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**Political Expression Quiz**

1. Which statement best describes the **differences** between interest groups and political parties?
   1. Interest groups directly influence politics, while political parties only influence politics from the sidelines with money and influence.
   2. Political parties directly influence politics because of their platforms for voting and running in elections, while interest groups use money, propaganda, and social networking to influence politics.
   3. Political parties and interest groups use their power and leverage to convince others to believe as they do.
   4. Political parties use their candidates to influence the government, while interest groups use their social connections.
2. Which statement best describes the use of ***interest groups*** in political expression?
3. To secure votes for political candidates by using newspapers, television, and social media to get the attention of Americans for their interests and candidates
4. To run for political offices and to control states to promote their interests
5. To pass laws that limit the powers that do not support their interests in order to dominate politics
6. To give voices to the people who cannot or will not be heard because they are away at war, in prison, or unable to vote
7. Which statement best describes why there are political parties in US politics?
8. Because the constitution says that multiple parties must be created to allow equal representation of all political issues in the country
9. Because people want to split opinions in order to slow the political process and force the government to cease all functions
10. Because everyone has their own opinion and political parties bring people with common interests and beliefs together to organize and participate in government
11. All of the above
12. Which of the following does NOT represent the purpose of political parties?
    1. How the people are protected by or from the government
    2. The limits placed on the government
    3. To represent the beliefs of US citizens
    4. To empower the government to interfere in the lives of citizens and to police what they can and cannot do
13. Which of the following is NOT an example of democracy?
    1. People meeting for a party are allowed to speak and do as they please as long as it is legal
    2. The government stays out of economics and allows businesses to rise and fall based on their own actions
    3. Laws are passed that restrict what people can search on the internet or speak about in public
    4. People are allowed to vote for their political representatives and have a voice in government
14. Which of the following is NOT a reason that freedom of speech/press is important?
    1. Spreading knowledge
    2. Gathering support for social ideals
    3. Allowing opinions to spread
    4. Allowing governments to control
15. Which of the following does NOT show liberal values for government?
    1. Passing new laws that assist citizens with healthcare coverage
    2. Legalizing same-sex marriage
    3. Reducing taxes to aid businesses and expand the economy
    4. All of the above
16. Which of the following would best describe conservative values in government?
17. Expanding the power of the federal government to do more for the people while expanding government control on economics
18. Reducing government control to allow people to be free with their money
19. Expanding social welfare programs that help people find jobs, reduce taxes, and provide unemployment
20. None of the above
21. Why are freedom of speech and press very powerful in any society?
    1. They allow the government to control the people
    2. They keep societies from becoming corrupted
    3. They allow people to voice their opinions and spread their knowledge
    4. They control religious and/or political organizations
22. Should we have political parties in any government? What are some reasons why parties possibly are detrimental? Think about the negative effects political parties could have on the democratic process and answer the questions above using a minimum of 3-4 sentences.