Political Dictionary

nomination (p. 118)
popular vote (p. 118)
closed primary (p. 118)
open primary (p. 118)
ballot (p. 118)
political active committee (PAC) (p. 117)
soft money (p. 301)
hard money (p. 301)

Practicing the Vocabulary

Matching: Chapter 9 is from the list below that best matches each description:
1. A group of like-minded people who meet to choose candidates for office:
   a. political candidate
   b. political action committee
   c. political party
   d. primary election
   e. general election
   f. nomination event
   g. ballot
   h. voter registration
   i. party endorsement
   j. political campaign
   k. political advertising

Testing the Vocabulary:

1. The process by which voters select their choices in an election:
   a. nomination
   b. primary
   c. general election
   d. political action committee
   e. PAC

Reviewing Main Ideas

Section 1

11. You have read that the nominating process has “a very real impact on the outcome of the right to vote.” Explain this statement in your own words.
12. What are the three broad categories that describe the way in which voters decide whom to support?
13. How has the nominating process in American politics changed over time?
14. At what level is the convention still a major nominating process in American politics?
15. Describe the differences between the open and the closed primary.

Section 2

16. What is the general process of selection in American political parties?
17. To what extent is the Federal Government involved in regulating the nominating process?
18. c) What elements of the Federal Government involved in regulating the nomination process? (d) Give at least three examples of legal laws that regulate elections.
19. k) Describe the basic differences between the open and the closed political party system.
20. Why do candidates decide to run for office?
21. a) Identify the four types of political parties.
22. What are the primary differences between a political campaign and an election?
23. What is the primary goal of political advertising?
24. b) Identify the four types of political parties.
25. What are the major sources of campaign financing?

Critical Thinking Skills

26. Face the Issues: The success of electronic voting in the most recent presidential election. Does the expansion of this new technology threaten the integrity of the electoral system?
27. Drawing Conclusions: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? In some circumstances, the nomination of candidates is more meaningful than the election process itself in the general election period.
28. Economic or Political? Which offices in your state, city, and county are now filled by popular vote? Do you think that all these offices should be filled by popular vote? Why or why not?
29. Analyzing Alternatives: What are the advantages and disadvantages of each type of student election?

Analyzing Political Cartoons

Q1) What are the characters in the cartoon? Q2) What are two major sources of political campaigns?
30. What can be the effect of a stovepipe primary on a political party?

You Can Make a Difference

Create an unbiased informative chart or political cartoon that includes a list of candidates or candidates for state or local election—on a map of your city or town. Include a description of each candidate, their campaign strategies, and their personal and political affiliations. Include their track records on local issues, and other important information. Use the tools of the Internet, the library, and other sources. Write your results in a letter to your representative.

Participation Activities

13. Current Events Watch: Keep track of stories in the news about money spent on election campaigns and about campaign finance reform. Then use what you have learned to write an essay explaining why you would favor or oppose legislation that limits the amount of money candidates can spend on campaigns.

14. Chart Activity: Create a chart or calendar for the current election cycle in your state. The calendar should list the date of the primary and general election, candidates and their ballot numbers, and other important election dates. Choose a candidate and the generate the model for that candidate for each step in the election process.

15. It’s Your Turn: Write an editorial in which you praise this candidate for his/her campaign. For example: “We can’t help but be impressed with how this candidate is running his/her campaign. He/She has a genuine and impressive platform. The first time I met him/her, I was so impressed with how he/she is running his/her campaign.” Include the candidate’s name and his/her political party. Do you think he/she was expressing a political stance or was trying to emphasize a point? (Writing an Editorial)

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