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Ch.13 Voting and Elections

After you have read the chapter, answer the following using complete sentences.

1. Describe the purposes of elections, particularly their importance in legitimizing the political regimes.
2. Analyze the different kinds of elections, from primaries and caucuses to congressional and presidential elections.
3. Describe how presidential elections work from the primaries through the national conventions.
4. Describe how the Electoral College system works?
5. Describe how congressional elections work and how they differ from presidential elections.
6. Analyze voter behavior both in terms of choice and turnout.
7. Describe the arguments for reforming the presidential electoral process.

Define the following terms.

1. Caucus
2. Congressional campaign committee
3. Direct primary
4. Closed primary
5. Political coattails
6. General election
7. Incumbent
8. Open primary
9. Political action committee
10. Super PACs