Chapter 6 Reading Activity- Public Opinion and Political Socialization (pgs. 153-162)

I. Introduction (Summarize the main points in a good paragraphs)

A. Define **Public Opinion**

B. *Critical Thinking*: What elements are needed for political leader to sway people’s opinions on an issue? Explain.

II. Political Socialization: The Origins of American’s Opinions (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. Define **Political Socialization**

B. Define **Political Culture**

C. *Critical Thinking*: Why do you think some political issues are debated for a long time while others seem to fade away? Explain.

D. Define **Agents of Socialization**

E. *Critical Thinking:* How have your parents influenced or not influenced your political beliefs? Explain.

F. *Critical Thinking:* How has school influenced or not influenced your political beliefs? Explain.

G. *Critical Thinking:* How has religion influenced or not influenced your political beliefs?

III. Frames of Reference: How American Think Politically (through pg.162) (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. Define **Party Identification**

B. *Critical Thinking*: Describe a situation where you have seen someone engage in “selective perception?”

C. *Critical Thinking*: What could lead someone to abandon their political party? Explain.

D. Define **Ideology**

E. Define **Economic Liberals**

F. Define **Economic Conservatives**

G. Define **Cultural (Social) Liberals**

H. Define **Cultural (Social) Conservatives**

I. Define **Libertarian**

J. Define **Populists**

K. *Critical Thinking*: Which of the ideological labels you defined above would you use to describe yourself? Explain.

Quiz

Write two good multiple choice questions (not definitions) based on your reading in this section. Be sure to mark your correct answer.