

AP U.S. Government and Politics
Unit 2: Public Opinion, Campaigns and Voting Behavior
HW Ch 9 Nominations and Campaigns
Due: Tuesday October 30, 2018

After reading Chapter 9: *Nominations and Campaigns* in your textbook, **answer the questions OR identify the terms below.**

Chapter 9: Nominations and Campaigns

Answer the Questions after reading the chapter.

1. What is **nomination** and what is required for successful nomination?
2. What is the **national party convention** and why is it important?
3. Compare and contrast campaigns for the presidency in America to elections for executives in other democracies. What is similar and different?
4. (a)What is a **caucus**? (b)How are they different today than in the past? (c) Are they more or less common than primaries?
5. (a)What is a **primary**? (b)When and why did presidential primaries come into being?
6. Distinguish between the following types of **primaries- open, closed, semi-closed and top two.**
7. (a)What is meant by the term **frontloading**? (b)How are **Iowa** and **New Hampshire** involved?
8. List and describe the main problems with the primary and caucus systems in the U.S.
9. Explain and evaluate the idea of a **national primary** that would replace the state-by-state primaries of today. What are its positives and negatives?
10. What are the potential benefits and problems with a **regional primary**?
11. What is the **party platform** and why is it important?
12. What is the **Federal Election Campaign Act** and what specifically did it do (six things)?
13. What are **matching funds** and why are they important?
14. (a)What is **soft money** and how did the **McCain-Feingold Act** change its status?
15. (a)What is a **PAC**? (b)How many exist today? (c)Why are they important? (d)What concerns do some have over their existence?
16. What was the **McGovern-Frasier Commission's** purpose and how did it affect the use of primaries?
17. What is a **superdelegate** and why is it important?
18. Why has the importance of **national party conventions** decreased in modern elections?

Terms. Identify each term in your own words and describe ONE way in which it is significant.

1. *Citizens United v. U.S.*
2. *Buckley v. Valeo*
3. 527 Groups