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SECOND EXAM: MID-TERM WEEK (October 13-17)

- V. WEEK 9: The Selection of Actors/Voting and Elections (Ch. 8)
 - A. Constitutional standards of eligibility
 - B. Formal requirements for voting
 - C. Party identification and participation in politics
 - D. Ballot systems
 - E. Expansion of the suffrage
 - F. Nominating methods
 - G. Campaign strategy, techniques, and finance; federal election laws and the Federal Election Commission
 - H. The voting decision
 - I. Turnout and voting patterns
 - J. Typology of elections
 - K. Do elections matter?
 - L. Go to the official websites of the national Democratic and Republican parties.
 - M. So you want to run for office? Things to consider.
- VII. WEEK9, 10: The Political System, Part I: <u>Congress</u> (Article I of the Constitution and relevant amendments; chapter 9 in text)
 - A. The origin and powers of Congress
 - B. Recruitment: what types of people run for Congress?
 - C. Professionalization and turnover; are term limits needed?
 - D. Current party alignment in the House and Senate
 - E. Party cohesion and party discipline
 - F. Representative roles and duties
 - G. The two houses: the House and Senate
 - 1. leadership
 - 2. committees, their chairmen, and seniority
 - 3. major differences
- H. The legislative process, including the House Rules Committee, the discharge petition, the filibuster, and the President
 - I. Congress in the American system:
 - 1. special functions: confirmations, ratifications, investigations; impeachments. Foreign v. domestic policy
 - 2. the powers of the legislative branch compared to those of the executive and judicial branches
 - 3. evaluation; Project VoteSmart: How to Learn About Your Representatives in Congress
- VIII. WEEK 10: The Political System, Part II: <u>The Presidency</u> (Article II, relevant amendments and Chapters 10 & 11).

William J. Bennett: The President is the symbol of who the people of the United States are. He is the person who stands for us in the eyes of the world and the eyes of our children.

- A. The origin and powers of the Presidency
- B. Recruitment: what types of men run for President?
- C. Conceptions of executive power; the "undefined residuum"
- D. Functions and duties
- E. The five types of agencies and departments, their duties and functions