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**The Tea Party**

Do some research to find verifiable, accurate answers from reputable sources for the following questions. At the end there is a response question asking for your opinion. Your opinion MUST be substantiated with clear evidence to back whatever claim you make.

1. **When** and **why** did the Tea Party first organize? Explain the motive/s for its creation.
2. What are the **key issues and philosophy** of the Tea Party? (i.e. what do they care about/ trying to accomplish or change?)
3. What is their “demographic” i.e. who is attracted to the values, viewpoints, and policies of this movement? Why?
4. What effect or influence has this movement had on **political elections**? Explain with **evidence**.
5. What effect or influence has this movement had on the **direction** and **policies** of or government? Explain with **evidence**.
6. In your opinion, what are the Tea Party’s positive and negative attributes? How would you rate their value to our democratic process? EVIDENCE required to back your position.