Government

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Citizen Participation Prompt

During the past week you’ve heard several presentations regarding how citizens interact with their government, with a focus on the 2016 presidential election. These issues include

• Can American democracy survive a continued decline in voter turnout?

• What is public opinion and how is it formed?

• Other than voting, how else can Americans influence the political process?

• Does political apathy reflect that people are content with their government?

• How do parties influence American politics?

* In what ways do interest groups influence American politics?

• How does mass media affect American public opinion, participation and politics?

* How has the relatively new social media affected politics and how has this affected citizen participation in politics?

**Due Friday, 3/4, write a 400 – 600 word response to the following prompt:**

*Can American democracy survive if citizens do not participate, through voting or otherwise, in their government?*

**Details:**

* Typed, double space, include word count under name, date
* Must include references to information from the presentations
* Clear and well-supported answer to the prompt
* Give paper a title
* Quality writing and grammar

30 points