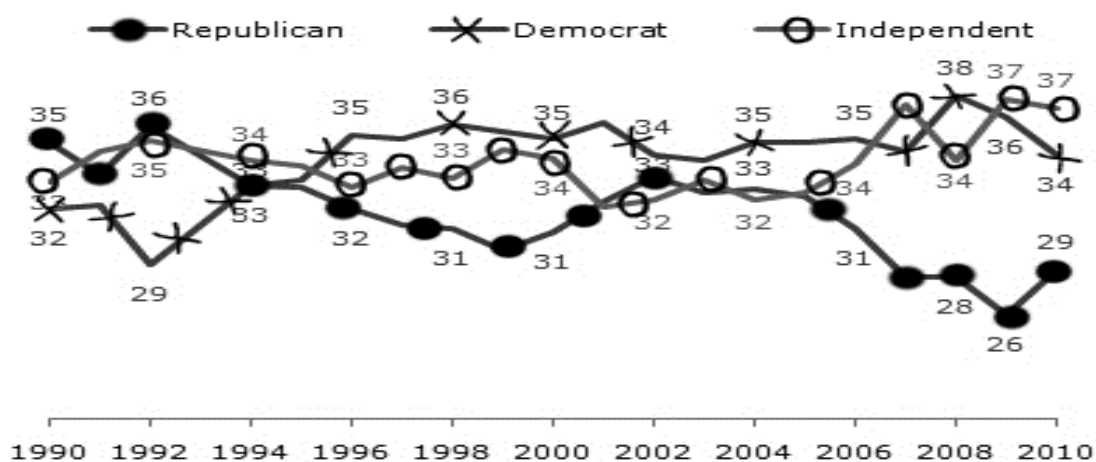


AP US Government

Unit 1 Review Questions

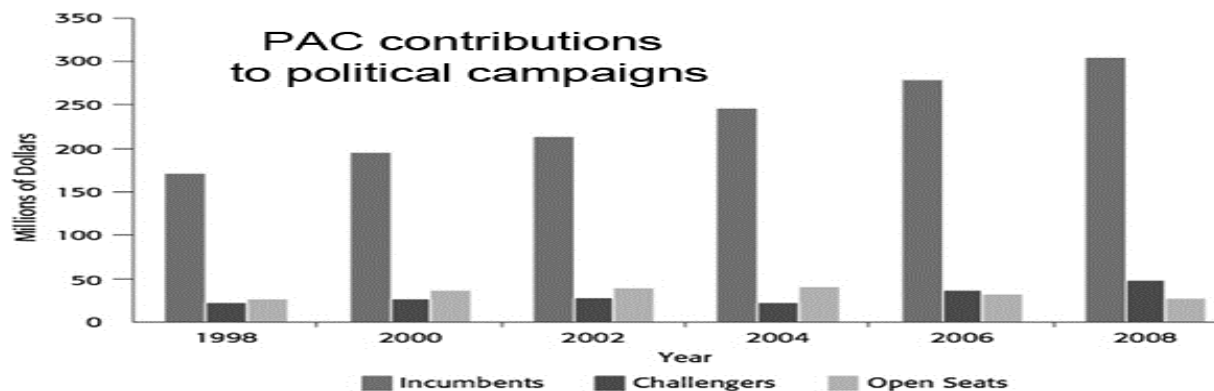


- 1) What are the four main functions of political parties?
- 2) What are the two main types of political primaries, and what is the difference?
- 3) Define a presidential system:
- 4) A system where political parties receive the number of legislators matching their percentage of the vote:
- 5) Identify three reasons for the two party system in the United States :
- 6) What are two characteristic of a Catch-All political party?
- 7) What are the three foundations that determine a legislators voting behavior :
- 8) What are two ways Minor parties can have an impact on national elections?



- 9) Based on the chart above, what percent of American voters were registered as Democrats in 2010?
- 10) Based on the chart above, what is the trend in American voter registration over the past 20 years?
- 11) When people abandon parties and political affiliations, it is called
- 12) Which branch of government did the framers expect to be the most important? How do you know this?
- 13) Special amendments to bills that fund special projects for the constituents of individual congressmen are
- 14) What did the Seventeenth Amendment to the Constitution do?
- 15) How many members are there in the House of Representatives?
- 16) What is Gerrymandering? What are the effects of gerrymandering?
- 17) What does the Constitution say a public official can be impeached for?
- 18) Describe the four steps in the process of impeachment:
- 19) What specifically was President Clinton impeached for?
- 20) What are three advantages held by incumbents in getting re-elected?

- 21) What are the eight powers of the Speaker of the House?
- 22) What is a filibuster? When is it used? Why?
- 23) What are the four types of committees? Which is the most powerful type of committee?
- 24) People who share a common attitude toward an issue and join together to influence the government are
- 25) What are the three ways interest groups influence the legislative process?
- 26) What are Political action committees (PACs)?



- 27) According to the chart above, PACs tend to donate more money to
- 28) According to the chart above, since 1998 PAC overall contributions to federal candidates have
- 29) What are two consequences of the Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v FEC*?



- 30) What does the cartoon above illustrate? Can you give a specific example from current politics?