

Wilson 16 Chapter 8 Assignment

1. Give five examples of activities that represent political participation.
2. What does the 19th Amendment do?
3. What does the 23rd Amendment do?
4. What does the 26th Amendment do?
5. Why should citizens who don't speak English be given ballots in their primary language?
6. How does same day registration practices increase the likelihood of voting compared to traditional states where registration must take place 30 days in advance of an election?
7. What is the first requirement of eligibility for voter registration?
8. What does it mean to be disenfranchised?
9. America's elections problem isn't one of voting. It is a problem of registration. Explain.
10. How does the frequency of elections and volume of elective offices contribute to Americans' lack of voting.
11. If the problem of elections is registration, why don't we make it easier or even automatic? Who stands to benefit by having regulatory hurdles to cast a ballot?
12. How does voting by absentee ballot work?
13. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the voting process in Washington, Oregon, and Colorado?
14. What happens to your voter registration if you move?
15. What did the Motor Voter Act of 1993 do?
16. What is GOTV?
17. How is shame being used to increase voter participation rates?
18. What activities, other than voting, do Americans engage in that actually causes us to have greater political participation than our European counterparts?
19. Why is choosing representatives by district better than using an at-large system?
20. What's the difference between winning by a majority of the votes as opposed to winning by a plurality of the vote?
21. What does the 15th Amendment do?
22. How were poll taxes a barrier to voting for African-Americans?
23. How were literacy tests able to target African-Americans without ensnaring illiterate whites?
24. What did the Voting Rights Act of 1965 do until it was ruled unconstitutional in 2013?
25. Why is the Australian Ballot a requirement for fair elections?
26. What factors are listed for why voter participation fell after the 1890s?
27. How does voter identification laws protect the fairness of elections?
28. How do voter identification laws lead decreased voting by minority groups?
29. Which party is associated with the creation and implementation of voter i.d. laws?
30. Column 2, second paragraph page 181: Which party gets the vote of the poor, less educated, and minorities?
31. Aren't some of those behind Trump's "Make America Great Again" campaign?
32. How is political participation a costly activity?
33. What are the characteristics of the politically inactive?
34. How do activists have an oversized effect of political participation?
35. Why is it necessary for vibrant communities to be populated with communalists rather than activists and campaigners?
36. What characteristics are to be found among people who participate politically?
37. How does mobilization create political participants?
38. What effect do age, education, and income have on voting?
39. How does demographic participation affect government policy?