* Voters and Voter Behavior
* The History of Voting Rights
* Suffrage (franchise) -
* Five Stages
	+ 1800’s -
	+ Civil War -
	+ 19th Amendment -
	+ 1960’s -
	+ 26th Amendment -
	+ Power to set voting qualifications is the states.
* Voter Qualifications
* Citizenship, Residence & Age
* Registration -
* Literacy & Poll tax are banned
* Who may not vote - people in mental institutions, convicted of crimes, dishonorable discharge in armed forces, vagrants, polygamist etc.
* Suffrage and Civil Rights
* How important is the right to vote?
* 15th Amendment - (1870) right to vote cannot be denied to any citizen of the US because of race, color, or previous condition of servitude
* Civil Rights Acts
* Civil Rights Act of 1957 - Civil Rights commission & Attorney general
* Civil Rights Act of 1960- federal voting referees
* Civil Rights Act of 1964 - outlaws discrimination in job-related matters
* Civil Rights Act of 1965 - gets rid of poll tax, literacy tests, allows examiners to oversee elections
* How to Vote
* <http://sos.mt.gov/elections/Vote/index.asp>
* Nonvoting or Idiots
* Problem example - 196.5 million possible voters only 96.3 voted
* Why People Do Not Vote:
	+ “Cannot-Voters”-
	+ Actual Voters -
* Factors that affect voting - income, education, age, marriage, occupation, issues, competition etc.
* Voter Behavior
* Sociological Factors
	+ Income Occupation -
	+ Education -
	+ Gender & Age -
	+ Religious, Ethnic background -
	+ Geography -
* Psychological Factors
* Party Identification -
	+ Straight-ticket -
	+ Split-ticket -
	+ Independents
* Candidates and Issues -