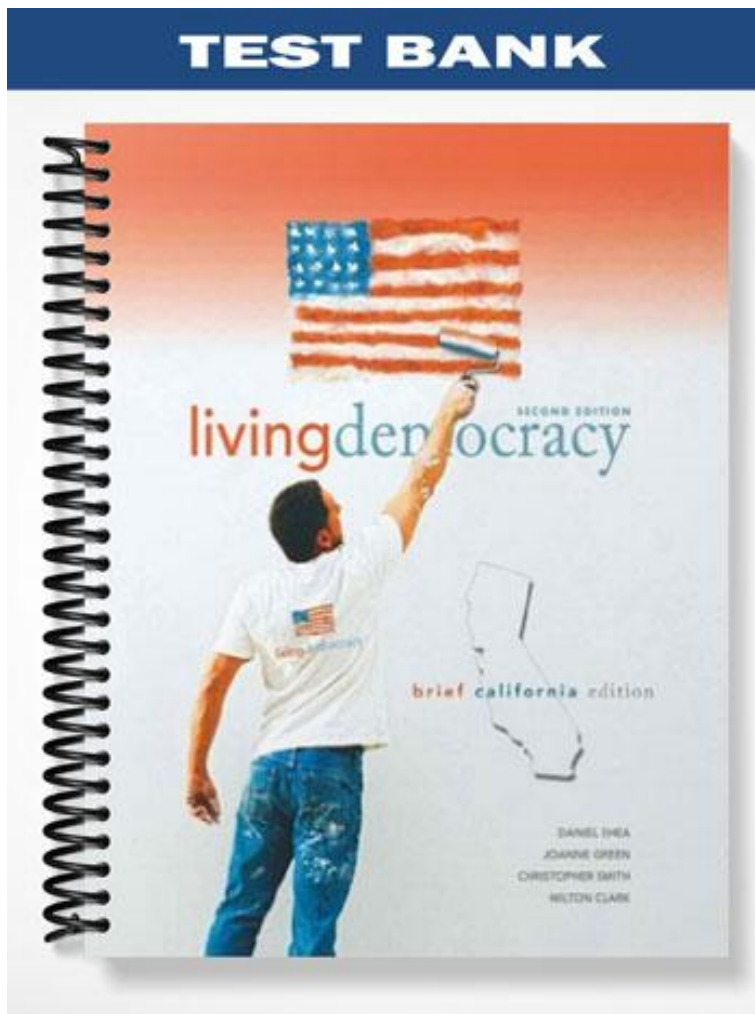


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Chapter 1 – American Government: Democracy in Action

1.1 – The questions in this section appear only in this printed Test Bank and in the Computerized Test Bank.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. The rules of society and the priorities for government resources and action are referred to collectively as
 - A) politics.
 - B) public policy.
 - C) social order.
 - D) governance.
 - E) litigation.

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 5–6

2. A distinguishing feature of _____ is the ability of individual citizens to influence the actions of government.
 - A) nationalism
 - B) democracy
 - C) republicanism
 - D) constitutionalism
 - E) oligarchy

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 8-9

3. Among developed countries, which country has the highest average rate of voter turnout?
 - A) Norway
 - B) Italy
 - C) Canada
 - D) Ireland
 - E) Switzerland

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 9

4. Which of the following countries has the lowest average voter turnout?
- A) United States
 - B) Italy
 - C) United Kingdom
 - D) Switzerland
 - E) France

Answer: D

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 9

5. Which of the following presidential elections saw the lowest level of voter turnout?
- A) 1960
 - B) 1972
 - C) 1984
 - D) 1996
 - E) 2004

Answer: D

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 9

6. Pathways of action are the activities, institutions, and decision points that
- A) always result in radical change.
 - B) are controlled by government decision makers.
 - C) are set out in the U.S. Constitution.
 - D) elected officials choose among.
 - E) shape law and public policy.

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 10

7. A political actor or group chooses a particular pathway of action based on which of the following factors?
- A) The nature and scope of the issue at hand.
 - B) The nature and scope of the opposition.
 - C) The pathway of action employed by the opposition.
 - D) The monetary resources available to the individual or group.
 - E) All of the above.

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Synthesis

Page reference: 10–11

8. The American Civil War was fought between the years of _____ and _____.
- A) 1776–1778.
 - B) 1812–1813.
 - C) 1850–1861.
 - D) 1861–1865
 - E) 1911–1917.

