ASSIGNMENT WEEK 4

Explain your level of political involvement and your party affiliation. Are you registered to vote? Are you a regular voter? Do you participate in both local and national elections? Have you ever joined a political group or participated in a political campaign? How closely do you follow current events? Do you consider yourself a member of a political party, and have you always had the same affiliation?

I’m really not into politics. I don’t have any affiliation. Yes, I am registered to vote. No, I’m not a regular voter. Yes, I vote in local and national elections. No, I have never joined a political group or participated in political campaigns. I don’t follow current events. I do not consider myself a member of a political party, and I have never been affiliated with any political group.

Interview your parents or two other members of your family’s political involvement and party loyalties. Were your parents or the adults who raised you politically active? What was their political party allegiance?

I would here my parents talk about Republicans and Democrats and what each one’s believes were. I knew I wanted to belong to the same party as my parents. Other than my parents, I would here things on the news. My parents were Republicans. My brother said he can’t remember them ever voting. My brother votes Republican and votes in every election. Sometimes he votes Democrat, but not often. No political involvement other than voting. His wife Grace votes Democrat. She votes in every election. She votes Republican once and awhile. She has no political involvement other than voting. Graces mom & dad votes Democrat and they always vote, but no political involvement other than voting.

Consider the role your family played in your political socialization. How important do you think it was in helping you to formulate your current viewpoints? What other agents of socialization (school, religious institutions, peer groups, and the media) have been important factors in shaping your political attitudes and why?

I don’t think it helped me. I was too young to remember much. I just knew, I wanted to be a Republican like my parents were. I don’t think it helped me formulate my current viewpoints. I do watch the news sometimes when it’s election time. I think politician lie to get elected. They tell you things you want to here and you’re lucky if they do anything they say.