**Comparative Approaches (Component 3): 6.6 Democracy & Participation in the UK & USA (Parties, Interest Groups, Civil Rights)**

**Noting guidance**

**Parties**

1. Summarise how the party systems in the USA and UK compare (p. 462)

This short vid. May help: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdYIH9W-kRU>

1. Produce a comparative policy profile of the main two parties in the USA and UK (pp. 463-464).

Extension: To what extent do the right-wing parties have a common approach and to what extent do the left-wing parties have a common approach?

1. When it comes to campaign finance and party funding, what are the major legal constitutional developments in both countries?
2. Summarise the limits on campaign expenditure and the role of pressure groups on donations.

Extension: As a useful insight into how UK & US elections compare, watch: <https://www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/us-elections-how-they-work/>

**Interest Groups**

1. Using the information on pages 466-468, summarise the comparative methods and power of interest groups.
2. Summarise the rational, cultural and structural approaches for studying UK and US comparative politics (pp. 468-469)

Extension: Using the internet, find evidence for and against the elite theory of US and UK interest groups… Which comparative theory (rational, cultural, structural) does elite theory suggest is most useful in comparing US and UK interest groups?

**Civil Rights**

1. Compare the effectiveness of rights protection in the UK and USA (pp.459-461).
2. Summarise the rational, cultural and structural approaches for studying UK and US comparative politics (p. 461).