

Question Set 2

Discussion Questions due February 5. Must submit electronic copy to D2L dropbox by 3:15 p.m. on February 5 to receive credit. Bring a printed copy to class on February 5 to use in the discussion.

You should answer each question with one to three paragraphs. Include both the general patterns and the specific details that support these patterns.

Covers Fiorina, ch. 5 & 6

1. According to Fiorina, what is the nature of public opinion on abortion? Has there been much change in opinions over time? Are there groups of Americans with distinctly different opinions on abortion? Can you describe the American public as pitted between pro-life and pro-choice positions?
2. Where does one find the gender gap? What issues are men and women different and on what issues are they alike?
3. In 2004, 11 states had initiatives on the ballot that would ban gay marriages. All 11 initiatives passed. Does this indicate that Americans are intolerant toward gays? Why or why not?