

Nomination and Elections

Possible Essay – Consider all four. I will select one on the test

- 1 How these delegates are chosen varies across states and between the political parties. Consider the following: Open primary, Caucus, Republican Party winner-take-all primaries, Democratic Party use of superdelegates, nomination v general election
2. What purposes do initiatives and referendums serves? What are there strengths and weakness?
3. Even when there is low voter turnout linkage institutions can connect citizens to government. Consider: the likelihood of voting, electoral requirement that decreases voter turnout
4. For what purposes do major parties hold in National Conventions?

KEY TERMS

nomination
campaign strategy
national party convention
caucus
presidential primarics
McGovern-Fraser Commission
superdelegates
frontloading
party platform
direct mail
Federal Election Campaign Act
Federal Election Commission (FEC)
soft money
selective perception
Political Action Committees (PACs)
Referendum
Suffrage
Political efficacy
initiative petition
voter registration
Motor Voter Act
civic duty
mandate theory of elections
policy voting
retrospective voting
electoral college