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1. Unit 01: American Political Foundations Questions

4.1.1. Compared with the American media of past decades, the American medi...

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Compared with the American media of past decades, the American media is now

Please choose only one answer:

- less politically biased.
- more politically biased.
- equally politically biased.
- less likely to discuss politics at all.
- more likely to provide in-depth analysis on policy issues.

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4.1.2. Issue_____ is when people vote on the basis of how relevant an issue...

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Issue_____ is when people vote on the basis of how relevant an issue is to their lives.

Please choose only one answer:

- saliency
- latency
- stability
- intensity
- attentiveness

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4.1.3. Public opinion is most commonly defined as

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Public opinion is most commonly defined as

Please choose only one answer:

- people
- beliefs controlled by organized groups, government leaders, and media elites.
- the collective views of people in a society.
- attitudes or persistent, general orientations toward people, groups, or institutions.
- beliefs that emerge from public debate among groups rather than from individual opinions.

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4.1.4. Public opinion is most commonly measured using

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Public opinion is most commonly measured using

Please choose only one answer:

- ballots.
- polls.
- focus groups.
- educated guesses.
- surveys.

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4.1.5. Voter turnout has always been highest in

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Voter turnout has always been highest in

Please choose only one answer:

- state elections.
- congressional elections.
- local or municipal elections.
- presidential elections.
- states that allow early voting in advance of Election Day.

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4.1.6. Voter turnout in the United States is lower than most of the world'...

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Voter turnout in the United States is lower than most of the world's industrialized democracies because

Please choose only one answer:

- polling places are not open long enough for people to make time to vote.
- most other countries have mandatory voting.
- many people believe their vote won't make a difference.
- the vast number of candidates competing for office in the US makes it more difficult for Americans to choose for whom to vote.
- the US has more burdensome voter registration requirements.

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4.1.7. Voters who identify with a certain political party

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Voters who identify with a certain political party

Please choose only one answer:

- are very likely to vote for their party's candidate.
- are viewed as more important to political candidates than independent voters.
- are usually less educated on policy issues than non-affiliated voters.
- have contributed to most of the polarization in today
- have helped to strengthen the two-party system.

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4.1.8. What do political scientists believe is the fundamental source of p...

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What do political scientists believe is the fundamental source of people's political views?

Please choose only one answer:

- Political parties
- The media
- The public school system
- The family
- The Internet

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4.1.9. What has been one of the criticisms of embracing multiculturalism i...

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What has been one of the criticisms of embracing multiculturalism in American society?

Please choose only one answer:

- Too much effort and expense are directed at maintaining separate racial and ethnic practices, such as bilingual education.
- It creates racial tension among competing minority groups.
- It undermines Christianity as the major religious denomination in America.
- It encourages illegal immigration.
- It promotes affirmative action.

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4.1.10. What has been one of the major concerns raised about exit polls?

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What has been one of the major concerns raised about exit polls?

Please choose only one answer:

- They do not conform to the established protocols for conducting scientific polls.
- Media reports of exit polls can potentially depress election turnout.
- They are not reliable indicators of public opinion.
- They are designed to influence the opinion of respondents.
- They have a much larger margin of error than other types of polls.

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4.1.11. What political ideology holds that the government should play a sig...

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What political ideology holds that the government should play a significant role in eliminating social and economic inequalities?

Please choose only one answer:

- Conservatism
- Anarchism
- Environmentalism
- Liberalism
- Libertarianism

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4.1.12. Which of following factors does NOT limit the ability of the media ...

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Which of following factors does NOT limit the ability of the media to affect our political beliefs?

Please choose only one answer:

- Selective exposure
- Familiarity with the issues
- The availability of alternative news sources
- The lack of substantive content in most news stories
- Agenda setting

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4.1.13. Which of the following is NOT a defining characteristic of American...

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Which of the following is NOT a defining characteristic of American political culture?

Please choose only one answer:

- Rule of law
- Individualism
- Inegalitarianism
- Civil rights
- Equality of opportunity

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4.1.14. Which of the following is NOT a way that public opinion is importan...

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Which of the following is NOT a way that public opinion is important in a representative democracy?

Please choose only one answer:

- It helps the public become more informed and educated about policy issues.
- Leaders can take public opinion into account when making laws and formulating policy.
- Leaders often monitor the public pulse when making policy decisions, especially when they face an election campaign.
- It provides a mechanism for presenting the views of the mass public to government leaders who are making decisions that will affect society.
- It helps to identify and illuminate high-intensity issues among voters.

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4.1.15. Which of the following is the most conventional mode of political p...

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Which of the following is the most conventional mode of political participation?

Please choose only one answer:

- Voting
- Writing to an elected official
- Protesting
- Donating money to a political candidate
- Running for elective office

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4.1.16. Which of the following scenarios depicts the media as a gatekeeper?

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Which of the following scenarios depicts the media as a gatekeeper?

Please choose only one answer:

- Television stations keep third-party candidates from entering office by reserving airtime for mainstream candidates.
- Newspapers help set the agenda for public debate by publishing some stories on the front page and relegating others to the back page.
- Political blogs discourage voter participation by disseminating false and conflicting information.
- Partisan talk radio shows silence opposing viewpoints.
- Mass media outlets seldom air segments that are critical of the media.

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4.1.17. Which of the following statements about trends in American voting i...

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Which of the following statements about trends in American voting is true?

Please choose only one answer:

- Although voter turnout is lower than it once was, voting is still the most common form of political participation.
- Voting is now a less common form of political participation than making online campaign donations.
- Protesting has become a more common form of political participation than voting.
- It is most common today for Americans to symbolically participate in politics by not voting.
- Voter turnout has risen steadily since the 1960s.

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4.1.18. Which of the following statements is correct regarding the early Am...

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Which of the following statements is correct regarding the early American polling?

Please choose only one answer:

- Newspapers did not publish polling results because readers were largely disinterested.
- Polls were usually designed by academics and market researchers.
- Up until the 1940s, polls had correctly predicted the outcome of every presidential election.
- Polls were administered haphazardly and without concern for drawing a proper sample.
- Poll results were much more accurate than contemporary polling.

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