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Graphic Organizer:

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* The American people elect Senators and House members to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the people
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ should elected representatives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ once sworn into office?
* Should members of Congress \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the will of the people, or should they pay attention to their \_\_\_\_\_\_ points of view, even if they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with their constituents?
* Many factors \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the way a politician will vote

Political Parties:

* Each Party’s platform takes a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on major \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_members often follow the “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ line”
* Congress is organized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ party lines
  + Think about the Leadership. How is this organized?
* Political parties determines
  + Leadership \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ assignments
* Voting against your party will deeply hurt your chances for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Members of Congress vote with their Political Party \_\_\_\_\_% of the time

What is Gerrymandering? Give an example from the video.

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Staff & Colleagues:

* More \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ members \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ newer members
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ members who worked on legislation influence other members
* Staff \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ issues and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ members
* A member of congress looks to other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to assess how an issue might affect his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_state
* Some people call this “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ votes”
* However since no one person can know every single issue for the 10,000 bills being covered this is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way of making a decision

Interest Groups and Lobbyists:

* These groups often provide members with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on topics relating to their group’s interest
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at committee hearings and even conduct specific research that members request
* Provide \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_support in future campaigns
* The larger the interest group the more power and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you will have

Constituents:

* Members of Congress tend to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to their constituents:
  + town hall meetings keep members aware to prevent politicians \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_“out of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”
* It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for hopes of reelection
* Remember **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** are **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** their constituents and how they believe their constituents **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** vote on an issue

The Role of the Media in Politics

* Journalism provides citizens with essential information about government institutions and helps **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** public **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* Journalists help shape the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** for public concern and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* Since the founding of the United States Journalists have served a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** role
  + In a way this is ow the citizens “**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**” the government.
  + Journalists keep a **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**eye on government officials to keep the public **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and to guard **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** corruption and the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** of power
  + This is the **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**between the legislative branch and mass media

Summary:

Please write at least a 5 sentence summary of how and what outside factors influences congress.

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