Advanced Placement

Government & Politics

Exam Review

Study Guide

# Topic One—Government in America

**“Government & Politics”**

1. government---
2. public goods---
3. politics---
4. political participation---
5. single-issue groups---

# “The Policymaking System”

1. policymaking system--
2. linkage institutions---
3. policy agenda---
4. policymaking making institutions---
5. public policy---

# “Democracy”

1. democracy---
2. republic---
3. majority rule---
4. minority rights---
5. representation---
6. pluralist theory---
7. elite class theory---
8. hyper-pluralism theory---
9. individualism---

# Topic Two – The Constitution

**“The Constitution & Origins of the Constitution”**

* 1. Constitution---
  2. French & Indian War---
  3. *Common Sense* ---
  4. Declaration of Independence ---
  5. Natural rights ---
  6. Consent of the of governed ---
  7. Limited government ---
  8. Jefferson’s American Creed ---
  9. The American Revolutionary War was a “Conservative” revolution ---

# “The Government That Failed”

1. Articles of Confederation ---
2. Shay’s Rebellion ---
3. Annapolis Meeting, 1786 ---

# “Making a Constitution: The Philadelphia Convention”

1. U.S. Constitution
2. Human nature/ *Leviathan /* Thomas Hobbes ---
3. Factions ---

# “The Agenda in Philadelphia”

1. New Jersey Plan ---
2. Virginia Plan ---
3. Connecticut Comprise ---
4. Electoral college ---
5. Three-fifths Compromise ---
6. Charles Beard/ *Economic Interpretation of the Constitution* ---
7. Writ of habeas corpus

# “The Madisonian Model”

1. Separation of Powers ---
2. Checks and balances ---
3. Federal system of government ---
4. Republic ---

# “Ratifying the Constitution”

1. Federalists ---
2. Anti-Federalists ---
3. *Federalist Papers* ---
4. Bill of Rights ---
5. Ratification process ---

# Topic Three – Federalism

# “Federalism/ Defining Federalism”

* 1. *United States v. Lopez*---
  2. federalism---
  3. unitary---
  4. confederation---
  5. intergovernmental relations---
  6. decentralization of power---

**“Constitutional Basis of Federalism”**

* 1. supremacy clause---
  2. supremacy “ladder”---
  3. Tenth Amendment---
  4. Eleventh Amendment/*sovereign immunity*---
  5. Four key events that have spoken to national supremacy---
  6. *McCulloch v. Maryland*---
  7. enumerated powers---
  8. implied powers (elastic clause)---
  9. *Gibbons v. Ogden*---
  10. Commerce clause/*Printz v. United States*---
  11. full faith and credit---
  12. extradition---
  13. privileges and immunities---
  14. interstate compacts---

# “Intergovernmental Relations Today”

* 1. dual federalism (“layer cake”)---
  2. cooperative federalism (“marble cake”)---
  3. New federalism---
  4. fiscal federalism---
  5. categorical grants---
  6. project grants---
  7. formula grants---
  8. block grants---
  9. mandates---

# “Understanding Federalism”

* 1. Identify (as many as you can) **advantages** of a federal system---
  2. Identify (as many as you can) **disadvantages** of a federal system-

# Topic Four -“Political Parties”

**“The Meaning of Party” “Party in the electorate”**

1. political party---
2. party competition---
3. *the party in the electorate---*
4. *the party as an organization---*
5. *the party in government---*
6. linkage institutions---
7. party image---
8. party identification---
9. ticket-splitting---

# “The Party Organizations: From the Grass Roots to Washington “T Party in Government: Promises & Policy”

1. “grassroots”---
2. party machines---
3. patronage/Boss Tweed/Richard Daley---
4. closed primaries---
5. open primaries---
6. blanket primaries---
7. national convention---
8. national committee---
9. national chairperson---
10. coalition---

