Discussion Sheet #2: PRIMIS: *The Continuing Refounding*

**What:** Please complete this discussion exercise for Landy-Milkis: Formative Experiences, page 44

**How?** Use the form and space below.

**When?** Due at the beginning of class, Monday, October 11

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*Landy-Milkis, Political Development: Crucial Episodes*

1. The focus of this reading is the tension between *liberal* and *democratic traditions* in the US political experience. To begin your thinking about this tension throughout our history, briefly summarize the tension as illustrated in the Constitutional Founding.

2. **Select one of the “Refoundings”** presented in this chapter. Briefly summarize and explain what “refounding” means in this particular case. How (how well) was the tension between liberty and equality resolved?—i.e. how was the system altered as a result of the events described here? What were the most important results?
3. What comments, conclusions, and/or questions are you left with after examining this refounding episode?

4. What general explanation can you offer for these recurring episodes. What is the overall significance of these refounding experiences?