

Lesson Quiz 19-2

Public Opinion and Interest Groups

DIRECTIONS: True/False In the blank, indicate whether the statement is true (T) or false (F).

- _____ 1. Elected officials only use scientific methods to identify public opinion.
- _____ 2. A representative sample is needed in order for a poll to be accurate.
- _____ 3. The results of polls cannot be used to craft bills.
- _____ 4. Polls are often used to aid in campaigning.
- _____ 5. One reason a poll may be inaccurate is because it is not worded clearly.

DIRECTIONS: Multiple Choice Indicate the answer choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

- _____ 6. Which of the following is an argument FOR gun control?
- A. Gun violence has increased over the past decade.
 - B. Most gun owners are responsible, law abiding citizens.
 - C. The Second Amendment guarantees the right to bear arms.
 - D. There are laws that limit the sale of guns in certain states.
- _____ 7. What is the fastest way to conduct and interpret a public opinion poll?
- A. door-to-door polling
 - B. exit polling on Election Day
 - C. in the newspaper
 - D. over the Internet
- _____ 8. A poll that takes place as voters leave the primary elections is
- A. a push poll.
 - B. a random sampling poll.
 - C. a straw poll.
 - D. an exit poll.
- _____ 9. A public opinion poll is accurate if it is based on
- A. a biased sample.
 - B. a random sample.
 - C. a representative sample.
 - D. the universe.
- _____ 10. What is a disadvantage of lawmakers using public opinion polls?
- A. They may use them to create new laws.
 - B. They may use them too often and be accused of waffling.
 - C. They may use them to decide on how to vote.
 - D. They may use them to decide on where to campaign.