

What's Your Political IQ?

Match the terms and their definitions, then check your answers.

Absentee Ballot	Suffrage	Conservative	Politics
Write-in Vote	Political Party	Moderate	Congressional Districts
Australian Ballot	Recall	Primary	Candidate
Open Primary	Precincts	Legislature	Legislator
Closed Primary	Liberal	Senator	Representative

1. An election at which a party's candidate is nominated to run in the general election.
2. A party nominating election in which only members of the party may vote.
3. A party nominating election in which any qualified voter may vote.
4. Voting districts within a city or county.
5. An election in which voters remove a public official from office before the end of that person's term.
6. A vote for a person who is not listed on the ballot but whose name is added by a voter.
7. A piece of paper that contains the names of all the candidates in an election and is voted in secret.
8. The right to vote in political elections.
9. A provision made for voters who are not in their precincts on election day.
10. An organization whose goal is to win election for those candidates it sponsors.
11. A person on the left side of the political spectrum; believes in social freedom and economic control.
12. A person on the right side of the political spectrum; believes in economic freedom and social control.
13. A person in the middle of the political spectrum, comfortably away from the extremes of left or right.
14. Having to do with the principles, methods, organization, and affairs of government.
15. A person who seeks, or has been proposed for, a political office.
16. A body of people given the responsibility and power to make laws for a country, state, etc.
17. A member of a legislative assembly; lawmaker.
18. A member of the upper branch of the U.S. Congress or state legislature.
19. A member of the lower branch of the U.S. Congress or state legislature.
20. Political divisions within a state for which Congressmen are elected.

Answer Key

1. Primary
2. Closed Primary
3. Open Primary
4. Precincts
5. Recall
6. Write-in Vote
7. Australian Ballot
8. Suffrage
9. Absentee Ballot
10. Political Party
11. Liberal
12. Conservative
13. Moderate
14. Politics
15. Candidate
16. Legislature
17. Legislator
18. Senator
19. Representative
20. Congressional Districts

If you got all 20 correct, you should consider running for office!

If you got 15-19 correct, you are politically active.

If you got 10-15 correct, you know a lot about politics.

If you got 5-10 correct, you need to get more politically involved.

If you got 1-4 correct, you're showing signs of political apathy.

If you got them all wrong, you need to take a political science class!