

Topics in American Government Vocabulary: The Presidency & Politics

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Ch 1: The Contours of American Democracy

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| 1. Autocracy | 9. Republic |
| 2. Monarchy | 10. Bicameral legislature |
| 3. Divine right theory | 11. Ideology |
| 4. Dictatorship | 12. Liberalism |
| 5. Democracy | 13. Conservatism |
| 6. Direct democracy | 14. Moderate |
| 7. Representative democracy | 15. Radical left |
| 8. Parliament | 16. Radical right |

Ch 2: The Constitution

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| 1. Bill of Rights | 6. Rule of law |
| 2. Articles of Confederation | 7. Federal system |
| 3. Federalists | 8. Madisonian Model/separation of powers |
| 4. Anti-Federalists | 9. Checks and balances |
| 5. Tyranny | 10. Veto |

Ch 3: Federalism

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| 1. Federalism | 9. Concurrent powers |
| 2. Unitary system | 10. Supremacy clause |
| 3. Confederal system | 11. Secession |
| 4. Division of powers | 12. Preemption |
| 5. Expressed powers | 13. Federal mandate |
| 6. Implied powers | 14. Block grant |
| 7. Inherent powers | 15. Fiscal federalism |
| 8. Police powers | |

Ch 4: Civil Liberties

1. Civil Liberties
2. Writ of habeas corpus
3. Bill of attainder
4. Ex post facto law
5. Due process law
6. School voucher
7. Espionage
8. Sabotage
9. Treason
10. Seditious speech
11. Libel
12. Slander
13. Probable cause
14. Double jeopardy
15. Self-incrimination
16. Exclusionary rule
17. Miranda warnings

Ch 5: Civil Rights

1. Civil Rights
2. Equal protection clause
3. De facto segregation
4. Civil disobedience
5. Sexual harassment
6. Racial profiling
7. Affirmative action
8. Reverse discrimination
9. Quota system

Ch 6: Interest Groups

1. Interest group
2. Pluralist theory
3. Public-interest group
4. Trade organization
5. Labor force
6. Lobbying
7. Lobbyist
8. Political action committee (PAC)

Ch 7: Political Parties

1. Political party
2. Two-party system
3. Electorate
4. Party platform
5. Solidarity
6. Patronage
7. Primary
8. Minority party
9. Majority party
10. Coalition
11. Third party
12. Precinct
13. National convention
14. Party ticket
15. National party committee

Ch 8: Public Opinion and Voting

1. Public opinion
2. Media
3. Peer group
4. Public opinion poll
5. Literacy test
6. Poll tax
7. Grandfather clause
8. Gender gap
9. Vital center

Ch 9: Campaigns and Elections

1. Caucus
2. Nominating convention
3. Delegate
4. Direct primary
11. Independent expenditure
12. General election
13. Special election
14. Australian ballot

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| 5. Closed primary | 15. Party-column ballot |
| 6. Open primary | 16. Office-block ballot |
| 7. Political consultant | 17. Poll watcher |
| 8. Campaign strategy | 18. Elector |
| 9. Loophole | 19. Electoral college |
| 10. Soft money | 20. Winner-take-all system |

Ch 10: Politics and the Media

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| 1. Mass media | 8. Issue ad |
| 2. Print media | 9. Managed news coverage |
| 3. Electronic media | 10. Spin |
| 4. Sound bite | 11. Spin doctor |
| 5. Political advertising | 12. Citizen journalism |
| 6. Negative political advertising | 13. Podcasting |
| 7. Attack ad | |

Ch 11: Congress

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| 1. Apportionment | 9. Subcommittee |
| 2. Congressional district | 10. Rules committee |
| 3. Gerrymandering | 11. Filibustering |
| 4. Minority-majority district | 12. Cloture |
| 5. Speaker of the House | 13. Conference committee |
| 6. Majority leader | 14. Pocket veto |
| 7. Minority leader | 15. Appropriation |
| 8. Whip | 16. Entitlement program |
| 9. Standing committee | 17. Fiscal year |

Ch 12: The Presidency

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| 1. Chief executive | 11. Cabinet |
| 2. Commander in chief | 12. Kitchen cabinet |
| 3. Chief of state | 13. Executive Office of the President (EOP) |
| 4. Diplomat | 14. White House Office |
| 5. Treaty | 15. Chief of staff |
| 6. Executive order | 16. Press secretary |
| 7. Signing statement | 17. Office of Management & Budget (OMB) |
| 8. Executive agreement | 18. Council of Economic Advisers (CEA) |
| 9. Executive privilege | 19. National Security Council (NSC) |
| 10. Watergate scandal | |

Ch 13: The Bureaucracy

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| 1. Bureaucrat | 9. Enabling legislation |
| 2. Bureaucracy | 10. Adjudicate |
| 3. Independent executive agency | 11. Rulemaking |
| 4. Partisan politics | 12. Iron triangle |
| 5. Independent regulatory agency | 13. Issue networks |
| 6. Government corporation | 14. Whistleblower |

7. Civil service
8. Legislative rule

15. Privatization

Ch 14: The Judiciary

1. Judiciary
2. Common law
3. Precedent
4. Constitutional law
5. Statutory law
6. Administrative law
7. Civil law
8. Criminal law
9. Jurisdiction

10. Trial court
11. Standing to sue
12. Appellate court
13. Writ of certiorari
14. Oral argument
15. Opinion
16. Concurring opinion
17. Dissenting opinion
18. Judicial review

Ch 15: Domestic Policy

1. Domestic policy
2. Social-welfare policy
3. Income redistribution
4. Economic policy
5. Monetary policy

6. Fiscal policy
7. Easy-money policy
8. stagflation
9. Keynesian economics
10. Public debt

Ch 16: Foreign Policy

1. Foreign policy
2. Isolationism
3. Monroe Doctrine
4. Interventionism
5. Colonial empire
6. Neutrality
7. Communist bloc
8. Iron curtain
9. Marshall Plan
10. Containment

11. Cold War
12. Deterrence
13. Mutually assured destruction (MAD)
14. Cuban missile crisis
15. Détente
16. Coalition
17. Weapons of mass destruction (WMDs)
18. Multilateral
19. Unilateral
20. Normal trade relations (NTR) status

Ch 17: State and Local Politics

1. Intrastate commerce
2. Extraordinary majority
3. Initiative
4. Referendum
5. Recall