



## Worksheet 5 – Causes of Gridlock

Write the number of each statement into the most appropriate box on the pyramid according to the most and least probable causes of 'gridlock'.

1. The Constitutional system
2. Lack of bi-partisan co-operation between parties
3. Factionalism within parties
4. Different parties control legislature and executive
5. Different parties control House of Representatives and Senate
6. Representatives/Senators ideologically polarised
7. Extremist candidates win elections
8. Lack of leadership within Congress
9. Influence of special interests/lobbying

Most


Least