Answer: D

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 11

9. Which of the following is “part of politics”?
- A) Voting
 - B) Lobbying
 - C) Litigating
 - D) Protesting
 - E) All of the above

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 11

10. The group MADD is most well known for its campaign around
- A) nuclear disarmament.
 - B) reducing taxes.
 - C) introducing term limits.
 - D) encouraging voter registration.
 - E) drinking and driving.

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 11

11. Which of the following factors might account for the political use of violence in a democratic political system?
- A) The issue is so controversial and the competing stands are so opposed and fixed that compromise is not possible.
 - B) A group has fundamental objections to the nature and existence of a democratic system of governance.
 - C) Frustration over a perceived lack of access to and influence over the political system.
 - D) Periodic episodes of public disorder sometimes triggered by external causes causing longstanding tensions to break out.
 - E) All of the above may account for the outbreak of violence in a political system.

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 11

12. The system under which voters elect leaders and then hold those leaders accountable for the decisions they make is generally known as
- A) direct democracy
 - B) representative democracy
 - C) social democracy
 - D) authoritarian democracy.
 - E) anarchism.

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 11

13. Which of the following is NOT an example of an activity in the elections pathway?
- A) Lobbying an elected official.
 - B) A voter registration drive.
 - C) Fundraising for a political party.
 - D) Campaigning for a political candidate.
 - E) Voting.

Answer: A

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 11

14. The pathways of action which tries to directly influence those who craft policies is the
- A) Elections pathway.
 - B) Court-centered pathway.
 - C) Lobbying pathway.
 - D) Cultural change pathway.
 - E) None of the above.

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 11

15. The bombing of a federal office building in Oklahoma City in 1995 demonstrated
- A) the importance of economic equity.
 - B) the influence of foreign interests within the United States.
 - C) how ethnic discrimination within society can lead to violence.
 - D) that some U.S. citizens see violence as the most effective way to achieve their political aims.
 - E) The failure of the federal government to deal effectively with the threat of international terrorism.

Answer: D

Bloom's level: Analysis

Page reference: 11

16. The choice of which pathway of action a group will use to affect political change is shaped by
- A) the resources available to the group.
 - B) the actions taken by groups opposed to the proposed changes.
 - C) the nature of the issue.
 - D) the level of public support for change.
 - E) all of the above.

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Synthesis

Page reference: 12–13

17. In May of 2007, thousands of protestors in Venezuela took to the streets to demonstrate against the decision of President Hugo Chavez to
- A) declare a state of emergency.
 - B) privatize water services in Venezuela.
 - C) establish a national income tax.
 - D) eliminate food and agricultural subsidies.
 - E) close a local television station.

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 16-17

18. Efforts by some groups to rethink the social norms surrounding the idea of social security, moving from an income guarantee program to a private retirement benefit, is an example of the _____ pathway.
- A) cultural change
 - B) lobbying
 - C) grassroots mobilization
 - D) elections
 - E) court

Answer: A

Bloom's level: Application

Page reference: 15

19. According to members of Congress, letters and phone calls from constituents are
- A) An unwelcomed intrusion on their ability to make decisions.
 - B) Rarely helpful in developing solutions to real problems.
 - C) Almost always motivated by interest groups.
 - D) A source of ideas for new laws and policies.
 - E) Less influential than professional lobbyists.

Answer: D

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 13

20. Which pathway focuses on judicial decisions?

- A) The elections pathway.
- B) The court pathway.
- C) The lobbying pathway.
- D) The cultural change pathway.
- E) All of the above.

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 14

21. The court-centered pathway has been most effective in addressing

- A) limiting campaign contributions.
- B) establishing term limits for Congress.
- C) delimiting the power of the federal government.
- D) establishing voter rights.
- E) securing school desegregation.

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 14

22. The Supreme Court's 1954 decision in the case of _____ prohibited segregation in public schools.

- A) *Roe v. Wade*
- B) *Marbury v. Madison*
- C) *Brown v. Board of Education*
- D) *Tinker v. Des Moines*
- E) *Texas v. Johnson*

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 14

23. In the 1963 March on Washington, Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered which speech?

- A) Letter from a Birmingham Jail
- B) Ballot or the Bullet
- C) Beyond Vietnam
- D) I Have a Dream
- E) Where Do We Go From Here

Answer: D

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 14

24. Which issue was most influenced by a court decision?

- A) The composition of the Supreme Court.
- B) The current makeup of Congress.
- C) Segregated schools.
- D) Voting rights.
- E) None of the above were affected by court decision.

