

## Chapter Essay Assignment

Please answer the essay question in your own words. Answers that contain language directly from the textbook will not receive full credit. Answers are expected to be thoughtful and complete. You will need to cite examples and provide proper explanation when making your argument. Answers that are illegible will receive a grade of 25 and will be returned to the student.

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**ESSAY. Write your answer(s) in the space provided or on a separate sheet of paper. Each question is worth 50 points.**

- 1) Explain how the news media affect the scope of government and American individualism. How have they helped and hindered the growth of democracy in the United States?

2) What effect does the census have on representation in Congress? What states showed the greatest gains in population in the last census? How are they rewarded? Is this a fair system? Explain the rationale behind it and your opinion.