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Precinct The smallest unit of election administration; a voting district

Factions Political groups that agree on objectives and policies; the origins of political parties.

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Ideologues individuals whose political opinions are very strong, either at the liberal or conservative extremes.

Pragmatists they believed that the true value of an idea was in its ability to solve problems

Realignment A shift of voting patterns to form new coalitions of party support

Coalitions political groups organized to support a common cause

Caucus a private meeting of party leaders to choose candidates for office

Populists supportive of the rights and power of the people

Endorsements support; approval

Partisan devoted to or biased in support of a party, group, or cause

Interest Groups groups of people who work together for similar interests or goals

Plaintiff a person who brings an action in a court of law

Defendant a person or institution against whom an action is brought in a court of law

Lobbying direct contact made by an interest group representative in order to persuade government officials to support the policies their interest group favors

Electioneering the campaign of a candidate to be elected

Litigation a legal proceeding in a court

Primary [Election] an election held to choose candidates for office

Political Consultants The professionals who advise candidates on various aspects of their campaigns, such as media use, fundraising, and polling.

Gubernatorial for state governor

Electorate all of the people entitled to vote in a given election