

American Government: Stories of a Nation for the AP® Course

Guided Reading

Section 13.3: Democratic Representation and Theories of Voting Behavior

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 **Before you read**

Before reading this section, take a moment to read the Learning Target and vocabulary terms you will encounter.

Learning Target: Describe different models of voting behavior.

AP® Key Concepts

rational choice voting
retrospective voting

prospective voting
party-line voting

 **While you read**

Use the following table to take notes as you read the section.

Types of voting	Impact on elections

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 **After you read**

Once you've finished reading the section, answer the following questions.

1. Why did the founders not want the system of voting to be too democratic?
 - A. They did not think Americans were educated enough to make a proper decision.
 - B. They did not want to descend into tyranny as they had seen under Great Britain.
 - C. They feared the dangers of faction and tyranny of the majority.
 - D. They believed that a democratic system would create too much tension.

2. Which statement BEST summarizes the purpose of Article I, Section 4?
 - A. States are given the right to tax citizens before casting a ballot.
 - B. States are given the right to administer every citizen a literacy test before casting a ballot.
 - C. States are given the power to set the voting laws of their state.
 - D. States are given the power to rescind the right to vote of any citizen as they see fit.

3. There is an upcoming election a few months away, and Nathan decides he wants to vote for the candidate who will do the best job of representing his own interests. Nathan is using:
 - A. prospective voting.
 - B. retrospective voting.
 - C. rational choice voting.
 - D. party-line voting.

4. Marissa decides that her state representative has not done much for her as a constituent in the past few years and wants to vote out her state representative. Marissa's decision can be BEST described as:
 - A. party-line voting.
 - B. retrospective voting.
 - C. prospective voting.
 - D. rational choice voting.

5. A citizen who makes a voting decision based partly on Trump's promise to build a wall during his speech announcing his bid for presidency is an example of:
 - A. retrospective voting.
 - B. prospective voting.
 - C. rational choice voting.
 - D. party-line voting.

6. Wendy does not know much about the candidates who are running for local office and decides that she will vote for whoever is in her political party. This is an example of:
 - A. retrospective voting.
 - B. rational choice voting.
 - C. party-line voting.
 - D. prospective voting.