WHAT IS THE PROPER ROLE OF GOVERNMENT IN DEMOCRACY?

THE 5 PROJECT CYCLES

Founders’ Intent. Students are delegates to the constitutional convention, deciding whether they would ratify the new constitution of the United States and considering the founders’ thinking on the course master question: What is the proper role of government in a democracy?

Elections. Students take roles in an election (candidates, interest groups, media, political party), organizing an executing a presidential campaign and aiming for victory.

Supreme Court. Students are Supreme Court justices, petitioners, or respondents, interacting in landmark cases involving questions of constitutionality, precedent, and compelling government interests.

Congress. Students are legislators in the U.S. Congress, writing legislation and working to pass it, consistent with the interests of their state or district.

Government in Action. Students are advisors to interest groups, who create political action plans to help further their clients’ causes.