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Application

Page reference: 14

25. The judiciary in the United States is unique because judges

- A) can only hear specific cases with Congressional approval.
- B) have shorter terms of office in the United States than in other countries.
- C) have broader authority to order the government to take specific actions.
- D) have far less power than in other countries.
- E) are more subject to lobbying and political pressure than in other countries.

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 14

26. The NRA is a lobbying group most well known for its campaign to

- A) end racial discrimination.
- B) reduce tax rates.
- C) encourage stronger environmental protections.
- D) enforce civil liberties.
- E) protect the right to bear arms.

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 14

27. The Supreme Court's decision in the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* case

- A) furnished the initial ruling on the 5th Amendment takings clause.
- B) was the second in a series of cases challenging the right to an attorney in criminal cases.
- C) reversed the long-standing practice of permitting jury trials in civil cases.
- D) incorporated second amendment rights to the states.
- E) prohibited states and localities from engaging in racial discrimination in public schools.

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 14

28. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech in
- A) 1959.
 - B) 1961.
 - C) 1963.
 - D) 1965.
 - E) 1969.

Answer: C

Bloom’s level: Knowledge

Page reference: 14

29. A. Philip Randolph was most famous for
- A) arguing the Brown v. Board of Education case before the U.S. Supreme Court.
 - B) organizing sit-ins in Macon, Georgia.
 - C) organizing the freedom rides.
 - D) organizing the 1963 March on Washington.
 - E) promoting racial segregation.

Answer: D

Bloom’s level: Knowledge

Page reference: 14

30. The court pathway is
- A) inequitable.
 - B) expensive.
 - C) easily accessible.
 - D) completely transparent.
 - E) all of the above.

Answer: B

Bloom’s level: Knowledge

Page reference: 14

31. The 1963 March on Washington was intended to pressure Congress to pass new laws intended to
- A) encourage more Americans to register to vote.
 - B) end the Vietnam War.
 - C) prohibit racial discrimination.
 - D) permit prayer in schools.
 - E) end legalized abortion.

Answer: C

Bloom’s level: Knowledge

Page reference: 14

32. In the 1950s, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led a boycott of public transit to protest racial segregation of buses in which American city?

- A) Montgomery, Alabama
- B) Macon, Georgia
- C) Philadelphia, Mississippi
- D) New York, New York
- E) Phoenix, Arizona

Answer: A

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 15

33. The pathway of action that generally requires the longest time to affect change is the _____ pathway.

- A) cultural change
- B) elections
- C) lobbying
- D) grassroots mobilization
- E) court-centered

Answer: A

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 15

34. The least direct pathway of action is the

- A) elections pathway.
- B) court-centered pathway.
- C) lobbying pathway.
- D) cultural change pathway.
- E) grassroots mobilization pathway.

Answer: D

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 15

35. Successful grassroots mobilization campaigns require all of the following EXCEPT

- A) publicity.
- B) organizational skill.
- C) committed activists.
- D) extensive financial resources.
- E) careful planning.

Answer: D

Bloom's level: Analysis

Page reference: 15

36. Public opinion polls in 2006 showed that a majority of Americans would consider voting for
- A) a woman for president.
 - B) a woman for Congress.
 - C) an African-American for president.
 - D) an African-American for Congress.
 - E) none of the above.

Answer: A

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 15

37. Which of the following issue campaigns has generally NOT relied on the cultural change pathway?
- A) abortion
 - B) the death penalty
 - C) anti-war protest
 - D) environmental protection
 - E) privatizing Social Security

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Application

Page reference: 15

38. Which of the following ethnic groups comprised the smallest percentage of the total U.S. population in 2000?
- A) Hispanic
 - B) Black
 - C) Asian
 - D) White
 - E) Native American

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 16

39. According to data compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau, which American population group will increase most quickly in size?
- A) Asians.
 - B) African Americas
 - C) Hispanics
 - D) Native Americans
 - E) Whites

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 16

40. Successful grassroots mobilization campaigns requires
- A) committed activists.
 - B) effective publicity.
 - C) careful planning.
 - D) organizational skill.
 - E) all of the above.

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 14-15

41. Which of the following has NOT been involved in defining and changing abortion laws in the United States?
- A) The Congress
 - B) The President
 - C) The U.S. Supreme Court
 - D) Individual state governments
 - E) All of the above have been involved.

