



TEN pm NEWS review

Political Mastery of AP Government's TEN critical TOPICS through TOP NEWS stories

1. **Foundations**

Founders feared direct democracy and "the tyranny of the majority." Create Electoral College.

8. **Courts** - Buckley (1976) protected \$ in elections - \$6.6 billion spent in 2016

9. **President** - Limited by the 22nd Amend. Obama could not run for reelection.

10. **Congress** - Oversight of election oddities
Senate 52-48 (R)
House 237-193 (R)

7. **Campaigns/Elections** - Electoral College
Trump 306 Clinton 232
% of vote: 45.9% - 48%

2. **Federalism** - Most election rules made at the state level such as early voting and registration laws.

3. **Public Opinion** - Horse race journalism emphasizes poll results in any given campaign.

4. **Participation** -
VEP 59.3% VAP 54.7%
Non-citizens/Felons unable to vote.

5. **Political Parties** -
Parties appear weaker when nominating.
Except Dem. Super-delegates

2016
**PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTION**
"TRUMP wins"

6. **Interest Groups** - With weaker political parties interest groups and their independent expenditures play a larger role.

