**YOUR NAME**

**Colorado Voting**

**HIST 1362: U.S. History Since 1876**

**Due Sunday, September 6th by 11:59PM**

Answer all of the questions in this document, save it as “Yourlastname\_colorado-voting.docx” and submit it via the Dropbox link on the Assignments page of the course website.

**1. Voting in Colorado**

a) What are the state of Colorado’s requirements to be eligible to register to vote in the 2020 general election?

b) Voting Eligibility:

**If you *are* eligible to vote in the November 2020 election**: register to vote and provide evidence below that you successfully completed your voter registration or have submitted your paperwork to do so. This can be a screenshot of a webpage or email, a photo of a letter – anything that gives proof that you registered. ***If you have previously registered to vote***: either provide documentation of your voter registration status OR describe in 1-2 sentences when, where, and how you registered to vote.

**If you are *not* eligible to vote** in the 2020 general election in Colorado,find thefollowing votingresults for Colorado:

* Colorado Democratic Nominee for US Senate (June 30th, 2020 election):
* Republican Nominee for House of Representatives, Colorado 3rd District (June 30th, 2020 election):
* What percentage of eligible voters in Colorado voted in the 2016 Presidential election, and what was Colorado’s ranking did Colorado rank among US states in voter turnout?

c) Look up voting eligibility requirements about who is allowed to vote in Colorado and Alabama. What are three differences between the requirements in these two states?

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d) How were Colorado’s US Senators elected before the year 1914? How were they chosen from 1914 onwards?

e) In what year did women first vote in major, statewide elections in Colorado?

f) Read this article from the *Castle Rock Journal* from 1893: <https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/?a=d&d=CRJ18931004.2.2&srpos=1>

* What is one argument made in favor of suffrage (women voting) at that time?

* What is one argument made against suffrage at that time?

**2. Colorado in the US House of Representatives**

a) How many members of the US House of Representatives represent Colorado? How many of those members are Republican and how many are Democrat?

b) Choose one Congressional District in Colorado that is NOT the Colorado 1st Congressional District (Denver’s district) from the following website: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado%27s_congressional_districts>.

* Name of District:
* Is it predominantly urban or rural?
* Who is its current Representative in the US House of Representatives and what political party are they a member of?
* Look up the Representative’s Twitter account and scroll through the 1-2 weeks of tweets. What are some policies or issues that they seem to be focused on?

**3. Colorado State Assembly**

a) How many members are in the Colorado State House of Representatives? How many of those members are Republican and how many are Democrat?

b) How many members are in the Colorado State Senate? How many of those members are Republican and how many are Democrat?

**4. Colorado Ballot Measures**

a) Choose one of the ballot measures that Colorado voters will vote on in the 2020 election: <https://ballotpedia.org/Colorado_2020_ballot_measures>. Write a one-paragraph summary of the measure *in your own words*. Be sure to answer: What is the issue? Who are the major people or groups who are in support of the measure? Who is opposed?

b) On November 3, 1914, Colorado voters went to the polls. Included on their ballots was the issue of “prohibition,” or whether or not Colorado would ban the sale of alcohol in the state.

* Using the [*Colorado Historic Newspapers*](https://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org/?a=q)database, search for any articles or advertisements containing the keyword “prohibition” in the week leading up to the election (October 27 to November 2, 1914). Skim through the first page of search results, then read a few of them. How would you characterize attitudes towards the ballot measure to ban alcohol sales in Colorado, based just on these search results? Does it seem like there is more support for or opposition to the issue of prohibition? Include a URL (link) to a newspaper article/advertisement as evidence.
* Perform the same search for the week *after* the election, looking for any articles or advertisements containing the keyword “prohibition” between November 4 – 10, 1914. How did Colorado vote on the prohibition ballot measure? Include a URL (link) to a newspaper article/advertisement from this time period as evidence.