Unit 5

Elections

- Primary/Caucus
  - NV is caucused biased
  - January/June
- Invisible Primary
  - First Candidate to make the most $$
- National Convention
  - Every 4 years
  - During presidential elections
  - Lasts 4 days
  - Nominate presidential candidates via primaries
    - VP is also announced
    - Platforms are created
- Delegate
  - Pledged people who vote based on popular vote
- Superdelegates
  - They just vote for themselves
  - Usually well educated, in a position of power such as a mayor or a governor
  - Not pledged to a party

Practical Political Participation

- Voting in elections
- Discussing politics
- Campaigning for a candidate
- Running for Office
- Forming interest groups and PACS
- Contacting public officials
- Contributing money

Impractical Political Participation

- Picketing
- Strikes
- Rallys
- Protesting

Voting

- Most common form of participation
  - A voting bloc is a group of people who tend to vote a certain way
    - Teachers
    - Elders
    - Education
    - Marital Status
  - Electorates are the group of people who can vote
- Suffrage is the right to vote
  - The evolution of suffrage has become more federal than state
    - Voting Rights Act of 1965
    - Removal of Grandfather Clause/literacy tests
    - 15th Amendment — Universal male suffrage
    - 19th Amendment — Women allowed to vote
- States determine eligibility of voting
  - Some states requite registration to be filled out 30 days before voting
  - Voter ID Laws