

Chapter 8  
Campaigns  
and  
Elections

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The **number and frequency of elections** is greater in which?

- A. Presidential and federal systems
- B. Parliamentary and unitary systems
- C. Both are the same

Which type of system tends to create **more political parties**?

- A. Single-member-district legislatures
- B. Multi-member-district legislatures
- C. Both are the same

Which **level of government** has greater control over U.S. elections?

- A. The federal government
- B. The state governments
- C. Each totally controls their own elections

Compared to other democracies, the **cost of running for public office** in the U.S. is:

- A. Significantly less expensive
- B. Significantly more expensive
- C. About the same

Since the 1960s, **changes in U.S. election laws** have made members of Congress:

- A. Less likely to lose re-election campaigns.
- B. Less representative of the middle and working classes
- C. Less willing to bargain and compromise
- D. All of the above

The relationship between **age and voter turnout** is:

- A. Linear, with youngest least likely to vote
- B. Curvilinear, with youngest least likely to turnout
- C. Curvilinear, with oldest least likely to turnout

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The relationship between **political activity and political extremism** is:

- A. Positive or direct
- B. Negative or inverse
- C. Neither

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**Republican** candidates typically do better among:

- A. 4-year college students
- B. 2-year college students
- C. Both about equally

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Politics is **more important** to the average citizen in:

- A. The U.S.
- B. Europe
- C. Both about equally

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North Carolina uses which type of **primary election**?

- A. Closed
- B. Open
- C. Semi-open

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Compared to a primary election, in a **general election**, candidates must attract what type of coalition?

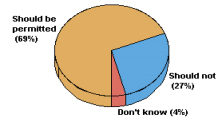
- A. Larger
- B. More diverse
- C. Both

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### Most Americans favor compromise, even on the *hot-button* issues

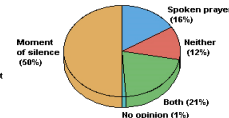
More than two-thirds of Americans say school prayer should be permitted in public schools, but when asked to choose half say they prefer a moment of silence to spoken prayer

Do you think organized prayer should or should not be permitted in the public schools?



Source: Quinnipiac 6/03

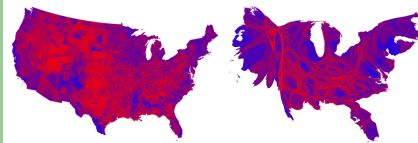
If you had a choice, which would you prefer in the local public schools — spoken prayer, a moment of silence for contemplation/quiet prayer, neither or both?



Source: Gallup 6/01

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### How **polarized** was the 2012 presidential vote?

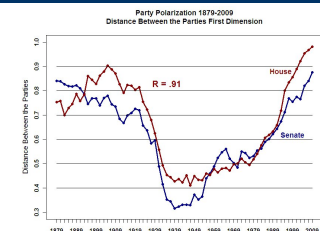
Popular-vote division by county

Popular-vote division by county weighted by county's population size

<http://www.personal.umich.edu/~mejnr/election/2012/>

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### How **polarized** is Congress?



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Why have the **candidates and parties** become so polarized?

- A. Liberals imposed primary-election reforms
- B. Conservatives blocked campaign finance reforms
- C. News media returned to “yellow” journalism
- D. GIS redistricting allows politicians to choose voters
- E. All of the above

Since the 1960s, **changes in U.S. election laws** have made the public:

- A. More trusting of government
- B. More politically efficacious
- C. More likely to turnout to vote
- D. More likely to describe themselves as independents than as either Republicans or Democrats

Since the 1960s, **changes in U.S. election laws** have made **interest groups**

- A. More numerous
- B. Less representative
- C. More powerful
- D. All of the above