

Political Participation Unit Planner

Governing is achieved directly through citizen participation and indirectly through institutions (political parties, interest groups, mass media) that inform, organize and mobilize support to influence government and politics, resulting in many venues for citizen influences on policy making.

Essential Questions:

- How have changes in technology influenced political communication and behavior?
- Why do levels of participation and influence in politics vary?
- How effective are the various methods of political participation in shaping public policies?

Required Foundational Documents	Required Supreme Court Cases
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Constitution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens United v. FEC (2010)

Key Terms and Concepts

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 501(c)3s/501(c)4s/527 groups • Actual group/potential group • Adversarial press • Amicus curiae briefs • Attack ads • Battleground/Swing states • Broadcast/narrowcast/ideologically oriented programming • Campaign management/strategy • Caucuses • Civic duty • Civil disobedience • Class action lawsuits • Coalition • Coattail effect • Collective good • Consumer-driven media outlets • Critical elections • Dark money/ Hard money/Soft Money • Dealignment/Realignment • Delegate • Divided government • Elections: Congressional (mid-term), Presidential • Election cycle • Electioneering • Electoral College • Electorate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faithless elector • Federal Election Campaign Act (1971) • Federal Election Commission (FEC) • Free rider problem, selective benefits • Front-loading • Gatekeeper, Scorekeeper, Watchdog • Grassroots lobbying • Horserace journalism • Incumbency advantage • Independent expenditures • Types of Interest groups (Single-issue, Public interest, professional organizations, unions, business) • Invisible primary • Iowa Caucuses/ New Hampshire Primary • Issue ads • Linkage institutions • Grandfather Clause, Literacy tests, poll tax, white primary • Lobbying • Mandate theory of elections • Matching funds • Media bias • Mobilization of membership • National Voter Registration Act (“Motor Voter” 1993) • National popular vote • News source and information credibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Deal coalition • nomination • Olson’s law of large groups • Open primaries • Partisan politics • Political parties: Chair, convention, platform • Plurality • Political Action Committees (PACs) • Presidential Election Campaign Fund • Primary: Blanket, Closed, Open • Proportional voting system • Recall • Retail politics • Revolving door • Single-member district • “Spoiler” role • “Stand by Your Ad” provision • Structural barriers to voting • Suffrage Amendments: 15, 17, 19, 23, 24, 26 • Superdelegate • SuperPACs • Third-party/candidate • Ticket-splitting • Voter mobilization, turnout, laws • Voting Theory: Prospective, Rational-choice, retrospective, party-line • War chest • Winner-take-all voting system |
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The Media	Handout Packet: The Media		
	Notes Pgs.557-571	Media as a Linkage Institution, Media and Political Participation	Monday November 26
	Notes Pgs.571-581	Media Ownership and Bias, Media and Democratic Debate	Wednesday November 28
	Media Quiz		Friday November 30
Interest Groups (SIGs)	Edwards, Chapter 11		
	Notes Pgs.331-342	Introduction, The Roles Of SIGs, Theories of Interest Group Politics, What Makes a SIG Successful, The Explosion of SIGs	Monday December 3
	Notes Pgs.342-357	How SIGs Try To Shape Policy, Types of SIGs, Understanding, Summary	Wednesday December 5
	Chapter 11 Quiz		Friday December 7
Political Parties	Edwards, Chapter 8		
	Notes Pgs.246-258	Introduction, The Meaning of Party, Party in the Electorate, Party Organization, Party in Government	Tuesday December 11
	Notes Pgs.258-271	Party Eras in U.S. History, Third Parties, Understanding Political Parties, Summary	Thursday December 13
	Chapter 8 Quiz & FRQ		Friday December 14
Nominations and Campaigns	Edwards, Chapter 9		
	Notes Pgs.276-291 Pgs. 298-302	Introduction, The Nomination Game, The Campaign Game Impact of Campaigns, Understanding Nominations and Campaigns, Summary	Tuesday December 18
	HANDOUT	Money and Campaigning	Thursday December 20
	Chapter 9 Quiz & FRQ		Tuesday January 8
Elections and Voting Behavior	Edwards, Chapter 10		
	Notes Pgs. 304-307 Notes Pgs. 312-321	Introduction, How American Elections Work Whether to Vote, How Americans Vote	Thursday January 10
	Notes Pgs. 322-325	The Electoral College, Understanding Elections and Voting Behavior, Summary	Monday January 14
	Chapter 10 Quiz & FRQ		Wednesday January 16
Unit Exam: MCQ and FRQ	Block Schedule	2nd hour Tuesday January 22	6th and 7th hours Wednesday January 23

- Missed quizzes and exams must be made up before the next quiz or exam. All makeup quizzes and exams are before or after school and must be arranged in advance with Ms. Hooper.