
Directions: Use the questions below as a review of the main concepts from Unit II: Political Beliefs and Behaviors and Unit III: Interest Groups, Political Parties, and Mass Media. This review will help you prepare for the upcoming test on the principles of the units.

Section 1: Democratic Values

1. Explain each of the following core values and how they relate to the United States Government
 - a. Majority rule/Minority rights:
 - b. Equality:
 - c. Private property:
 - d. Individual freedoms:
 - e. Compromise:
 - f. Limited government:

Section 2: Political Socialization and Public Opinion

1. How do each of the following factors impact the political beliefs of an individual and society?
 - a. The Media:
 - b. Schools:
 - c. Peers:
 - d. Friends:
 - e. Family:
 - f. Demographic Factors (Race, age, gender, etc...):
 - g. Group Affiliations:
2. How are Polls used to measure public opinion? How do Politicians use information from Polls?
3. What is Political Ideology?
4. Explain the following Political Ideologies.
 - a. Radical:
 - b. Liberal:

- c. Moderate:
- d. Conservative:
- e. Reactionary:

Section 3: Participation, Voting, and Elections

1. Give further explanations and examples for each of the following methods of citizen political participation
 - a. Voting in elections
 - b. Discussing politics and attending political meetings
 - c. Forming interest groups and PACS
 - d. Contacting public officials
 - e. Campaigning for a candidate or political party
 - f. Contributing money to a candidate or political party
 - g. Running for office
 - h. Protesting government decisions
2. Explain why voting is still the biggest contribution a citizen of the United States can still make politically.
3. Explain how each of the following amendments and laws helped expand voting
 - a. 15th –
 - b. 19th –
 - c. Voting Rights Act of 1965 –
 - d. 23rd –
 - e. 24th –
 - f. 26th –
4. Explain three different reasons why voter turnout is still incredibly low nationwide.
5. Explain how the following factors tend to impact voter turnout.
 - a. Age -
 - b. Gender -
 - c. Race -

Section 5: Interest Groups

1. What are interest groups and what role do they have in the American Political system?
2. Explain each of the following types of Interest groups and give an example of each.
 - a. Economic Interest Groups –
 - b. Idealistic/Cause Interest Groups –
 - c. Public Interest Groups –
3. What are lobbyists and how do Interest Groups use them to influence politics?
4. What are PACs and SuperPACs and how are they used by Interest Groups and Individuals?

Section 6: Mass Media

1. How have each of the following mediums impacted the influence of mass media on politics?
 - a. Newspapers
 - b. Magazines
 - c. Radio
 - d. Television
 - e. Hollywood
2. What are the roles of the media in politics and give examples of how the media can impact policy or public opinion.
3. How is the media impacted by corporate ownership and government regulations?
4. How does the government use the media?
5. How is the media bias and where does the bias come from?