

GOPO MIDTERM REVIEW!!!

Characteristics of American Political Culture

Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation

Federalism basics: dual vs cooperative

- Elastic/Necessary & Proper Clause

- Supremacy Clause

- Commerce Clause

- Enumerated vs reserved powers

- Pros and Cons

Checks and Balances

Separation of Powers

The Madisonian System

Voting Rights: 15th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 26th Amendments, Voter ID Laws, Ballot

Initiatives/Referendums

Functions of Political Parties

Demographic support of Democrats and Republicans

Presidential Election Process (primaries, caucuses, (super)delegates, national conventions, etc)

How the Electoral College works (winner take all, single member districts, swing states, etc)

Roles and hindrances of 3rd parties

Campaign Finance: soft money, *Buckley v Valeo*, BCRA, (Super)PACs, *Citizens United*

Media as Gatekeeper/Agenda-Setter, Scorekeeper, Watchdog

Polling: Random Sample, Margin of Error