CONCEPT: MEDIAN VOTER THEOREM

● Voters don't always get their preferred choice. They will choose the option _____ to their preference.

    □ *Median* – the value separating the higher half of a dataset from the lower half of a dataset

Preferred spending on military budget				
Ann	Benito	Cathy	Doug	Edward
$0	$20	$50	$80	$140

Voters choose between $20 budget and $50 budget:

Ann	Benito	Cathy	Doug	Edward

Voters choose between $100 budget and $50 budget:

Ann	Benito	Cathy	Doug	Edward

    □ *Median Voter Theorem* – the median voter determines the outcome of elections

        - Many people will be _____ with the results

        - People will _____ to a jurisdiction where the median vote is close to their own preferences

PRACTICE: During a political race for mayor, the key issue is spending on a new water park. The town's 500 voters spending preferences are shown in the table. What amount of spending will win the vote?

Number of Voters	Spending Preference
200	$60,000
150	$20,000
150	$0

a) $0

b) $20,000

c) $40,000

d) $60,000