**Chapter 6-Voters and Voter Behavior**

**Section 1-The Right to Vote**

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**The History of Voting Rights**

* The Framers of the Constitution purposely left the power to set **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to each State.
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** means the right to vote. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** is another term that means the right to vote.
* The **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**is all of the people entitled to vote in a given election.
* Initially, the right to vote in America was limited to white male property owners.
* Today, the size of the American electorate is greater than 200 million people. Nearly all citizens at least 18 years of age can qualify to vote.

**Extending Suffrage**

The expansion of the electorate to its present size happened in five fairly distinct stages