**AP American Government Chapter Seven Reading Questions**

*Doc 50 Thomas Cronin from Direct Democracy*

1. Has democracy increased in the past 100 years? How?
2. Did we have any direct democracy at the beginning of our Republic?
3. Define initiative, referendum and recall.
4. Do people in America want a republic or a direct democracy?
5. In how many states do the people have the authority to put issues on a ballot for a citizen vote?
6. How many states can recall elected officials?
7. What was California’s Prop 13? What happened in America after its passage?
8. Why are people generally critical of direct democracy?
9. What created the need for petitions, initiatives and recall voting?
10. Hofstadter says that we are “forever… pitting ourselves against them….” Who is them? What is the cause for us demanding more democracy? (Think early 20th century!)
11. What are the six benefits that arise because of direct democracy?
12. What are the four main arguments against direct democracy?
13. What has become an “endangered species” in America? What would our founding fathers think about this?
14. In elections, do Americans tend to go with the incumbent candidate or the challenger? Why?
15. When do voters make up their mind on issues and/or candidates?
16. What does this tell you about the American voter?
17. Why do Americans want to maintain elements of direct democracy?

*Doc 66 Rasmus Kleis Nielsen*

1. What type of participation took place in episode 1.2/1.2/1.3?
2. What is “personalized political communication”?
3. This “personalized political communication” is also known as what?
4. What is usually the result of these “personalized political communication(s)”?
5. In episode 3.2 who does the phone caller talk to?
6. How do most volunteers feel about the need to make phone calls and go door to door?
7. What do most volunteers learn (I certainly did many decades ago!) about running a winning campaign for public office?