# “Party Eras in American History”

1. party eras---
2. critical election---
3. party realignment---
4. First Party System: 1796-1824---
5. Jackson & the Democrats v. Whigs: 1828-1856---
6. The Two Republican Eras: 1860-1928---
7. The New Deal Coalition: 1932-1964---
8. The Era of Divided Party Government: 1968-Present
9. party dealignment---

# “Third Parties: Their Impact on American Politics” “Understanding Political Parties”

1. third parties---
2. Strom Thurmond’s States’ Righters/1948---
3. George Wallace’s American Independents/1968---
4. Ralph Nader/Green Party/2000---
5. Ross Perot/Independent Party/1992---
6. Winner-take-all system---
7. proportional representation---
8. single-member districts---
9. plurality vote v. majority vote---

# Topic Five —“Nominations and Campaigns”

**“The Nomination Game”**

1. nomination---
2. campaign strategy---
3. national party convention---
4. presidential caucuses---
5. presidential primaries---
6. McGovern-Fraser Commission---
7. superdelegates---
8. frontloading---
9. the Howard Dean “scream”---
10. Identify FIVE criticisms of the nomination process---
11. Identify TWO proposals to replace the current caucus/primary system---
12. party platform---

# “The Campaign Game” & Money & Campaigning”

1. direct mail---
2. Define/Explain the SIX components of the Federal Election Campaign Act, 1974---
   * Federal Election Commission:
   * Presidential Election Commission:
   * Matching Funds:
   * Public Financing:
   * Required Full Financial Disclosure:
   * Limit of Individual Contributions:
3. soft money---
4. *Buckley v. Valeo* (1976)---
5. Define/Explain the McCain-Feingold Act, 2002---
   * soft money contributions:
   * amounts individuals could contribute:
   * “issue ads”:
   * *McConnell v. Federal Election Commission* (2003):
6. political action committees (PACs)---

**Topic Six -- Elections and Voting Behavior”**

**“How American Elections Work” & “A Tale of Three Elections”**

1. legitimacy---
2. referendum---
3. initiative---
4. California prop 209---
5. Summarize the important features of the election of 1800---
6. Summarize the important features of the election of 1896---
7. Summarize the important features of the election of 2004---
8. election of 2000---

# “Whether To Vote: A Citizen’s First Choice”

1. suffrage---
2. political efficacy---
3. civic duty---
4. voter registration---
5. Motor Voter Act, 1993---
6. Identify SIX demographic features that influences whether one votes or not:

# “How Americans Vote: Explaining Citizens’ Decisions”

1. mandate theory of elections---
2. THREE elements that go into HOW voters decide to vote---

# “The Last Battle: The Electoral College” & “Understanding Elections & Voting Behavior

1. electoral college---
2. retrospective voting---
3. prospective voting---

**Topic Seven - “The Mass Media & the Political Agenda”**

**“The Mass Media Today”**

**“The Development of Media Politics”**

1. Mass media---
2. media events---
3. press conferences---
4. investigative journalism---
5. watchdog---
6. print media---
7. broadcast media---
8. “yellow journalism”---
9. Wm Randolph Hearst & Joseph Pulitzer---
10. Cable News Network---
11. Federal Communications Commission---
12. “equal time rule”---
13. “right-of-reply”---
14. “fairness doctrine”---
15. narrowcasting---

# “Reporting the News”

**“The News and Public Opinion”**

1. gatekeeper---
2. beats---
3. trial balloons---
4. embedded reporting---
5. sound bites---
6. scorekeeper---
7. talking head---
8. Associated Press---
9. Freedom of Information Act---
10. visuals---
11. Telecommunications Act of 1996---
12. “liberal bias”---

# Topic Eight - Interest Groups

**“The Role of Interest Groups” “Theories of Interest Group Politics”**

**“What Makes an Interest Group Successful?”**

1. interest group/1st Amendment---
2. pluralist theory---
3. elite theory---
4. hyper-pluralist theory---
5. sub governments---
6. Top-Five interest groups—w/political clout---
7. Olsen’s law of large groups---
8. free-rider problem---
9. Charles Keating/campaign contributions---
10. single-issue group---

