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### 1. Unit 02: American Political Behavior Questions

#### 4.1.1. All of the following are characteristics of social movements except:

Author: Nicole Bartels

All of the following are characteristics of social movements except:

Please choose only one answer:

- they often form in reaction to policies that disadvantage particular segments of society.
- individuals act to instigate change and assume others will eventually follow.
- they can evolve from grassroots groups into national organizations.
- they often have charismatic leaders.

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#### 4.1.2. All of the following are reasons why people vote and otherwise part...

Author: Nicole Bartels

All of the following are reasons why people vote and otherwise participate in politics except:

Please choose only one answer:

- when they feel they have a personal stake in a candidate's agenda.
- when they have a strong understanding of the political system.
- when the nation has a high level of consensus, or agreement, on campaign issues.
- when they are in need of government assistance.

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#### 4.1.3. All of the following have been criticisms of the Electoral College ...

Author: Nicole Bartels

All of the following have been criticisms of the Electoral College system except:

Please choose only one answer:

- faithless electors have the ability to change the outcome of a presidential election.
- a candidate can lose the popular vote but still win the presidential election.
- The winner-take-all rule effectively disenfranchises millions of voters within a state.
- the Electoral College gives certain states disproportionate influence in determining an election's outcome.

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#### 4.1.4. All of the following statements are true about presidential nominat...

Author: Nicole Bartels

All of the following statements are true about presidential nominating conventions except:

Please choose only one answer:

- they are usually unpredictable events.
- the delegates to the convention formally nominate the presidential candidate.
- the party planks (platforms) are revised.
- the candidate's vice presidential pick is formally announced.

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#### 4.1.5. Communism and socialism share which of the following tenets?

Author: Nicole Bartels

Communism and socialism share which of the following tenets?

Please choose only one answer:

- The rejection of liberalism, democracy, and the rule of law
- The ultimate elimination of state authority
- The collective ownership of the means of the production and the distribution of goods
- State noninterference in economic, social, and cultural life

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#### 4.1.6. How do most scholars characterize public opinion?

Author: Nicole Bartels

How do most scholars characterize public opinion?

Please choose only one answer:

- Public opinion is the aggregation of popular preferences of people from all segments of society.
- Public opinion emerges from debate among groups rather than from individual opinions.
- Public opinion is controlled by organized groups, governments, and media elites.
- Opinions from less knowledgeable people should have less political influence.

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#### 4.1.7. In presidential election years, "Super Tuesday" refers to the day i...

Author: Nicole Bartels

In presidential election years, "Super Tuesday" refers to the day in which:

Please choose only one answer:

- the presidential nominee announces his vice presidential pick.
- the delegates to the Electoral College are formally announced.
- most states hold their primary elections.
- the nominating convention is held.

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#### 4.1.8. Interest groups can influence elections in all of the following way...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Interest groups can influence elections in all of the following ways except:

Please choose only one answer:

- endorsing candidates and mobilizing voters to work and vote for them.
- promoting candidates through television and radio advertisements.
- raising funds and contributing to campaigns.
- providing gifts, meals, and trips to their preferred candidates.

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#### 4.1.9. Liberals and conservatives largely agree on which of the following ...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Liberals and conservatives largely agree on which of the following principles?

Please choose only one answer:

- Social and economic equality
- Larger government
- Democratic values
- Religious influence in public policy

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#### 4.1.10. Most congressional races are:

Author: Nicole Bartels

Most congressional races are:

Please choose only one answer:

- closely contested.
- not closely contested.
- less contested than state elections.
- more contested than presidential elections.

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#### 4.1.11. Political parties serve all of the following functions except:

Author: Nicole Bartels

Political parties serve all of the following functions except:

Please choose only one answer:

- simplifying the voting process by helping the electorate to decide.
- helping to generate excitement about an election.
- providing an organizational structure for leaders in government and ensuring that majority and minority party opinions are voiced.
- developing strong ideological predispositions to appeal to the narrowest electoral base possible.

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#### 4.1.12. Public opinion measures:

Author: Nicole Bartels

Public opinion measures:

Please choose only one answer:

- individuals' knowledge about current political issues.
- collective preferences about government and politics.
- the extent to which people are influenced by political parties, special interests, and politicians.
- how the mass media influence political attitudes and preferences.

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#### 4.1.13. The Citizens United Supreme Court decision has had the effect of:

Author: Nicole Bartels

The Citizens United Supreme Court decision has had the effect of:

Please choose only one answer:

- contributing to the dramatic rise in "Super PACs," which can raise unlimited amounts of money for a candidate.
- causing candidates to spend more time fundraising and less time campaigning.
- decreasing the amounts of money that individuals, corporations, and unions can give to candidates.
- strengthening existing campaign finance laws.

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#### 4.1.14. The current two-party system did not become firmly established until:

Author: Nicole Bartels

The current two-party system did not become firmly established until:

Please choose only one answer:

- George Washington left presidential office.
- male suffrage expanded during the tenure of President Andrew Jackson.
- right before the Civil War.
- powerful political machines came into prominence at the turn of the twentieth century.

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#### 4.1.15. The mainstream, or "old," media is still relevant in all of the fol...

Author: Nicole Bartels

The mainstream, or "old," media is still relevant in all of the following ways except:

Please choose only one answer:

- most original reporting still comes from traditional journalists.
- mainstream media is much less biased.
- social media relies on the traditional press for much of its information.
- mainstream media tends to highlight stories that get much less attention in social media outlets.

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#### 4.1.16. The mass media influences politics, government, and voters in all o...

