**US Democracy and Participation. Congress and Representation**

1. What are the electoral cycles for the House and Senate

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1. Why is the Two Senator Rule unrepresentative. Give state examples

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1. Define mid term elections, divided and unified government

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1. What are the exclusive powers of the House and Senate

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1. What are the concurrent powers of the House and Senate

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1. Congress is Article 1 of the Constitution. What does that reveal about the Founding Father’s view of Congress?

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1. How does Congress override the presidential veto. Give examples of how often this happens from Bush onwards?

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1. On what basis can the House impeach the President and give the reason for the two Trump impeachments

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| 1. Why must money bills originate in the House  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  1. Give two examples of the Senate failing to ratify presidential appointments  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What evidence is there to show descrptive representation improving in Congress  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What evidence is there to show descriptive representation is weak in Congress  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What part of the constitution allows states to gerrymander congressional districts?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Explain how gerrymandering is carried out. Refer to cracking/packing minority majority districts  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Outline Operation REDMAP  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What did Aleen v Milligan decide | |
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1. Give two reasons why Congress is nationally repreesentative

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1. Give two reasons why it is not nationally representative

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1. Give two reasons why Congress is and is not locally representative

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1. Give two reasons why Congress is and is not socially representative

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| 1. List 6 factors that influence the way members of Congress vote  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Give three reasons why party membership may influence voting behaviour in Congress  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Give three reasons why party membership is less effective in determining voting behaviour in Congress  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What is a congressions caucus. Give 3 examples  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Who are the folks back home?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  |  1. What is a crossover district  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  1. Give 3 reasons why Incumbency rates are so high  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Why might Interest Groups and corporations influence voting behaviour in Congress. Think Citizens United v FEC | |
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1. Why might the influence of groups like the NRA be overstated in terms of voting behaviour in Congress

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1. Why might Interest Groups ‘distort’ the representation function in Congress

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1. Overall do you think Congress carries out its representative function effectively. Give a judgement and an argument

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**US Democracy and Participation. Congress: The legislative and oversight functions**

1. What are the six stages of the legislative process

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1. Bills must emerge in identical from both chambers. True/False

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1. How is timetabling decided in the House and Senate

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1. What is the filibuster, how can it be stopped, and how might you defend its use

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1. Why might you argue the filibuster affects the legislative process in a way that is contrary to the founding father’s intentions

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1. What was the intention of the Founding Father sin designing the legislative process

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1. What are appropriations Bills?

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1. Why was there a government shutdown in Trump’s presidency 2018-19

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| 1. Why must money bills originate in the House  |  | | --- | |  | |  |  1. Why was the Bi- Partian Saer Communities Act passed  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Why can irrational legislation emerge from Congress  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Outline the passage of Biden’s Build Back Better programme including what was amended and why and the name of the final Act  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. What should you be illustrating when using the Violence Against Women Act?  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Outline 3 strengths of the legislative process in the US  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Outline 3 weaknesses of the legislative process  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. How can mid-terms affect the legislative process | |
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1. What are the 6 main methods of congressional oversight

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1. What factors limit the effectiveness of congressional oversigt

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1. Outline3 arguments suggesting that Congress fulfils its oversight function effectively

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| 1. Outline 3 arguments that suggest it does not  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |  1. Outline 3 arguments suggesting Congress carries out its constitutional powers effectively  |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  |   Outline 3 arguments suggesting it does not   |  | | --- | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |
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