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Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

“The role of lobbyists is controversial in American politics. Lobbyists are hired and paid by special-interest groups, companies, nonprofits, groups of citizens, and even school districts to exert influence over elected officials at all levels of government. They work at the federal level by meeting with members of Congress to introduce legislation and encourage them to vote certain ways that benefit their clients. But lobbyists work at the local and state levels as well.”

After reading the scenario, respond to A,B,C below:

- A. Describe one **constitutional provision** outlined in the context of the excerpt.
- B. In the context of the excerpt, explain how an **interest group** may use the **provision** described in part A to their advantage.
- C. In the context of the scenario, explain how a **lobbyist** would gain influence over policymakers by means of the **revolving door**.

A. _____

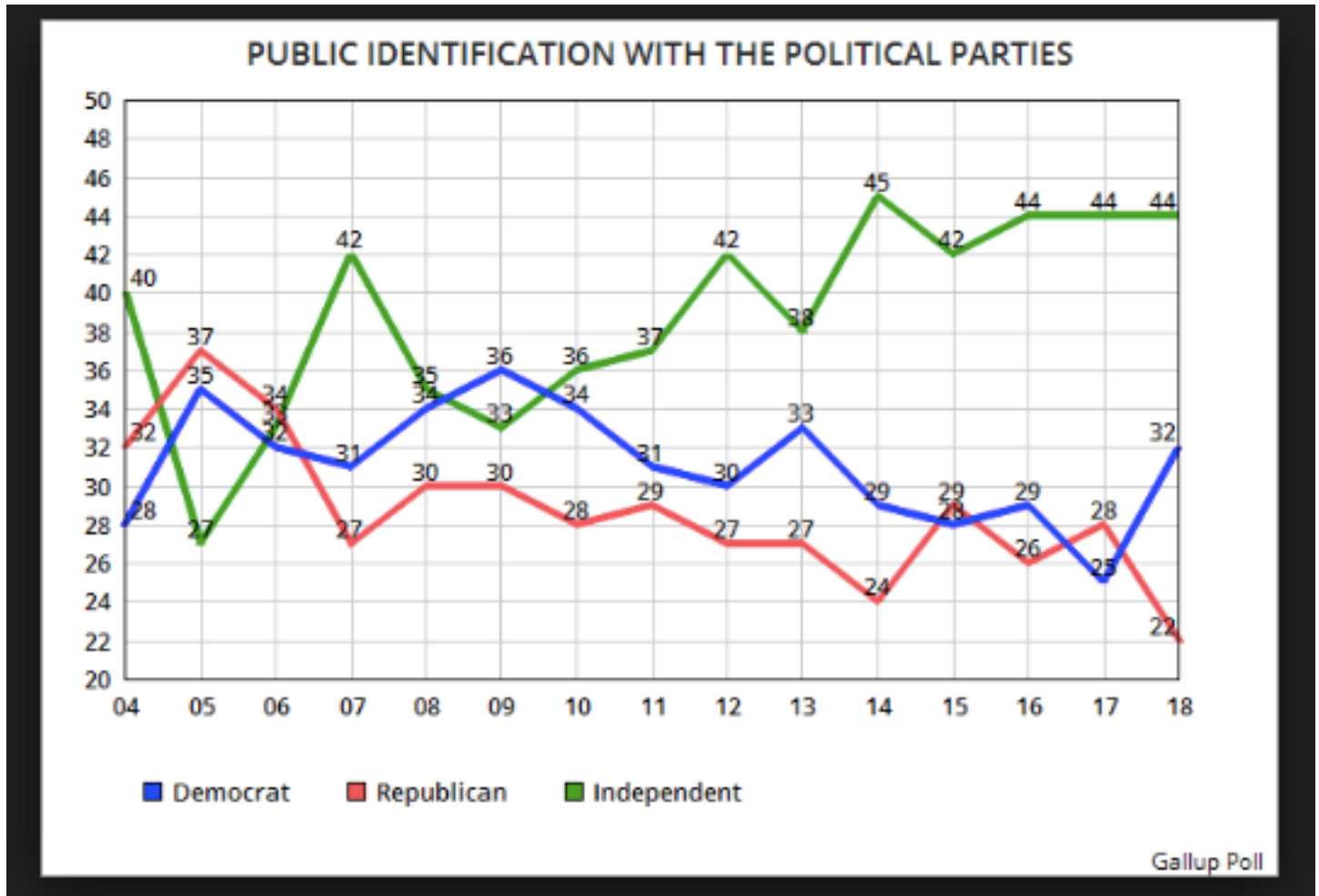
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Use the information in the chart to answer the questions.

- Identify the **concept** reflected in the data that would cause a rise of independents.
- Describe a similarity or difference in party identification in the United States from 2012 to 2016, **and** draw a conclusion about the similarity or difference.
- Explain how political parties can reverse the trend in the data in order to better the parties' chances of increasing support/party affiliation.