# “The Interest Group Explosion” “How Groups Try To Shape Policy”

1. *Encyclopedia of Associations*---
2. *Washington Information Directory*---
3. FOUR basic strategies used by interest groups to affect policy---
   * **Lobbying**---
   * Four ways lobbyists help members of Congress---

# electioneering--

* + Political Action Committees---
  + 527s---
  + Five reasons PACs give money to candidates---
  + **litigation**---
  + *amicus curiae* briefs---
  + class-action law suits---

# going public---

**“Types of Interest Groups” “Understanding Interest Groups”**

1. economic interests---
2. labor interests---
3. union shop---
4. right-to-work law---
5. business interests---
6. environmental interests---
7. equality interests---
8. consumers and public interests---

# Topic Nine – Congress

**“The Representatives & Senators” “Congressional Elections”**

1. incumbents---
2. franking privilege---
3. “safe districts”---
4. “marginal districts”---
5. casework---

# “How Congress is Organized to Make Policy” “Congressional Leadership”

1. bicameral legislature---
2. House Rules Committee---
3. closed rule---
4. open rule---
5. restrictive rule---
6. discharge petition---
7. filibuster---
8. cloture---
9. Speaker of the House---
10. majority leader---
11. majority whip---
12. minority leader---
13. minority whip---
14. President of the Senate---
15. President pro tempore---
16. Senate majority leader---
17. Senate majority whip---
18. Senate minority leader---
19. Senate minority whip---
20. Standing committees---
21. Joint committees---
22. Conference committees---
23. Select committees---
24. legislative oversight---
25. committee chairs---
26. seniority system---
27. Congressional Caucuses---
28. Congressional staff---
29. Personal staff---
30. Committee staff---
31. Staff agencies---
32. Government Accountability Office---
33. Congressional Budget Office

# “The Congressional Process” “Understanding Congress”

1. bill---
2. how a bill becomes law—(Know the handout)
3. “Pork-barrel” legislation---
4. “riders”---
5. “earmarks”---
6. How Congressmen/women vote:
   * Attitudinal view of representation---
   * Organizational view of representation---
   * Representational view of representation---

# Topic 10 – The Presidency

**“The Presidents” “Presidential Powers”**

1. Twenty-second Amendment---
2. impeachment---
3. Watergate---
4. Nixon’s Articles of Impeachment---
5. Clinton’s Articles of impeachment---
6. Twenty-fifth Amendment---
7. Presidential powers---
8. Executive privilege---
9. Imperial Presidency---
10. *Pentagon papers*---

# “Running the Government: the Chief Executive”

* 1. Budgeting and Accounting Act, 1921---
  2. cabinet---
  3. The Executive Office of the President---
  4. National Security Council (NSC)---
  5. Council of Economic Advisors (CEA)---
  6. The Office of Management & Budget (OMB)---
  7. (Pyramid) hierarchical organization---
  8. (Circular) wheel-and-spoke organization---
  9. Ad hoc organization---
  10. The First Lady---

# “Presidential Leadership of Congress: The Politics of Shared Power” “The President & National Security Policy”

1. veto---
2. pocket veto---
3. line-item veto---
4. Presidential rescissions, 1996---
5. *Clinton v. City of New York* (1998)---
6. “boll weevils”---
7. Presidential coattails---
8. electoral mandate---
9. Presidential “honeymoon” period---

**Topic 11 —The Federal Bureaucracy**

**“The Bureaucrats”**

1. bureaucracy---
2. patronage---
3. Pendleton Civil Service Act---
4. civil service---
5. merit principle---
6. Hatch Act---
7. Office of Personnel Management (OPM)---
8. GS (General Schedule) rating---
9. Senior Executive Service (SES)---

# “How Bureaucracies are Organized”

1. independent regulatory agencies---
2. the Federal Reserve Board (FRB)---
3. National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)---
4. Federal Communications Commission (FCC)---
5. Federal Trade Commission (FTC)---
6. Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC)---
7. government corporations---
8. independent executive agency---
9. General Services Administration (GSA)---
10. National Science Foundation (NSF)---
11. National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA)---

