



#### Chapter 15 **Contemporary Louisiana**

## **Item 1: Multiple Choice**

Based on Sources 1 and 2, who was the Governor of Louisiana when oil prices were at their highest price?

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# **Item 2: Multiple Select**

Based on Source 2, which four statements are supported by the table?

when oil is cheap, people buy more oil when oil is expensive, tax revenues increase as oil prices increase, demand for oil goes down many people carpooled or stopped driving in the early 1980s

## Item 3: Technology Enhanced Item

	Elections for 1877-1976		Elections for 1980-2008	
	Democrats	Republicans	Democrats	Republicans
No. of Elected Governors	27	0	3	4

### **Item 4: Constructed Response**

Scoring Information		
Score Points	Description	
4	Student's response provides two plausible explanations for both the changes in party representation for governor and the influence of open primaries on the democratic process	
3	Student's response provides one explanation and one general statement for either changes in party representation or influence on democracies	
2	Student's response provides an explanation or two general statements for either changes in party representation or influence on democracies	
1	Student's response provides one general statement for either changes in representation or influence on democracies	
0	No responses or incorrect/irrelevant responses	

#### Scoring Notes:

The open primary has changed the dynamics of the primary election. Candidates must make a greater effort (early in the campaign) to compete in a larger field, thus neutralizing the advantages of party affiliation. All registered voters may vote in an open primary for any candidate, not just their party's candidate(s). The open election is more inclusive of non-party-affiliated voters, thus providing a benefit to the democratic system. Party membership in the state has shifted in the latter years, indicating an increase in Republican membership as well as Independents.