A. _____

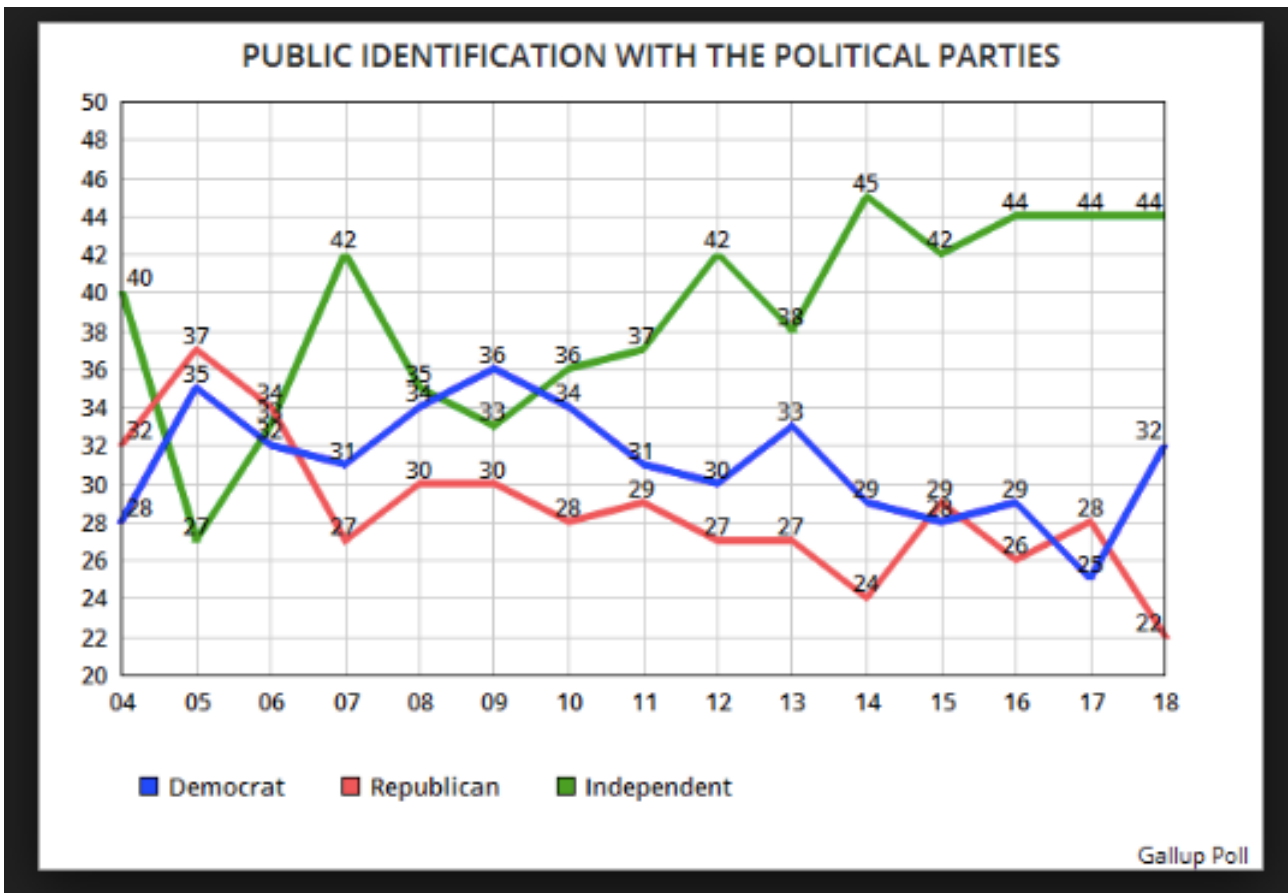
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The graph above reflects changes in party identification over time. These changes have had substantial effects of the electoral process over time.

- Identify the dominant trend in the graph for independents.
- Explain two reasons **why** political parties have declined in importance.
- Explain **why** political parties are still important in the electoral process.

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B. _____

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“The project – part of a year-long effort to shed light on political polarization in America – looks at the ways people get information about government and politics in three different settings: the news media, social media and the way people talk about politics with friends and family. In all three areas, the study finds that those with the most consistent ideological views on the left and right have information streams that are distinct from those of individuals with more mixed political views – and very distinct from each other.” **Pew Reserach**

After reading the scenario, respond to A, B, C below:

- a. Describe the concept of political/party polarization.
- b. In the context of the excerpt, explain how the media’s role as **gatekeeper** may impact the concept described in part A.
- c. In the context of the scenario, explain how the views of the public can have an effect on congressional policy making/representative democracy.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____
