

Chapter 7 Study Guide

Role of elections in a republic

Primaries and general elections

Open and closed primaries

Plurality rule voting

Majority rule voting

Runoff elections

Ideology and how to measure it

Median Voter Theorem (MVT)

Duverger's Law and third parties

Independence from Irrelevant Alternative

MVT in a two-stage electoral system

Australian ballot

Importance of Iowa and New Hampshire in presidential primaries

Primaries and caucuses

Presidential primary process

Electoral College

Hard money versus soft money

Independent expenditures

How do voters decide?

 Generally (Achen and Bartels)

 Presidential elections (Abramowitz)