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polling place

- the percentage of eligible voters who cast a ballot in an election
- the location where voting is carried out
- the population from which a sample will be drawn
- persons with a disproportionate share of political power

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Which factor would MOST LIKELY influence an individual's opinion about whether or not to end social security?

- Because social security is of most concern to younger adults, income would influence voters' opinions.
- Because social security is related to healthcare, education level would influence voters' opinions.
- Because social security is of most concern to older adults, age would influence voters' opinions.
- Because social security is a federal program, party affiliation would influence voters' opinions.

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Australian ballot

- unscientific survey used to gauge public opinion on a variety of issues and policies
- a group of voters that are strongly motivated by a specific common concern or group of concerns to the point that such specific concerns tend to dominate their voting patterns, causing them to vote together in elections
- a government-printed ballot of uniform dimensions to be cast in secret that many states adopted around 1890 to reduce voting fraud associated with party-printed ballots cast in public
- A type of survey in which the questions are presented in a biased way in an attempt to influence the respondent.

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Which of the following is an example of the coattail effect?

- Republicans being elected at the same time as the popular Republican President Ronald Reagan
- Independents gaining office alongside a strong third-party leader.
- Republicans being elected due to economic prosperity.
- Democrats winning because of a popular Democratic President.

Term  
26th Amendment

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- Lowered the voting age from 21 to 18
- Established term limits for elected officials
- Extended voting rights to all adults
- Abolished the electoral college

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opinion leaders

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- individuals who exert direct or indirect social influence over others
- persons with a disproportionate share of political power
- people who only follow trends and never influence others' decisions or behaviors
- the citizens eligible to vote

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To what does the term mandate refer in American politics?

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- the approval ratings of elected officials
- the promises that candidates make during campaigns
- the veto powers of the executive branch
- the instructions or commands that voters give elected officials

Term  
party identification

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- a citizen's self-proclaimed preference for one party or the other
- the practice of voting for the candidates of more than one party in an election
- individuals who exert direct or indirect social influence over others
- citizens' attitudes about political issues, leaders, institutions, and events

Term  
political efficacy

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- A belief that one has an obligation to participate in civic and political affairs and vote
- A belief that ultimate power resides in the people.
- The right to vote
- The belief that one's political participation really matters - that one's vote can actually make a difference

Term  
focus group

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- A small group of individuals who are led in discussion by a professional consultant in order to gather opinions on and responses to candidates and issues.
- One that allows a person to vote without going to the polls on Election Day
- A person who believes government power, particularly in the economy, should be limited in order to maximize individual freedom.
- Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1970.