

Hershey ch. 2

1., Some democratic nations such as _____ and _____ have had extended periods of one party rule.

- *a. Mexico and Japan
- b. Mexico and France
- c. Japan and France
- d. Aruba and Canada

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2. In a _____, when one single party fails to win a majority of the votes, then two or more parties come together in a coalition in order to govern.

- *a. multi-party system
- b. winner-take-all system
- c. democratic system
- d. national party system

skill level: factual

difficulty: easy

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3. In 2000, who took enough votes from Al Gore in certain states that tipped the election to George W Bush?

- *a. Ralph Nader
- b. Kinky Friedman
- c. Ross Perot
- d. George Wallace

skill level: factual

difficulty: easy

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4. According to the Ranney index as discussed in your text, which of these states are considered two party states?

- *a. Alabama and Minnesota
- b. Wyoming and Idaho
- c. Michigan and Georgia
- d. Arkansas and Maryland

skill level: factual

difficulty: easy

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5. Since 1964, the average success rates for incumbents seeking reelection to the US House were ____ percent.

- *a. 93
- b. 83
- c. 73
- d. 86

skill level: factual

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6. Why is incumbency such a valuable resource in congressional elections?

- *a. name recognition, ease of raising money, and experience
- b. more services they provide to constituents, and less need to bother with money
- c. most come from solid safe seats and thus do not need to campaign
- d. name recognition is high and fund raising is low

skill level: factual

difficulty: easy

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7. What percent of House members were elected from swing districts in 2012?

- *a. 8
- b. 55
- c. 24
- d. 18

skill level: factual

difficulty: easy

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8. The steady disappearance of swing districts has eliminated most of the _____.

- *a. moderate members of Congress
- b. radicals in Congress
- c. ideologically extreme members of Congress
- d. need to raise large sums of money

skill level: factual

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9. The assertion that plurality elections in single member districts tend to produce two party systems is called:

- *a. Duverger's Law
- b. the Plurality law
- c. two party inevitability
- d. institutional forces

skill level: factual

difficulty: easy

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10. Minor parties tend to be weaker in a system with _____ because they do not have a realistic chance of winning the presidency.

- *a. a single executive
- b. proportional representation
- c. plurality rules
- d. nonpartisan elections

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11. The less diverse its people are, at least in terms of the demographic characteristics that typically divide Republicans from Democrats, the more likely the district is to:

- *a. be one in which one-party politics reigns
- b. foster intense party competition
- c. foster minor party competition
- d. encourage interest group activity in politics

skill level: factual

difficulty: easy

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12. How many minor parties have carried a state in a presidential election?

- *a. 7
- b. 8
- c. 12
- d. none

skill level: factual

difficulty: easy

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13. The strongest vote getter of any minor party in the past quarter century has been what party?

- *a. Libertarian
- b. American
- c. Reform
- d. Greens

skill level: factual

difficulty: easy

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14. Which minor party claims credit for public policies such as minimum wage?:

- *a. the Socialist Party
- b. the Libertarian Party
- c. the Green Party
- d. The Reform Party

skill level: factual

difficulty: easy

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15. In what year did Ross Perot win almost 20 million popular votes?

- *a. 1992
- b. 1996
- c. 2000
- d. 1924\

skill level: factual

difficulty: easy

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16. Perot spent more than _____ of his own money in 1992.

- *a. \$65 million
- b. \$200 million
- c. \$30 million
- d. \$15 million

skill level: factual

difficulty: easy

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17. Since 1952, only _____ members of Congress have been elected on a minor party ticket.

- *a. 3
- b. 6
- c. 9
- d. 12

skill level: factual

difficulty: easy

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18. Minor party presidential candidates can receive public funding for their campaigns if they receive at least _____ percent of the popular vote.

- *a. 5
- b. 7
- c. 10
- d. 15

skill level: factual

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