### Part I. Chapter Outline

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<th><strong>Date Due</strong></th>
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<td>Mon., Sept 14</td>
<td>1. Read Federalist #10 and answer related questions</td>
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| Tues., Sept 15 | 1. Read p242-245  
2. Reading Questions 1-4  
3. Terms 1-10 |
| Wed., Sept 16 | 1. Work day in library on Media Bias Persuasive Paper |
| Thurs., Sept 17 | 1. Work day in library on Media Bias Persuasive Paper |
| Wed., Sept 18 | 1. Homecoming - No Classes |
| Mon., Sept 21 | 2. Read p245-253  
3. Reading Questions 5-11  
4. Terms 11-23 |
| Tues., Sept 22 | 1. Read p253-259  
2. Reading Questions 12-15  
3. Terms 24-31 |
| Wed., Sept 23 | 1. Read p260-261  
2. Reading Questions 16-18  
3. Terms 32-42  
4. Introduce Create-A-Political Party Project |
| Thurs., Sept 24 | 1. Read p261-265  
2. Reading Questions 19-21  
3. Terms 43-46 |
| Fri., Sept 25 | 1. Woll #37 – Politics By Other Means – Ginsberg & Shefter & associated questions |
| Mon., Sept 28 | 1. Work day on Create-A-Political Party project |
| Tues., Sept 29 | 1. Political Party Test |

### Part II. Objectives

1. Discuss the meaning and functions of a political party.
2. Discuss the nature of the party of the party-in-the-electorate, party organizations, and the party-in-government.
3. Describe the party eras in American history and how parties realign and dealign.
4. Evaluate the two-party system, its consequences, and the place of third parties in the system.
5. Identify the challenges facing the American political parties and explain their relationship to American democracy and the scope of government.
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Part III. Reading Questions
1. Define the term “political party.”
2. Explain in detail, with examples, the three heads of the political party as a “three-headed political giant.”
3. What are the five tasks political parties should perform if they are to serve as effective linkage institutions?
4. Draw a graph or diagram depicting Anthony Downs’ rational-choice model of political parties.
5. What has been the most prominent trend in party identification in recent years?
6. What is meant by “ticket-splitting”?
7. Draw an organizational chart of an American Political party, then mark where most of the power actually exists.
8. What is meant by a “party machine”? What benefits do party machines provide to their members?
9. What are the differences among the following types of party primaries?
   a. Closed primaries
   b. Open primaries
   c. Blanket primaries
10. What is the function of each of the following national party organizations?
    a. National Convention
    b. National Committee
    c. National Chairperson
    d. Congressional Campaign Committee
11. What is the relationship between party promises and party performance?
12. List four elections which might be considered “critical” or “realigning” and explain why you think so.
13. Complete the following table on party eras. – rewrite table in notebook

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14. List the six presidents since 1968 and complete the following table on divided government. – rewrite table in notebook

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<th>President &amp; Party Affiliation</th>
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15. What is meant by “party neutrality”?
16. What are the three types of third parties, describe and use examples?
17. What are the two ways in which 3rd parties can have an impact on American politics?
18. What is the most important consequence of two-party governance in the US?
19. List four conditions that advocates of the responsible-party model believe the parties should meet?
20. How does the American party system affect the scope of government?
21. What is the key problem of the American political parties today?

Part IV. Woll #30 – Federalist #10

1. What according to Madison, is the principal cause of faction in society, and do you feel that his view accurately reflects his own times.
2. How does Madison propose to deal with the problem of faction? Can faction be eliminated? How is it to be controlled?
3. What other constitutional devices, besides those mentioned by Madison, tend to prevent the control of the government by a faction?
4. What are the implications of Madison’s theory for political parties and interest groups within our political system?

Part V. Woll #37 – Politics by Other Means – Ginsberg and Shafter

1. Why might the author conclude that we are currently entering a postelectoral era in American Politics? What proof does he present?
2. What consequences are there to this latest phenomenon of postelectoralism politics?
3. Explain an indicator of how political combat has moved politics to the criminal justice system.
4. Analyze if the level of corruption in government and politics has risen. If not how can you explain the greater number of arrests/convictions?
5. What function do political parties demonstrate during postelectoral politics? How can you determine this?
6. Besides criminal indictment how else have courts been utilized as an arena for non-electoral conflict?
7. What types of issues has the federal judiciary been resolving according to the author?
8. Describe how the National Security apparatus has been utilized as a political weapon.
9. How does the author explain electoral deadlock? What, according to the author, has caused this to happen?
10. What major problem occurs when party influence decreases while the power of other political agencies increases?
11. Analyze how political parties have changed their strategy from putting all of their hopes on elections to strengthening their controlled institutions.
12. Identify and compare the three consequences of postelectoral political order has had on the US and determine which you believe has been the most grievous.
13. What is the current focus of political leaders? How is this different from previous focuses of leaders?
1. Party competition -
2. Political party -
3. Linkage institutions -
4. Party in the electorate -
5. Party as an organization -
6. Party in government -
7. Nomination -
8. Rational-choice theory -
9. Party image -
10. party identification -

11. ticket splitting -

12. straight ticket -

13. party machines -

14. Hatch Act (1939) -

15. patronage -

16. closed primaries -

17. open primaries -

18. blanket primaries -

19. national convention -
20. national committee -

21. national chairperson -

22. Congressional Campaign Committee -

23. coalition -

24. party eras -

25. First Party System -

26. critical election -

27. party realignment -

28. New Deal Coalition -

29. Party de-alignment -
30. 1896 election -

31. 1968 election -

32. third parties -

33. signal-issue party -

34. ideological party -

35. splinter party -

36. Progressive Party -

37. States’ Righters -

38. Strom Thurmond -

39. American Independent Party -
40. George Wallace

41. Populist Party

42. Electorate

43. winner-take-all systems

44. proportional representation

45. coalition government

46. responsible party model