Author: Nicole Bartels

The mass media influences politics, government, and voters in all of the following ways except:

Please choose only one answer:

- the media can set the policy agenda by placing more emphasis on some issues and telling people what to think.
- political candidates have been forced to use media advertising rather than traditional, grassroots campaigning to reach the most voters at one time.
- the media can help mobilize individuals to engage in politics.
- politicians take media coverage as a sign they may be held accountable for their actions.

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#### 4.1.17. The most significant difference between a presidential primary and ...

Author: Nicole Bartels

The most significant difference between a presidential primary and a caucus is:

Please choose only one answer:

- caucuses involve a longer time commitment on the part of the voter.
- primary elections usually yield lower voter turnout than caucus elections.
- primary votes are secret while caucus votes are not.
- most states use caucuses instead of primaries.

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#### 4.1.18. The rise of mass media conglomeration in recent years has had the e...

Author: Nicole Bartels

The rise of mass media conglomeration in recent years has had the effect of:

Please choose only one answer:

- presenting a wide range of views on policy issues.
- focusing on profits rather than covering government and public affairs in depth.
- encouraging the media to publicize challenging social and political issues.
- decreasing government regulation of the media.

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#### 4.1.19. Under the Electoral College system, presidential candidates:

Author: Nicole Bartels

Under the Electoral College system, presidential candidates:

Please choose only one answer:

- focus their media advertising in the most densely populated states.
- court voters in smaller states with disproportionately higher voting power than larger states.
- never spend time campaigning in areas where they feel they won't win.
- spend much more time campaigning in states where there is a more equal balance of voters in each party.

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#### 4.1.20. What are the key elements of American political culture?

Author: Nicole Bartels

What are the key elements of American political culture?

Please choose only one answer:

- Human equality, individualism, and the rule of law
- Social justice, economic equality, and racial tolerance
- Religious values, multiculturalism, and patriotism
- Collective action, private enterprise, and social hierarchies

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#### 4.1.21. What has been the most significant trend in voter turnout in recent...

Author: Nicole Bartels

What has been the most significant trend in voter turnout in recent years?

Please choose only one answer:

- Younger voters (ages 18–29) voted in record numbers in the last two presidential elections.
- Early voting by mail or in person has decreased dramatically.
- California has emerged as the state with the highest voter turnout.
- Latinos are the fastest growing demographic group among eligible voters.

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#### 4.1.22. What is the most common way in which American citizens participate ...

Author: Nicole Bartels

What is the most common way in which American citizens participate in politics?

Please choose only one answer:

- Running for and holding public office
- Protesting
- Voting
- Contributing money to political campaigns

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#### 4.1.23. What is the most significant impact social media has had on America...

Author: Nicole Bartels

What is the most significant impact social media has had on American government and politics?

Please choose only one answer:

- It has made information more available, accessible, and democratic.
- It has surpassed televised news as the means by which most people get their political information.
- It has the journalistic knowledge and expertise to cover and investigate government, politics, and public policies in depth.
- It is often more accurate in its political coverage than traditional mass media outlets.

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#### 4.1.24. Which of the following factors has contributed to the dramatic incr...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following factors has contributed to the dramatic increase in election costs and spending?

Please choose only one answer:

- Candidates now have to hire more legal experts to ensure they are in compliance with campaign finance law.
- Candidates need more time and effort to mount a successful campaign in a progressively high-tech world.
- Advertising through mass media outlets has become much more expensive.
- Since election seasons have become much shorter, candidates have had to spend more money on travel costs to reach more voters in less time.

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4.1.25. Which of the following political ideologies still has a following i...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following political ideologies still has a following in the United States?

Please choose only one answer:

- Marxism
- Libertarianism
- National Socialism
- Fascism

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#### 4.1.26. Which of the following statements about different types of interest...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following statements about different types of interest groups is correct?

Please choose only one answer:

- Public interest groups are usually the best financed.
- Ideological interest groups usually advocate for one particular issue.
- Societal interest groups have become largely obsolete.
- Conflicts of interest usually arise when governmental interest groups lobby other governmental entities.

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#### 4.1.27. Which of the following statements is incorrect regarding the relati...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which of the following statements is incorrect regarding the relationship between political parties and the media?

Please choose only one answer:

- Political parties have had to adapt to a media environment that at times has weakened their position in the political process.
- Media coverage of parties emphasizes conflict and the failure of parties to make good on promises they make about policies.
- Parties are constantly trying to manage the media and attract sufficient attention to remain viable.
- Parties have yet to develop in-house media facilities to allow candidates and officeholders to communicate with constituents.

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#### 4.1.28. Which research tool has most improved the accuracy of public opinio...

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which research tool has most improved the accuracy of public opinion research?

Please choose only one answer:

- Focus groups
- More sophisticated sampling techniques
- Market research techniques
- Local level straw polls

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#### 4.1.29. Which were the first political parties to emerge in the United States?

Author: Nicole Bartels

Which were the first political parties to emerge in the United States?

Please choose only one answer:

- Democratic-Republicans; Federalists
- Whigs; Democrats
- Democrats; Federalists
- Republicans; Whigs

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#### 4.1.30. Why are public opinion polls useful tools for understanding elections?

Author: Nicole Bartels

Why are public opinion polls useful tools for understanding elections?

Please choose only one answer:

- They are the most reliable ways to predict the outcome of an election.
- They help voters become more educated about political issues and candidates.
- They allow analysts to fact-check candidates' statements.
- They accurately measure the "mood" of the electorate.

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