***60 Minutes-Broken Senate***

1. Why are many Senators choosing to leave office or not run for re-election?
2. When the story states that Congress’ approval rating is at an all time low, what does that mean?
3. How has the minority party used the filibuster to kill bills?
4. How are filibusters today different from filibusters in the past?
5. Who is Harry Reid and what is his role in the Senate?
6. What role have political parties played in impacting how the government operates?

***Excerpt from Washington’s Farwell Address (1796)***

**. . *Let me now take a more comprehensive view, and warn you in the most solemn manner against the baneful effects of the spirit of party generally.  
  
This spirit, unfortunately, is inseparable from our nature, having its root in the strongest passions of the human mind. It exists under different shapes in all governments, more or less stifled, controlled, or repressed; but in those of the popular form it is seen in its greatest rankness and is truly their worst enemy. . . .  
  
It serves always to distract the public councils and enfeeble the public administration. It agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms; kindles the animosity of one part against another; foments occasionally riot and insurrection. It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption, which find a facilitated access to the government itself through the channels of party passion. Thus the policy and the will of one country are subjected to the policy and will of another.***

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| *Look at Washington’s Address: List 3 things that he warns against in this address:* | *From 60 minutes, find 3 examples from the clip of to support each of Washington’s warning.* |
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