



Environmental Policy

Party Power Politics

Leveled Assessment ____/4

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Directions: Go over the two articles below talking about the power of the minority and majority parties in congress and answer the series of questions below.

US Senate – Leaders https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/briefing/Majority_Minority_Leaders.htm

American Government - Leadership in congress <http://www.ushistory.org/gov/6b.asp>

1. List 5 advantages of being the majority party in control of the government, or 5 roles especially reserved for the majority party.

2. Explain three things the minority party can do to try to resist things that the majority party tries to do.

3. Why is it not necessarily good that the majority party can pass laws without a single member of the opposition party voting to support it as well?

4. If the majority party were trying to pass a law that would be harmful to the environment, that the minority party was opposed to, what do you think would be the best course of action for the minority party to try to block it? Explain your reasoning.