

APGOPO: Final Review Sheet

Unit 1: Foundations of Democracy

Federalism
Separation of Powers
Articles of Confederation: weaknesses
Electoral College: purpose, effect(s) on political parties
Limited government
Divided government: effects, positives, negatives
10th Amendment
Elastic Clause
Privileges and Immunities Clause
Full Faith and Credit Clause
Commerce Clause
Supremacy Clause
Checks and Balances
Bill of Rights: purpose(s), 1-10

Unit 2: Political Beliefs & Political Behaviors

Demographics of Republican Party
Demographics of Democratic Party
Direct Primary vs. caucus
Initiative, referendum, recall
Electoral College
Voter turnout in midterm vs. presidential elections
Voter turnout
Campaign finance
Most common ways Americans engage in political activities

Unit 3: Media, Interest Groups, and Political Parties

Alignment vs. realignment vs. dealignment
Lobbyists: functions, purpose, positives, negatives
Factors that weaken political parties
Soft money vs. hard money
Interest group tactics
Media coverage of government activity
Patronage
Iron triangle
Theories of interest group politics (elite, majoritarian, entrepreneurial, client)
McCain-Feingold Act of 2002
Criticisms of Interest groups
Media politics
Functions of political parties

Unit 4: Institutions (Congress, Presidency, Supreme Court, Bureaucracy)

War Powers Act
Amicus Curiae brief
Supreme Court decisions (majority, dissenting, concurring, per curiam)
Stare decisis
Congressional powers: enumerated, inherent, and implied
Filibuster
Congress: incumbency advantage, sophomore surge, effect of midterm elections vs. presidential
Presidential appointments and confirmation
Presidential powers: roles, enumerated, implied, inherent
Influences on Congress: logrolling, reciprocity, constituents, own convictions
FECA (Federal Election Campaign Acts 1971-1974)
Hatch Act

Hamilton, *Federalist 78*
Committee of the Whole
Congressional committees
Salaries of Congress, President, federal judges; when lowered? Ho?
Which votes require majority vs. supermajority
Spoils system vs. civil service system
Impeachment
President: Typical background, prior positions
Criticisms of bureaucracy
Federal Courts: cases they'll hear, cases they won't
Original jurisdiction
Spending Bills
Leadership in the House (seniority, partisan positions)
Reapportionment

Unit 5: Public Policy

Holds
How a bill becomes a law
Pigeonholing
Subsidy
Tax policy
Health care & entitlements
National debt vs. budget deficit
Balanced budget
Deficit spending
Theories: entrepreneurial, majoritarian, client, elite
No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
Sunset laws
Sources of federal revenue
Fiscal policy and ex's
Monetary policy and ex's
Budget and Impoundment Control Act 1974

Unit 6: Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

Exclusionary Rule
Freedom of Information Act
Right to privacy (source, how/when its incorporated)
Shield laws
Incorporation
Selective incorporation
Establishment Clause: definition, cases used
Free Exercise Clause: definition, cases used
Bush v. Gore: decision, criticisms
Searches and seizures: warrant, no warrant
Civil rights vs. civil liberties
14th amendment
Freedom of speech & press
Freedom of petition and association
Due process of law
Rights of criminal defendants