

Voters and Voter Behavior

Chapter 6

Historical Development of Suffrage

1. _____ qualifications left to _____
2. 5 _____
Struggle to _____ in early 1800s--drop
_____ test, _____ payment,
_____ qualifications
_____ Amendment extension to _____
_____ Amendment extension to _____
Legislation to stop preventing _____ from voting
_____ Amendment extension to _____

Power to Establish Qualifications

1. _____ establish voter _____
2. 5 _____ on states
If _____ in _____ elections, must be
allowed to _____ in _____ elections
Can't be denied right to vote because of _____, creed, color, or
previous _____
Can't be denied right to vote because of _____
Can't be denied right to vote to _____
Can't be required to pay _____

Voter Qualifications Among States

1. _____
No _____ can vote though states could allow them to
2. _____
Most require some period of residency, usually _____
Keeps _____ from importing voters
Ensures everyone has time to _____ about candidates/issues
3. _____
_____ Amendment sets age at _____
States could allow _____ citizens to vote

4. _____
Procedure of _____ to prevent fraud
All states except _____ require registration
Most states have _____ registration--only have to register once
Prohibits _____ --voting in the name of a dead person
Most states have _____ allowing for voter registration when _____ at DMV
5. No state can require a _____ test
6. No state can require you to pay a _____ (_____ Amendment)

Disqualifications

1. Can't vote if
Inmate of a _____
Found mentally _____
Convicted of a serious _____ (_____)
_____ (in some states)

Civil Rights Legislation

1. _____
Right to vote guaranteed regardless of race, creed, color, or previous condition of servitude
2. _____
passed to enforce _____
Set up US _____
Investigates claims of _____
_____ can have court orders issued to prevent _____ with _____
3. _____
Federal voting _____ could help _____
people in areas where _____ was present
4. _____
Forbids _____ registration requirements using _____ to stop discrimination

5. _____
Applies _____ to all elections
Suspended use of _____
No new _____ without okay of
_____ (called
_____)
A state can be removed from this law's coverage if they can prove to a
_____ panel of US District in DC
that they haven't been _____ for _____
Forbids _____ --drawing district lines to favor a
political party/group

Why People Don't Vote

1. Can't vote because

2. Believe they won't _____ --no matter who wins things will stay the same

3. _____ --registration requirements, long _____, long _____ at polls

4. _____ Polls open/close _____ in east than west _____ in west _____ election returns and don't go to polls

5. _____

6. Those most likely to _____ have higher levels of _____, education, and _____, longtime residents, have strong sense of _____, believe voting is important

If you don't think your vote counts, consider this:

The House of Hanover won the English throne in 1701 by one vote

France was changed from a monarchy to a republic in 1875 by one vote

Oliver Cromwell won control of England in 1645 by one vote

Charles I of England was executed in 1649 by one vote

English was chosen over German as our official language in 1776 by one vote

Washington, Oregon, and Idaho became part of the US by one vote

Texas was admitted to the Union in 1845 by one vote

The Nazi Party elected as its leader in 1923 a man by the name of Adolph Hitler by one vote

Ways to Increase Voter Turn Out (NOT IN BOOK)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Factors Affecting Voter Behavior

1. Sociological factors

- A. _____ and _____
_____ income most likely to vote _____
_____ income most likely to vote _____

Professionals tend to vote _____

Blue collar tends to vote _____

- B. _____
_____ grads tend to vote Republican
_____ school grads tend to vote Democratic

- C. _____

_____ more likely to vote Democratic
_____ more likely to vote Republican

_____ people more likely to vote Democratic
_____ people more likely to vote Republican

D. _____
_____ tend to vote Republican
_____ tend to vote Democratic

Non-whites tend to vote _____
Whites tend to vote _____

E. _____
South tends to vote _____ (Solid South)
People in _____ tend to vote Democratic
People in _____ areas tend to vote Republican

F. _____
Usually vote how your _____ do

2. Psychological factors

A. _____
_____ very important but may be losing impact because
of _____ and

only one party

B. _____
Media, especially _____, important because of the
_____ candidates project