Ch 5

Party Organization

Research Activity

 Use your book and/or internet search to obtain SPECIFIC, DETAILED answers to the following questions concerning political parties, their selection of candidates, and campaign finance.

1. How do parties choose/nominate a candidate to run for political office? (there is a *process*… what is it?)
2. How are campaigns funded/financed? (there are rules and laws governing campaign finance… what are the restrictions/rules?)
3. What is a PAC? What is a Super PAC? What do they do? Who is involved? Why are they important? In what ways are they influential? Should they be allowed?
4. Research the Supreme Court’s recent “Citizens United” ruling. What did the court decide… on what issue? What impact has this decision had on campaigns and elections in American democracy?