**AP American Government Chapter 10 Reading Questions**

#51 Larry Sabato – Feeding Frenzy

1. Describe feeding Frenzy
2. What has the press’s invasion of privacy done to our political system
3. If the press are the new “gatekeepers” who used to have that role?
4. When did “scandals” become standard in journalism?
5. How does the author define “frenzy” on page 405?
6. What has revolutionized campaign coverage?
7. Identify some of the feeding frenzies on page 407.
8. Explain the result of “pack journalism.”
9. What was the “clear consequence of Watergate?”
10. Read the last sentence on page 410 and evaluate.

#53 Diana Mutz – How the Mass Media Divide US

1. What is Prof Mutz an expert on?
2. What are the three ways that the TV News entertaining?
3. How would you describe “shout-show” television? Provide an example.
4. How does “uncivil discourse increase polarization”?
5. Even though we hate the idea of an accident on the highway, what do drivers do when there is an accident?
6. According to “evolutionary psychologists,” why do we automatically pay attention to conflict?
7. What did the author learn when she staged a “mock political talk show?”
8. When we are going through “heightened arousal” what is difficult to process?
9. According to Bill O’Reilly, what makes a hit radio (or TV) show?
10. Is uncivility on the rise or is uncivility just more visible? Explain your answer
11. Why do media outlets continue to promote uncivility even though they know it is harmful to our politics? (think)