

Read Chapter 9 on Campaigns, Nominations and Elections

What are presidential **primaries**?

Which two groups do candidates fall into when it comes to why they run?

Why is it tougher **for third parties** to get their party's nominees on the ballot?

What is a **caucus**?

What are the **requirements to run for President**?

How is the Vice presidential requirements different from the President's requirement?

List the qualifications for **Senator**.

List the qualifications for **Representative**.

What obstacles have **women** faced for running for office?

Why are many candidates **lawyers**?

List **the reasons that campaigns shifted away from the party to the candidate**?

What is a **political consultant**?

How do candidates make themselves **visible**?

How do candidates use tracking polls?

What is a focus group?

Campaign financing:

Corrupt practices act

Hatch Act

Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA)

Buckley v. Valeo

Political Action Committees

Soft Money

Issue Advocacy Advertising

How does Soft money get around some of the federal regulations of giving to candidates during campaigns?

What restrictions does the **BiPartisan Campaign Act of 2002** place on campaign financing?

What is a **“beauty contest?”**

How has the nomination and convention process changed since the early days of political parties?

What are **superdelegates**?

Define **closed primary**.

Define **open primary**.

Define **blanket primary**

What is a **run-off primary**?

What is a **front runner**?

What is **front loading**?

What role does a **Credentials committee** play in the national convention?

Electoral College:

Why did the framers of the Constitution choose the electoral college over the popular vote?

What is the total number of electors today and how is this number derived?

How many electors are needed to win the presidency?

List two presidents who did not received the majority of the popular vote.

List the most recent president who was elected without having won the plurality of the popular vote?

What are three criticisms of the electoral college.

Who might oppose a constitutional amendment to overturn the electoral college?

What are the features of the Australian ballot?

What are the different organizations of ballots?

What are the benefits and problems with voting by mail?

What are some of the dangers of voter fraud?

What types of solutions are being proposed for mistakes made by voting officials?

What are two different interpretations of low voter turn out?

Is voter turn out **declining**?

What are various factors for influencing who votes?

What are some factors which depress voter turn out?

What have been some legal restrictions and how have these been overcome?

What are the three requirements of registration?