

Chapter 7 - Political Parties

1. Which of the following is true of political parties?
 - a. The concept of political parties is undefined in the U.S. Constitution.
 - b. The development of political parties was foreseen in the American political history.
 - c. The founders of the U.S. Constitution considered political parties as a practical need that would link the citizens to the government.
 - d. There are four major political parties in the United States.
 - e. The Federalists and the Anti-Federalists were formed after the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

2. Whose Farewell Address said that the "spirit of party . . . agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part against another, foment occasionally riot and insurrection"?
 - a. George Washington
 - b. John Adams
 - c. Thomas Jefferson
 - d. Andrew Jackson
 - e. Daniel Webster

3. What is a process in which the popular support for and relative strength of the political parties shift, and the parties are reestablished with different coalitions of supporters?
 - a. Flipping
 - b. Realignment
 - c. Dealignment
 - d. Tipping
 - e. Segregation

4. As the Whigs and Democrats competed for the White House from 1835 to 1854, which of the following was common to both groups?
 - a. Both the Whigs and the Democrats tried to favor rural development.
 - b. Both the Whigs and the Democrats tried to prevent child labor.
 - c. Both the Whigs and the Democrats tried to favor women empowerment.
 - d. Both the Whigs and the Democrats tried to avoid the issue of immigration.
 - e. Both the Whigs and the Democrats tried to avoid the issue of slavery.

5. By 1856, the Whig coalition had fallen apart, and most northern Whigs were absorbed into which new party, which opposed the extension of slavery into new territories?
 - a. People's Party
 - b. Republican Party
 - c. Democratic Party
 - d. Libertarian Party
 - e. Socialist Party

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6. Which of the following instances of the 1930s was referred to as the New Deal?
- George Washington's farewell address that legalized slavery
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt's programs to fight the Great Depression
 - The splitting of Jefferson's Republicans into two groups
 - The new Republican coalition cemented by Ronald Reagan
 - The support gained by the Whigs from bankers, business owners, and many southern planters
7. Beginning with the presidential elections of 2000, the term blue state has been used to describe a state in the United States whose citizens primarily vote for which party?
- The Democratic Party
 - The Republican Party
 - The Green Party
 - The Libertarian Party
 - The American Independent Party
8. Beginning with the presidential elections of 2000, the term red state has been used to describe a state in the United States whose citizens primarily vote for candidates from which party?
- The Democratic Party
 - The Republican Party
 - The Green Party
 - The Libertarian Party
 - The American Independent Party
9. Which of the following statements demonstrates the belief that compromise with the other party in the legislature is a form of betrayal?
- The minority party should not oppose majority-party measures.
 - The independent voters are likely to increase in number over the years.
 - The realignment process is often replaced by the dealignment process.
 - The two-party system should be promoted in the United States.
 - The minority party should not attempt to improve legislation proposed by the majority.
10. After the 2010 elections, many of the new Republican members of Congress were pledged to what plan?
- The Tea Party philosophy of liberalism
 - The Tea Party's plans of breaking the political deadlock in Washington
 - The Tea Party's plans of moving the Republican Party toward more liberal positions
 - The Tea Party philosophy of no-compromise conservatism
 - The Tea Party's plans of reducing the polarization in Congress
12. The Democratic Party balances the competing interests of its members by doing what?
- Hiring party members who are held together by a shared set of ideas
 - Appointing a party president who is given the absolute authority to make important decisions
 - Involving supporters who prize doctrinal purity
 - Adopting a view broad enough to encompass the opinions of all the party members

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- e. Adopting the view of the majority
13. Which group is almost always seen as a base of support for the Democrats?
- a. Labor unions
 - b. Tea Party advocates
 - c. Business groups
 - d. Purists
 - e. Monarchs
14. Which of the following functions is performed at the national conventions?
- a. Organizing the grassroots foundation of party supporters
 - b. Directing the work of the national committee
 - c. Writing a party platform
 - d. Helping elect party members to Congress
 - e. Recruiting new voters
15. Which of the following statements is true of American politics?
- a. Americans who are unhappy with the two major political parties cannot participate in American politics.
 - b. A key characteristic of recent politics has been the extreme nonpartisanship of party activists and members of Congress.
 - c. The rules governing campaign financing hinder the major parties as well as the minor parties.
 - d. Minor parties have found it extremely difficult to compete with the major parties for votes.
 - e. The rolling realignment after the elections of 1968 has resulted in parties that are much more heterogeneous.
16. Which of the following statements is true of the procedure of voting for governors in the majority of U.S. states?
- a. It allows more than one candidate to contest from a single party.
 - b. It allows the splitting of electoral votes.
 - c. It is held at the district level.
 - d. It takes place on a statewide, winner-take-all basis.
 - e. It makes it easier for third-party candidates to win.
27. Which statement is true of a single-member district?
- a. A single-member district does not allow independent candidates to contest in state elections.
 - b. A single-member district is where the parliament elects one member from each district to their state legislature.
 - c. A single-member district is represented by multiple elected officials from different parties, according to the proportion of the vote each party receives.
 - d. A single-member district is where voters elect one member from their district to the House of Representatives and to their state legislature.
 - e. A single-member district does not include federal and state legislative districts.

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18. Which of the following statements is true of nonpartisan elections?
- a. Lobbyists sponsor the major parties.
 - b. Candidates need to be endorsed by a political party.
 - c. Party identification never appears on the ballot.
 - d. Party labels appear on the ballot.
 - e. More than one candidate from a single party competes in the general elections.
19. The Free Soil Party, organized in 1848 to oppose the expansion of slavery into the western territories, is an example of what type of political party?
- a. Ideological party
 - b. Issue-oriented party
 - c. Personality party
 - d. Traditional party
 - e. Splinter party
20. The election of 1932 brought Franklin D. Roosevelt to the presidency and brought which political party back to power at the national level?
- a. Libertarians
 - b. Democrats
 - c. Republicans
 - d. Whigs
 - e. Reform Party
21. In the context of politics, what is a system of rewarding the party faithful and workers with government jobs or contracts?
- a. Patronage
 - b. Party membership grant
 - c. Party-aid
 - d. Sponsorship
 - e. Block grants
22. The Bull Moose Party is an example of which type of political party?
- a. Ideological party
 - b. Personality party
 - c. Conservative party
 - d. Issue-oriented party
 - e. Libertarian party

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23. In 1948, which party adopted a civil rights plank as part of the party platform at their national convention?
- a. Libertarians
 - b. Democrats
 - c. Republicans
 - d. Whigs
 - e. Reform Party
24. Business groups, such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, are viewed as key players for what party?
- a. Libertarian
 - b. Progressive
 - c. Republican
 - d. Democratic
 - e. Green
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