

Chapter 10: Writing Prompts

Campaigns

10.1

The role of money in elections is controversial and several attempts have been made to limit the influence of campaign contributions on the political process

a. For each of the following explain how it impacted campaign contributions.

- Federal Election Campaign Act 1971
- Buckley v. Valeo 1976
- Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002

b. Explain one way organizations have been able to get around limits on campaign contributions

10.2

Elections in American Government have dramatically changed over time, BUT a few things have remained very consistent.

a. Why do incumbents win at such a high rate?

b. Why is voter turnout so low in the United States?

c. What is the media's role in today's elections?

d. Do you feel that money is a form of speech and should not be limited by the government? Why?