

Section 4: Guided Reading and Review
Voter Behavior



A. As You Read

As you read the section, fill in the answers to the questions below.

1. What type of election years have the highest voter turnout? _____
2. What is “ballot fatigue”? _____
3. What is the largest group of “cannot-voters”? _____
4. Why do some nonvoters deliberately choose to not vote? _____

5. What is “time-zone fallout”? _____
6. What is the chief reason that most nonvoters do not vote? _____

7. How do each of these factors affect the likelihood of whether people do or do not vote?
 - a. level of income: _____
 - b. occupation: _____
 - c. education: _____
 - d. age: _____
 - e. gender: _____
 - f. party identification: _____

Fill in the characteristics in the chart below to compare some factors that influence whether people are more likely to vote Democrat or Republican.

	Democrat	Republican
Income/Occupation	8.	9.
Education	10.	11.
Gender/Age	12.	13.
Religion	14.	15.
Ethnicity	16.	17.
Geography	18.	19.

B. Reviewing Key Terms

On a separate sheet of paper, define the following terms.

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| 20. off-year election | 23. gender gap | 26. split-ticket voting |
| 21. political efficacy | 24. party identification | 27. independents |
| 22. political socialization | 25. straight-ticket voting | |