Current Events and the Constitution: Understanding the Nomination Process

Questions to Consider:

1. How does the party nomination process mesh with the constitutional principles of consent of the governed of representative government?

   *Accept reasoned answers*

2. In your opinion, should the party nomination system fall outside the spectrum of the Constitution?

   *Accept reason answers*

3. Who determines the rules for the nomination process?

   *The national committee for each political party.*

4. Who determines the rules for a primary or caucus?

   *The state committee for each political party.*

5. Which type of election contest described above do you see as the best? Explain why.

   *Accept reasoned answers*

6. How does the party nomination system compare to the Electoral College? How do they differ?

   *Accept reasoned answers*

   Some things to look for: both are indirect electoral systems, electors and delegates play similar roles, national popular vote matters in neither system, the Electoral College is an artifact of the Constitution, the nomination process does not require a constitutional amendment to be changed, most states in the Electoral College are winner-take-all, delegates in the nomination process have more freedom to not vote for the person their constituents voted for, etc.