

**AP United States Government**  
**Chapter 1 Study Guide: One Republic – Two Americas?**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Key Terms:** On flashcards, define the following terms.

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| 1. Politics                | 15. Authoritarianism         | 29. Majority           |
| 2. Government              | 16. Aristocracy              | 30. Majority rule      |
| 3. Institutions            | 17. Oligarchy                | 31. Limited government |
| 4. Divine right            | 18. Democracy                | 32. Majoritarianism    |
| 5. Social contract         | 19. Anarchy                  | 33. Elite theory       |
| 6. Political culture       | 20. Direct democracy         | 34. Pluralism          |
| 7. Political socialization | 21. Legislature              | 35. Ideology           |
| 8. Liberty                 | 22. Initiative               | 36. Socialism          |
| 9. Order                   | 23. Referendum               | 37. Libertarianism     |
| 10. Equality               | 24. Recall                   | 38. Liberalism         |
| 11. Property               | 25. Republic                 | 39. Conservatism       |
| 12. Capitalism             | 26. Democratic republic      | 40. Hispanic           |
| 13. Eminent domain         | 27. Representative democracy | 41. Latino             |
| 14. Totalitarian regime    | 28. Universal suffrage       |                        |

**Questions:** Answer the following questions. Use the resources provided on my web site for assistance.

1. Read the *What If* section on page 2. Answer the two questions here.
2. What is the difference between government and politics?
3. Why is government necessary?
4. Describe the social contract theories of Thomas Hobbes and John Locke.
5. What is meant by a “political culture,” and how is it passed between generations?

6. Briefly describe the general consensus in American culture on the following:
  - a. Liberty:
  
  - b. Order and rule of law:
  
  - c. Individualism:
  
  - d. Equality:
  
  - e. Property:
  
7. Consider the various forms of government in the world today. Why might nations choose different forms?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What features of direct democracy exist in modern day America? Do you believe direct democracy is a good thing?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Why did the Founding Fathers decide to limit direct democracy in America?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. How does our republic reflect the founders' fear of popular democracy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. What are the pros and cons of majority rule?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. Why is limited government a central pillar of our American system of government?

13. Describe the following theories of who really holds power in America.

a. Majoritarianism:

b. Elitism:

c. Pluralism:

d. Hyperpluralism:

14. What is meant by a person's "political ideology"?

15. Why is it difficult to define liberalism and conservatism in modern America?

16. How might the following affect our political culture and our government?

a. Demographic change:

b. Ethnic change:

c. Globalization:

d. New technology:

e. Environmental change:

17. Read *Chemical Weapons and Civil War in Syria* on page 32. Answer the "What would you do?" question.