U.S. Government Name:

Mrs. Barnes

Study Guide—Citizenship, Parties, Interest Groups

Terms:

Naturalization

14th Amendment

Liberalism

Conservatism

Political Party

Democrats

Republicans

Independents

Interest Group

Political Action Committee (PAC)

Lobbying

Think Tank

Grassroots Mobilization

Platform

Two-Party System

Questions:

1. What are the 6 steps to becoming a naturalized citizen?
2. What is political ideology?
3. What factors influence our political ideology?
4. What is a political spectrum? Which groups fall where along the political spectrum? (radicals, reactionaries, liberals, conservatives, moderates)
5. Explain the four major types of citizens:
   1. Electoral Specialist
   2. Civic Specialist
   3. Dual Activist
   4. Disengaged
6. What is a two-party system?
7. What are three major differences between Democrats and Republicans?
8. What is the primary goal of a political party?
9. What is an interest group?
10. What are three ways interests groups are good for democracy? What are three ways interest groups are bad for a democracy?
11. What is a PAC? Who finances a PAC? What is a Super PAC?
12. How might PACs be good for democracy? How might PACs be bad for democracy?
13. PACs influence policy in the following ways: (explain each way)
    1. Lobbying
    2. Research and policy proposals
    3. Litigation
    4. Grassroots mobilization

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