# “Bureaucracies as Implementors”

1. policy implementation---
2. standard operating procedures (SOP)---
3. administrative discretion---
4. street-level bureaucrats---
5. The Voting Rights Act, 1965--

# “Bureaucracies as Regulators” “Understanding Bureaucracies”

1. regulation---
2. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)---
3. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)---
4. Command-and-control policy---
5. *Munn v. Illinois,* 1877---
6. deregulation---
7. Civil Aeronautics Board/deregulation of the airlines, 1978---
8. Executive orders---
9. Iron Triangles---
10. President as Chief Diplomat---
11. President as Commander–in-Chief---
12. War Powers Resolution, 1973---
13. Legislative Veto---
14. President as “Crisis” manager---

# “Power from the People: The Public Presidency” “The President and the Press”

**“Understanding the Presidency”**

1. Presidential Approval ---
2. “Great Communicator”---
3. mobilizing the public---
4. press secretary---
5. lame duck---
6. divided government---
7. Helen Thomas, News icon---

# Topic 12 —“The Federal Courts”

**“The Nature of the Judicial System”**

**“The Structure of the Federal Judicial System”**

* 1. criminal law---
  2. Civil Law---
  3. plaintiff---
  4. defendant---
  5. standing to sue---
  6. class action suits---
  7. justiciable disputes---
  8. *amicus curiae* briefs---
  9. brief---
  10. Thurgood Marshall---
  11. constitutional courts---
  12. legislative courts---
  13. original jurisdiction---
  14. appellate jurisdiction---
  15. district courts---
  16. courts of appeals---
  17. Supreme Court---

# “The Politics of Judicial Selection”

**“The Backgrounds of Judges”**

1. serve “during good behavior”---
2. senatorial courtesy---
3. “blue slip”---
4. “litmus test”---
5. judicial elections---

# “The Courts as Policymakers”

1. “rule of four”---
2. *writ of certiorari*---
3. solicitor general---
4. opinion of the Court (majority opinion)---
5. concurring opinion---
6. dissenting opinion---
7. per curiam opinion---
8. *stare decisis*---
9. precedent---
10. original intent (strict constructionists)---
11. judicial activism (broad constructionists)---
12. judicial implementation (three steps)---

# “The Courts and the Policy Agenda” “Understanding the Courts”

1. *Marbury v. Madison*---
2. judicial review---
3. “court-packing plan” (FDR)---
4. “switch in time that saved nine”---
5. *United States v. Nixon*, 1974---
6. *Bush v. Gore*, 2000---
7. judicial restraint---
8. political questions---

# Topic 13 – Civil Liberties

**“The Bill of Rights—Then and Now” & “Freedom of Religion”**

1. Bill of Rights---
2. Civil liberties---
3. First Amendment---
4. *Baron v Baltimore*---
5. Incorporation Doctrine (selective incorporation) ---
6. *Gitlow v New York*---
7. Fourteenth Amendment---
8. Freedom of Religion/establishment/free exercise clauses---
9. *Lemon v Kurtzman*/3-pronged test---
10. *Engel v Vitale*---
11. *School District….v Schemp*---
12. *Employment Division v Smith*---

# “Freedom of Expression”

1. prior restraint---
2. *Near v Minnesota*---
3. *Schenck v United States*/”falsely shouting fire in a crowded theater”---
4. “Gag orders”---
5. *Miller v California*/classifying obsenity---
6. Libel & Slander---
7. N*ew York Times v Sullivan*---
8. Symbolic speech/*Texas v Johnson*---

# “Commercial Speech”

1. commercial speech---
2. Federal Communications Commission---
3. Freedom to Assemble (read “You are Judge”—Nazis march in Skokie) ---
4. Right to Associate/*NAACP v Alabama*---

