

ELECTIONS – THE HEART OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS

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INTRODUCTION

Elections are at the heart of democracy.

Normative expectations of what the state should do are at the heart of political processes.



THE REGULARITY OF THE ELECTIONS

One of the characteristic features of the American electoral system is that elections are held at certain intervals. The regularity of elections is enshrined in the Constitution, and this is a direct consequence of the principle of separation of powers.



VOTING SYSTEM

Americans vote by secret ballot today.



SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS

The winner is the one who gets the most votes - a position better known as the “winner gets everything” principle.



CONCLUSION

At heart, election campaigns are nothing but political communication.

The core of the political product - the ideology and policy positions as formed through internal processes and deliberations.



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