

Group Names: \_\_\_\_\_

***Is This Any Way to Run a Democratic Election?***

Directions: You do not need to answer in complete sentences but DO support them and DO elaborate.

1. To what extent should suffrage be universal in order for the “popular will” to be heard?
2. Can the majority sentiment and minority sentiment be heard at the same time in elections?
3. What aspects of the electoral process place individual liberty against political equality?
4. To what extent is the democratic goal of an informed electorate, which makes enlightened decisions on Election Day, a realistic goal? Is this goal even necessary?
5. Is the news media capable of serving the knowledge needs of voters while also serving the profit needs of media owners?
6. Of the current electoral problems, which ones are the most serious in terms of threatening the democratic nature of American government?
7. Can a democratic government exist despite an undemocratic electoral process?
8. Is it possible to have political freedom and equality simultaneously?
9. Is the electoral process becoming more democratic or less? What changes support your answer?