Chapter 8 (214-238)

The book discusses 7 reasons voter turnout is so low. Describe them below

Attitudinal Explanations

(a)

(b)

(c)

Lack of Social Rootedness:

Failures of Parties to Mobilize Voters:

Decline of Strong Labor Unions:

State Barriers to Registration and Voting

(a)

(b)

Partisan Efforts to Discourage Voting:

Noncompetitive Districts:

How does a president get nominated to run for his/her party?

What’s the purpose of a primary, a caucus and a convention?

What are the barriers between Independent candidates and getting on the ballots?

What roles have advertisements (positive and negative), the internet and debates played in campaigns and elections?