

# Government



-The Free rider problem is a difficulty faced by interest groups that lobby for a public good -According to the pluralist theory of American democracy, politics is a contest among various. Interest groups -Pluralists maintain that the influence of interest groups on government is not undemocratic, because Individuals interests are indirectly represented in the policy making process through these groups. -True or false, interest groups are often policy specialists?

True -The American Civil Liberties Union is an example of a. Public Interest Group -Trade organizations. Usually support policies that benefit specific industries -The American Medical Association and the American Political Science Association are examples of Professional interest groups -Which of the following is a direct lobbying technique used by interest groups to influence public policy? Providing expertise and research results for legislators Federal laws governing campaign financing have allowed corporations, labor unions, and special interest groups to raise funds and make campaign contributions through Political action committees -Which of the following is an indirect technique used to influence public policy: Mobilizing constitutes -It has become increasingly common for those who leave positions with the federal government to become lobbyists or consultants for the private interest groups they helped to regulate.

This is referred to as the Revolving Door syndrome. -The Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995: Requires lobbyists to report their clients, the issues on which they lobbied, and the agency or chamber of congress they contacted -The Federalist Party: Argued against ratification of the Constitution -The First Republican president was Abraham Lincoln -The United States has a two-

party system. This means that: Two major parties dominate national politics -  
Which of the following statements is not accurate?

The Electoral College system provides a third-party candidate with a strong incentive to run for president -Currently, all congressional districts are single-member districts, which mean that: Voters elect one member from their district to the House of Representatives. -The party in the electorate consists of: All of those people who describe themselves as Democrats or Republicans -In the United States, political party registration: Can be changed at will -The party platform: Represents the official party position on various issues -To be a member of a political party in the United States, a citizen: Has only to think himself or herself as a Democrat or Republican (or a member of a third party) -Which of the following is not a reason why people in the United States join political parties?

To be allowed to vote -Such factors as Race, age, income, education, marital status, and geography influence party identification -National conventions are: Meetings held by each major party every four years to select presidential and vice-presidential candidates -Most people acquire their political attitudes, opinions, beliefs, and knowledge through a complex learning process called political Socialization -Political Socialization usually begins during Early childhood -The family's influence in political socialization is important because: A child first sees the political world through the eyes of his or her family -Which of the following media has the greatest influence on political socialization? Television -The sample in which each person within the entire population being polled has an equal chance of being chosen is known as what type of sample?

Random -The Twenty-Fourth Amendment to the Constitution outlawed Poll Taxes in national elections -Literacy Tests: Were used in many southern states to restrict African American participation in elections -In most states, voters are required to Register with the appropriate state or local officials before voting -The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 requires states to provide all eligible citizens with the opportunity to register to vote -Among the factors affecting voter turnout, Education appears to be the most important -For established voters, Party identification is one of the most important and lasting predictors of how a person will vote -Poll Watchers are representatives from each political party who are allowed to minor polling places to make sure the election is run fairly and to avoid fraud - Each state has as many elector votes as it has U. S. Senators and Representatives

-A delegate is A person selected to represent the people of one geographic area at a party convention - In a closed primary, only party members can vote to choose that party's candidates, and they may vote only in the primary of their own party -For the general election campaign, presidential candidates receive federal funding for almost all of their expenses if they are willing to Accept campaign-spending limits -Under the Federal Election Campaign Act, there is NO no limit on the total amount of PAC contributions during an election cycle - The first televised presidential debate took places in: 1960, between Kennedy and Nixon - In televised news reporting, a brief comment, lasting for only a few seconds that captures a thought or a perspective and has an immediate impact on the viewers is referred to as a Sound bite

- An Attack ad is a negative political advertisement that discredits the character of an opposing candidate - A political candidate's press advisers try to convince reporters to give a story or event concerning the candidate a spin (as it has come to be called), or interpretation, that is favorable to the candidate - Candidate's campaign managers and political consultants have shown increasing sophistication in creating newsworthy events for journalists to cover, an effort commonly referred to as: Managed news coverage - Ever since Franklin D. Roosevelt held his "fireside chats" on radio, politicians have realized the power of radio. \*In the United States today, citizens who are at least Eighteen years of age have the right to vote \*In the 2008 presidential elections, The democratic Party won control of all three branches of the government. \*A negative issue ad focuses on flaws in an opposing candidate's position on a particular topic