AP Government & Politics Mr. Shears

Week 3 Reading Guide

\*\*NOTE: all assigned textbook readings always include the ‘extra material’ (separate graphics, extended quotes, tables, cartoons, debates, primary sources, etc.) found on the page!!!

\*\*NOTE: key terms and concepts should not only be precisely defined, but also expounded upon w/ relevant examples or other supporting details from the textbook where appropriate.

\*\*NOTE: please number the items in your “outline” as seen below (same order, same headings!!)

Section 1.4

1. the principle of “one person, one vote” & why it is fundamental to democracy

2. the “3 Theories of American Democracy” (detailed elaboration please!)

3. political culture

4. Lipset’s version of the American Creed (the core values of American political culture)

a. liberty

b. egalitarianism

c. individualism

d. laissez-faire

e. populism

Section 6.2

5. political socialization

6. agents of political socialization (elaborate on each of the following)

a. the family

b. the mass media

c. the school

Section 6.4

7. political ideology

8. some beliefs and values of American liberalism

9. some beliefs and values of American conservatism

10. some beliefs and values of American libertarianism (you need to look this up online!)

11. why minorities and women tend to hold more liberal viewpoints on issues (compared to non-minority men)

12. one’s economic status as a predictor of their political ideology

13. ‘religiosity’ vs. gender as a predictor of one’s political ideology

Section 1.5

14. List 4 key statistics that provide a sense of how large the federal government is.

Extensions Questions:

1. To what extent do you agree with the author that there is a set of core political values on which nearly all Americans agree? Explain

2. Referring to item #6 in Section 6.2, think of those and other ‘agents of socialization’ that have shaped your personal views. Which have been the most influential in your life? Least influential? Elaborate w/ examples.