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Texas Politics

In the essay, ^{Is} "Is Texas America?" Molly Ivins outlines the politics of Texas as ~~being~~ messy and dirty, and at the same time with only a few individuals dictating terms for the legislators. She asserts ~~that~~ ^{ps #?} the elected representatives of the people do not function out of their own free will and operate as puppets as per the wishes of the various lobbyists present in the state. According to the essay, there is a high level of corruption in the state with every level of government and administration showing signs of corruption in their day to day operations. It is a rotten system and scandals keep coming up one after the other as if the regulating authority ~~is~~ bent on engineering them. The systems in the governance of the state ~~seem to~~ go unchecked, and ^{ave} frauds ~~seem to be~~ the order of the day. She dwells onto the issue of Enron and its relationship with Texas as well as the poor performance status of the various insurance companies in the state. In a nutshell, the government in Texas is manipulated and is dictated by the lobbyists who run the system in the unsystematic manner thus in the long run the government does not fully carry out its responsibility (Ivins 846-847). Molly explores that the Texas government is strict, tough, manipulated and ~~is working~~ ^{run-on sentence} in a systematic unsystematic style with out responsibility. ^{new refer to authors by 1st name}

The toughness and irresponsibility of politics of Texas can be shown by 1990s politics of Clayton Williams and Ann Richards. The politics of Williams and Richards was marred with ^{passive} personal attacks and not issues. According to analysts, candidates avoided reality. William

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contested for the gubernatorial seat against Ann Richards, a democratic. On being told that his
 democratic foe (Ann Richards) was closing on his lead, William responded that he hoped that
 she stopped drinking (Shogan 1). This remark sparked outrage in Richards's supporters who was
 a recovering alcoholic. However, the supporters were happy that Clayton had shot his mouth off
 again. This episode illustrated the degree to which the campaigns are dominated with negatives.
 Both candidates focused on flaws and foibles of the competitor and abandoned substantive
 issues. According to Tom Perdue, the campaigns were real spitting match, unlike the campaigns
 in California. The polls showed that William was on the lead by about 10 percent, gaining from
 an overwhelming support from the conservative democrats and Latinos (Shogan 1). Surprisingly,
 about half of all the people interviewed revealed that if given a chance, they would vote against
 both candidates. Both argued that opponent were responsible for the trend in the campaigns. The
 voters were not given the chance to select a governor on merit of issues and governance. The
 voters had to decide who among the two was better because none of them was fit to hold the
 gubernatorial office.

In 2013, there are several court cases brought to the limelight in Texas. For example, the
 federal appeal court reinstated most of the restrictions of abortion in Texas. The court reinstated
 the controversial new abortion restrictions three days after the federal judge had ruled them
 unconstitutional. The panel of judges in the circuit court of appeal agreed that the law requiring
 doctors to enjoy admitting privileges at a neighboring hospital would take effect. The lawsuit
 that challenges the restriction would however go ahead. According to Lee Yeakel, the district's
 judge, the provisions served no medical reasons or purpose. This prompted the panel to issue the
 ruling. The decision by the panel ruled approximately about 12 clinics from doing the procedure.

The panel, in its 20-page ruling, acknowledged that the provision "would increase the cost of

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getting abortion provider and decrease the physicians availability to perform abortion" (Fox news 1). The panel of judges also clarified the US supreme stand that the incidental act of making aborting more expensive and difficult to do an abortion was not enough to validate. According to the judges, the law should serve a valid purpose that is not designed to strike at the right itself (Fox news 1). Before the ruling, Gregg Abbott, the Texas attorney General, had made an appeal to the fifth circuit in an argument that the law allowing doctors to possess an admitting privilege was a constitutional use of the authority of the legislature. Abbot argued that the unanimous decision by the judges was a vindication of the deliberation by Texas legislature to make law on protection of the safety and health of Texas women. The ruling received both rejection and acceptance in equal measure.

Politician and the republican governor Rick Perry was one of those who praised the ruling of the court. According to the Texas republican Governor, the ruling affirmed the right to protect the unborn and provide good care and health to the women of Texas. The governor made it known that it was his obligation to protect the culture of life in the state (Fox news 1). Planned Parenthood lawyers had argued that the regulations would shut down many abortion clinics in Texas. According to the Planned Parenthood, the regulations neither will help nor protected women. Cecile Richards, The Planned Parenthood President argued that the fight was far from over because the regulations violate the constitutional rights of women by reducing the accessibility to safe and legal abortion.

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