

Unit 5 – Political Participation

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ELECTIONS & VOTING

• Article I Section IV

The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations...

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ELECTIONS & VOTING

• Amendments

- 15th: The right to vote shall not be denied... on account of race, color, or previous servitude
- 17th: ... Senators... elected by the people
- 19th: The right to vote shall not be denied... on account of sex
- 24th: The right to vote shall not be denied... on reason of failure to pay poll or other tax
- 26th: The right to vote of those over 18 shall not be denied... on account age

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ELECTIONS & VOTING

- Restrictions
 - Some states make voting hard than others...
 - Some states have laws restricting access to certain groups
 - Convicted Felons

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ELECTIONS & VOTING

- Models of Voting Behavior
 - Rational Choice Voting
 - Retrospective Voting
 - Prospective Voting
 - Straight Ticket Voting
 - "Identity Voting"

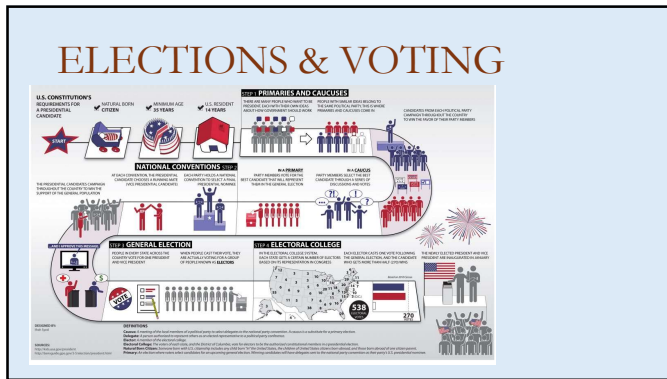


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- Primary
 - Party vs. Open
 - Caucus
- General Election
- Midterm Election
- Political Convention

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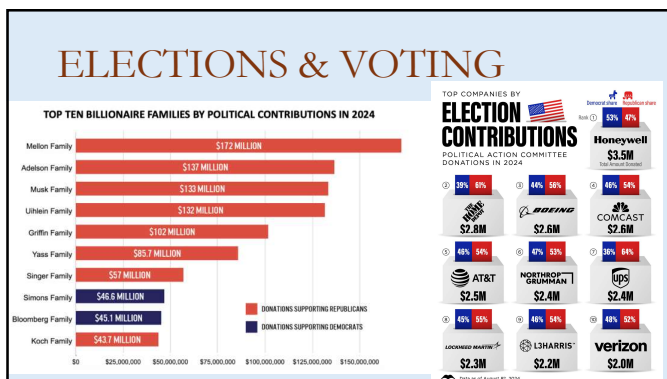
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- Campaign Financing
 - Federal Election Commission - 1974
 - Political Action Committee (PAC)
 - *Citizens United v. FEC 2010*
 - Issue Advocacy Advertising



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• Wisconsin Regulations

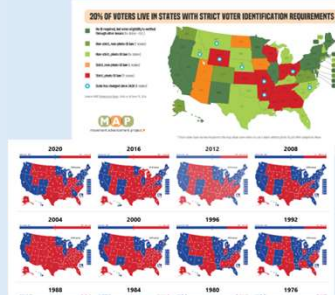
1. Register online within 20 days of Election Day
2. Registration by mail must be postmarked 20 days before election day
3. In person registration can be done day of
4. myvote.gov

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• Voter Turnout

1. Structural Barriers
2. Political Efficacy
3. Demographics
4. Type of Election

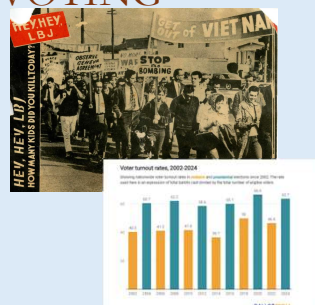


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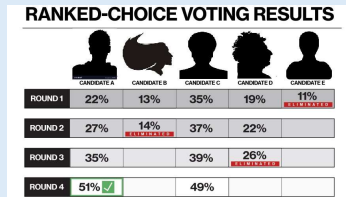
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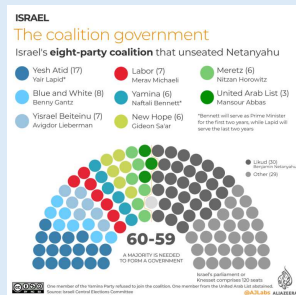
- Ranked choice and other options



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POLITICAL PARTIES

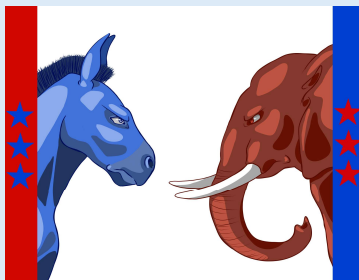
- Political Party
- One Party
 - Cuba, North Korea, Iran
 - Mexico
- Multi-Party
 - Coalition Government
- Two Party



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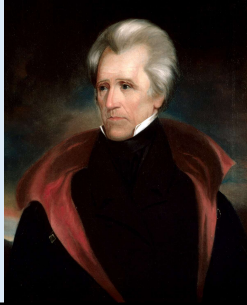
- Two Party
 - Only a few worldwide
 - Duverger's Law



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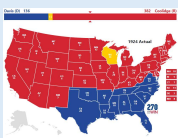
- Party Development in US
 - Founding
 - “Factions”
 - Pre-Civil War
 - Democratic-Republican & Democrats, & Whigs
 - Post Civil War
 - Democratic & Republican



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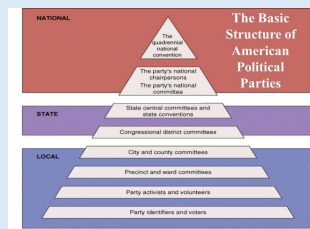
- Third parties
 - Single Issue
 - Ideological
 - Splinter



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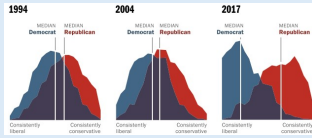
- Role of parties
 - Organization
 - Operating Government
- Ideology and Polarization



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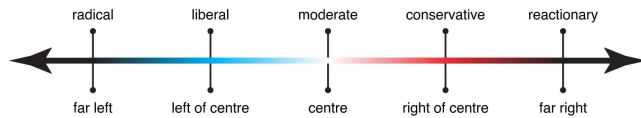
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Political spectrum



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POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES

• Liberal

• Favor:

- Multiculturalism
- Environmentalism
- Reproductive Rights
- LGBTQ+ rights
- Unions
- Regulation of Economy
- Separation of Church & State

• Oppose:

- Capital Punishment

• Democrats

• Conservative

• Favor:

- American Exceptionalism
- Moral Absolutism
- Laissez-Faire Economics
- Western Culture
- Gun Rights

• Oppose:

- Abortion
- LGBTQ+ rights
- Unions

• Republicans

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MASS MEDIA

- Sources
- Biases
 - [Ideological](#)
 - Business
- Political Advertising
 - \$10,500,000,000 (with a B...)
- Politicians Use the Media
 - Staging, Spinning, Leaking, “On” and “off the record”
- Has more information led to a more informed citizenry?



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