Chapter 8 Political Parties, Candidates, and Campaigns: Defining the Voters Choice (pgs. 201-215)

I. Introduction (No summary needed for this section)

A. Define **Political Party**

B. Define **Party Centered Campaign**

C. Define **Candidate Centered Campaign**

II. Party Competition and Majority Rule: The History of U.S. Parties (Summarize the main points in **two** good paragraphs)

A. Define **Linkage Institutions**

B. Define **Party Competition**

C. *Critical Thinking*: Why are political parties probably necessary in a democratic society? Explain.

D. *Critical Thinking*: Why were some of our founding fathers like George Washington worried about the development of political parties? Explain.

E. Define **Grassroots party**

F. *Critical Thinking:* Do you think it is possible that either the Republican or Democratic Party could collapse like the Whig party did? Explain.

G. Define **Party Realignment**

H. *Critical Thinking*: Do you think Barack Obama’s election to office reflect a party realignment in the United States? Explain.

I. *Review*: What is the difference between straight ticket voting and split ticket voting?

III. Electoral and Party Systems (Summarize the main points in a good paragraph)

A. Define **Two Party System**

B. Define **Multi-party System**

C. Define **Single Member Districts**

D. Define **Proportional Representation**

E. *Critical Thinking*: What is one advantage and one disadvantage of using single member districts? Explain.

F. Define **Median Voter Theorem**

G. *Critical Thinking*: Do you think moderate voters are still important in American government? Explain.

H. Define **Party Coalition**

I. *Critical Thinking*: What trends do you notice in each party’s current coalition (look at figure 8-3 for help)?

J. Define **Gender Gap**

K. *Critical Thinking*: Why do you think women tend to be more liberal than men today? Explain.

L. Define **Reform (minor) Party**

M. Define **Single Issue (minor) Party**

N. Define **Ideological (minor) Party**

O. Define **Factional (minor) Party**

P. *Critical Thinking*: Would you ever consider voting for a third party? Explain.

Quiz

Write two good multiple choice questions (not definitions, not T/F) based on your reading in this section. Be sure to mark your correct answer. Questions should have 4 answer choices.