

## Final Exam Review: Political Behavior

### **Political Parties**

What is the main goal of a political party?

What are the two main political parties in the US today?

List three key ideas supported by the Republican Party?

List three key ideas supported by the Democratic Party?

Why is it difficult for a third party to win an election?

Define bipartisan.

### **Voting**

What is the voting age requirement for voting in the US?

Voting rights were expanded with the following three amendments. Identify which group was given the right to vote:

15th amendment

19th amendment

26th amendment

Which demographic groups are most likely to vote?

Which demographic groups are least likely to vote?

## **The Electoral Process**

What are the purpose of primary and caucuses?

What is the difference between an *open primary* and a *closed primary*?

What happens at a political party's *National Convention*?

Who are the adversaries in a *General Election*?

What role does the Electoral College play in choosing our President?

What is the main difference between *hard money* and *soft money*?

What is the main purpose of a *Political Action Committee*?

What impact did the Citizens United Supreme Court decision have on campaign spending?

## **Public Opinion, Mass Media, and Interest Groups**

How are *polls* used to measure public opinion?

What makes for a *scientific poll*?

What are the different *types of mass media*?

What is an interest group?

What are the different types of interest groups?

What are the different ways that interest groups try to influence our public policy?