



Straw Polls Role in US Politics - Quiz

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Q1. What is a straw poll?

- A. An official vote endorsed by the electoral commission
- B. An unofficial vote to gauge voter sentiment
- C. A legally binding election result
- D. A type of fundraising event

Q2. Which of the following is an example of a straw poll?

- A. A national election
- B. A vote at a ticketed event
- C. A Supreme Court ruling
- D. A presidential debate

Q3. What is one advantage of straw polls?

- A. They are legally binding
- B. They accurately predict election outcomes
- C. They allow candidates to spread their message
- D. They are inexpensive to conduct

Q4. What is a disadvantage of straw polls?

- A. They are always accurate
- B. They can be costly for candidates
- C. They discourage voter participation
- D. They are legally binding

Q5. Why are straw polls controversial?

- A. They are always accurate
- B. They do not always predict final election outcomes
- C. They are legally binding
- D. They are free to conduct

Q6. What role do straw polls play in politics?

- A. They decide election outcomes
- B. They are used for entertainment and gauging enthusiasm
- C. They replace official elections
- D. They are mandatory for all candidates

Q7. Which candidate won the 2007 Des Moines Register's Straw Poll but lost the nomination?

- A. Mike Huckabee
- B. Mitt Romney
- C. Barack Obama
- D. John McCain

Q8. What is a criticism of straw polls?

- A. They are too accurate
- B. They can mislead voters
- C. They are legally binding
- D. They are free to conduct

Q9. How can straw polls influence elections?

- A. By being legally binding
- B. By indicating early voter sentiment
- C. By replacing official votes
- D. By being mandatory for all voters

Q10. What is essential to consider before using straw poll results?

- A. They are always correct
- B. They should be the only factor in decision-making
- C. All necessary factors should be evaluated
- D. They are legally binding

Answer Key

1. Q1: B
2. Q2: B
3. Q3: C
4. Q4: B
5. Q5: B
6. Q6: B
7. Q7: B
8. Q8: B
9. Q9: B
10. Q10: C