# “Defendant’s Rights”

1. probable cause---
2. search warrant/unreasonable searches & seizures---
3. exclusionary rule/*Mapp v Ohio*---
4. exclusionary rule *exceptions*---
5. Fifth Amendment/self-incrimination---
6. *Miranda v Arizona*---
7. Right to council/6th Amendment/*Gideon v Wainwright*---
8. plea bargaining---
9. Eighth Amendment/cruel & unusual punishment---
10. *Gregg v Georgia*/the death penalty---

# “The Right to Privacy”

1. *Griswold v Connecticut*/right to privacy---
2. *penumbras* –--(“shadows” of unstated liberties)
3. *Roe v Wade*/Blackmun/trimester doctrine---
4. *Webster v Reproductive Health Services (St. Louis Mo.)*---
5. *Planned Parenthood v Casey* (Pennsylvania) ---

**Important Supreme Court Cases to Know**

*Barron v. Baltimore (1833)---*

*Engel v. Vitale (1962)---*

*Gideon v. Wainwright (1963)---*

*Gitlow v. New York (1925)---*

*Gregg v. Georgia (1976)---*

*Lemon v. Kurtzman (1971)---*

*Mapp v. Ohio (1961)---*

*Miller v. California (1973)---*

*Miranda v. Arizona (1966)---*

*Roe v. Wade (1973)---*

*Schneck v. United States (1919)---*

*Texas v. Johnson (1989)---*

**Topic 14 - Civil Rights & Public Policy**

# “Civil Rights & Public Policy”

* 1. civil rights---
  2. Racial discrimination---
  3. Gender discrimination---

# “Racial Equality: Two Centuries of Struggle”

* 1. equality of opportunity---
  2. equality of results---
  3. Fourteenth Amendment/expansion of equality---
  4. equal protection of the laws---
  5. inherently suspect---
  6. intermediate standard---
  7. reasonableness standard---

# “Race, the Constitution, & Public Policy”

* 1. *Scott v. Sandford*---
  2. Civil War Amendments:
     + 13th—
     + 14th—
     + 15th—
  3. Jim Crow Laws---
  4. *Plessey v. Ferguson*---
  5. NAACP---
  6. *Brown v. Board of Education*---
  7. de jure segregation---
  8. de facto segregation---
  9. Civil Rights Act of 1964---
  10. suffrage---
  11. poll taxes---
  12. White primaries---
  13. Twenty-fourth Amendment---
  14. Voting Rights Act of 1965---
  15. *Shaw v. Reno*---
  16. AIM---
  17. Cesar Chavez---
  18. *Korematsu v. United States*---

# “Women, the Constitution,& Public Policy”

* 1. Nineteenth Amendment---
  2. coverture---
  3. Seneca Falls Declaration---
  4. Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)---
  5. Betty Friedan/”*The Feminine Mystique”*---
  6. *Reed v. Reed*---
  7. Title IX of the Education Act of 1972---
  8. comparable worth---
  9. 1964 Civil Rights Act/Sexual Harassment---

# “Newly Active Groups Under the Civil Rights Umbrella”

* 1. “graying of America”---
  2. American with Disabilities Act, 1990 (ADA)---
  3. *Bowers v. Hardwick*---
  4. Mathew Shepard---

# “Affirmative Action”

* 1. affirmative action---
  2. *Regent’s of the University of California v. Bakke*---
  3. reverse discrimination---
  4. *Grutter v. Bollinger*---
  5. *Gratz v*. Bollinger---

# Important Supreme Court Cases to Know

1. *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954)
2. *Dred Scott v. Sandford* (1857)
3. *Korematsu v. United States* (1944)
4. *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896)
5. *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke (1978)*
6. *Minersville School District v. Gobitis* (1940)
7. *West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette* (1943)
8. *Betts v. Brady* (1942)
9. *Gideon v. Wainwright* (1963)
10. *Guinn v. United States (1915)*
11. *Smith v. Allwright* (1944)
12. *Sweatt v. Painter* (1950)