

AP* CORRELATION GUIDE

Government and Politics: United States AP* Topics Correlated to *Government by the People, 23rd Edition, AP* Edition*

AP* Topics

I. Constitutional Underpinnings of United States Government

Considerations that influenced the formulation and adoption of the Constitution

Separation of powers

Federalism

Theories of democratic government

II. Political Beliefs and Behaviors

Beliefs that citizens hold about their government and its leaders

Processes by which citizens learn about politics

The nature, sources, and consequences of public opinion

The ways in which citizens vote and otherwise participate in public life

Factors that influence citizens to differ from one another in terms of political beliefs and behaviors

III. Political Parties, Interest Groups, and Mass Media

Political parties and elections

Functions

Organization

Development

Effects on the political process

Electoral laws and systems

Interest groups, including political action committees (PACs)

The range of interests represented

The activities of interest groups

The effects of interest groups on the political process

The unique characteristics and roles of PACs in the political process

The Mass Media

The functions and structures of the media

The impact of media on politics

IV. Institutions of National Government: The Congress, the President, the Bureaucracy, and the Federal Courts

The major formal and informal institutional arrangements of power

Congress

The Presidency

The Bureaucracy

Federal Courts

Relationships among these four institutions, and varying balances of power

Linkages between institutions and the following

Public opinion and voters

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*Subnational governments***V. Public Policy**

Policy making in a federal system

The formation of policy agendas

The role of institutions in the enactment of policy

The role of the bureaucracy and the courts in policy implementation and interpretation

Linkages between policy processes and the following

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