

# American Government and Politics

Review for the Final Examination

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## Layout

### Type One: Multiple Choice

- You will need to select the option that best answers the question. Sometimes, you will be asked to choose the one that does not belong. Be aware.

### Type Two: Court Cases

- This section is an objective section dealing with the court cases we covered. All court cases could be in this section.

### Type Three: What If?

- For the scenario given, determine the most probable outcome and support your answer with things from the class. This could include constitutional issues, procedural issues, or USSC issues.

## Things to study

### Everything from the midterm

#### Court Cases:

- Be able to write a brief summary of the results of each of the court cases.

Baker v. Carr	369 U.S. 186	(1962)
Bush v. Gore	531 U.S. 98	(2000)
DeJonge v. Oregon	299 U.S. 353	(1937)
Engel v. Vitale	370 U.S. 421	(1962)
Furman v. Georgia	408 U.S. 238	(1972)
Gideon v. Wainwright	372 U.S. 335	(1963)
Gonzales v. Oregon	546 U.S. 243	(2006)
Griswold v. Connecticut	381 U.S. 479	(1965)
Mapp v. Ohio	367 U.S. 643	(1961)
Miranda v. Arizona	384 U.S. 436	(1966)
New Jersey v. T. L. O.	469 U.S. 325	(1985)
New York Times Co. v. US	403 U.S. 713	(1971)
Olmstead v. US	277 U.S. 438	(1928)
Oregon v. Smith	494 U.S. 872	(1990)
Parents v. Seattle SD No. 1	551 U.S. ____	(2007)
Pierce v. Society of Sisters	268 U.S. 510	(1925)
Roe v. Wade	410 U.S. 113	(1973)
Rogers v. Tennessee	532 U.S. 451	(2001)
Texas v. Johnson	491 U.S. 397	(1989)

United States v. Nixon	418 U.S. 683	(1974)
Virginia v. Black	538 U.S. 343	(2003)
Wisconsin v. Yoder	406 U.S. 205	(1972)

### **Things and Words**

- Electoral College, How it works
- Faithless Electors
- Purpose of Congress, Committee Structure, Lawmaking Process, The Budgetary Process
- OMB; CBO
- Judicial Review
- Elastic Clause, Interstate Commerce Clause
- Basis of American Judicial System, Statute Law, Common Law, Adversarial System
- Civil Liberties, Civil Rights
- Natural Rights, Traditional Rights, Governmental Rights
- Free Exercise Clause
- Bill of Rights, Amendment I, Amendment II, Amendment IV, Amendment V
- Rights of the Accused

### **Theories and Processes: Make sure you know...**

- The Social Contract, Natural Rights, State of Nature, and Separation of Church and State.
- What affects political socialization.
- The three archetypes of foreign policy: isolationist, interventionist, internationalist.
- The policy process, and the importance of Stakeholders.
- How a bill becomes a law.
- The budgetary process.
- The theory of Systems Analysis: input functions (political socialization, political recruitment, interest aggregation, interest articulation, political communication), and output functions (rule making, rule application, rule adjudication).

### **Specifics: Make sure you know...**

- What the Supremacy Clause and the Elastic Clause are, and what powers they give the central government.
- The styles of government, not only Unitary/Federal/Confederal, but also Presidential/Parliamentary and Pure Democracy, Representative Democracy, and Constitutional. Know what a republic is. Also know their properties and some of their strengths and weaknesses.
- The duties and limits on Congress, the Presidency, and the Supreme Court.
- What increases voter turnout.
- The uses of interest groups and third parties.
- The two ways of defining the political ideology of people.
- The effects of third parties on the American system.

- The major foreign policy doctrines.