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 18

42. Abortion was legalized in the United States by
- A) the Supreme Court.
 - B) a referendum.
 - C) the actions of individual state legislatures.
 - D) an act of Congress.
 - E) executive order.

Answer: A

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 18

43. The right to abortion was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 7-2 decision in the 1972 case of
- A) *Roe v. Wade*.
 - B) *Texas v. Johnson*.
 - C) *Tinker v. Des Moines*.
 - D) *Griswald v. Connecticut*.
 - E) *Heller v. District of Columbia*.

Answer: A

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 18

44. When pro-choice advocates pressure members of Congress to block the appointment of Supreme Court Justices opposed to abortion rights, they are engaged in the _____ pathway.

- A) elections.
- B) lobbying.
- C) grassroots mobilization.
- D) cultural change.
- E) court.

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Application

Page reference: 18–19

45. Abortion rights advocates feared that the elevation of _____ to the U.S. Supreme Court would lead to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.

- A) Sandra Day O'Connor
- B) Harriet Miers
- C) Alberto Gonzales
- D) Samuel Alito
- E) John Paul Stevens

Answer: D

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 18–19

46. Grassroots mobilization campaigns

- A) are rarely effective.
- B) work very quickly.
- C) require time to be effective.
- D) cannot affect dramatic political change..
- E) are more expensive than other pathways of action.

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 14-15

47. Efforts to change the broader framework within which debates over abortion take place, such as the use of phrases like “reproductive freedom” and “partial-birth abortion” are examples of the successful use of the _____ pathway.

- A) elections.
- B) lobbying.
- C) grassroots mobilization.
- D) cultural change.
- E) court.

Answer: D

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 19

48. In 1857 which decision did the U.S. Supreme Court help to spread slavery to the western territories?

- A) *Plessy v. Ferguson*
- B) *Sweatt v. Painter*
- C) *Smith v. United States*
- D) *Marbury v. Madison*
- E) *Dred Scott v. Sanford*

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 20

49. Checks and balances refers to the

- A) budgeting process in the U.S. Congress.
- B) increasing size of the federal deficit.
- C) balance of powers between branches of government.
- D) power of the people to oversee the government.
- E) declining level of popular participation in public life.

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 20

50. The Constitution attempts to prevent any single branch of government from becoming too powerful through a system of

- A) federalism.
- B) checks and balances.
- C) free and fair elections.
- D) shared powers.
- E) judicial review.

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 20

51. The American Civil War was sparked when the pathways of action available in the United States failed to adequately address the issue of

- A) slavery.
- B) the authority of state governments.
- C) the scope of international trade.
- D) both A and B.
- E) both B and C.

Answer: D

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 20

52. The American political culture is characterized by
- A) relative stability.
 - B) a preference for capitalism over socialism.
 - C) the availability of a number of avenues to affect political change.
 - D) all of the above.
 - E) none of the above.

Answer: D

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 20

53. Which of the following symbols from the dollar bill reflect the political culture and symbolism of the United States?
- A) The portrait of George Washington
 - B) The Great Seal of the United States
 - C) The 13 steps on the pyramid.
 - D) The incomplete top symbolizing a "work in progress."
 - E) All of the above.

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Analysis

Page reference: 21

54. Which of the following is NOT a source of a nation's political culture
- A) future goals
 - B) religion
 - C) origins of the nation
 - D) a nation's distinct subcultures
 - E) political myths

Answer: A

Bloom's level: Analysis

Page reference: 22

55. Alexis de Tocqueville, the French scholar who traveled the United States, is the author of
- A) *Common Sense*.
 - B) *Democracy in America*.
 - C) *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*.
 - D) *The Declaration of Independence*.
 - E) *Politics and Society in the United States*.

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 22

56. Alexis de Tocqueville made his observations regarding American democracy in the

- A) seventeenth century.
- B) eighteenth century.
- C) nineteenth century.
- D) twentieth century.
- E) twenty-first century.

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 22

57. The system of fundamental values and dominant beliefs that are shared throughout society and that shape political behavior and government policies is known as the

- A) national value system.
- B) belief structure.
- C) political culture.
- D) social structure.
- E) social culture.

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 22

58. On what legal basis was the right to abortion confirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court?

- A) The principle of liberty.
- B) The right to privacy.
- C) The right of freedom of association.
- D) The right of freedom of speech.
- E) The principle of social equity.

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 18

59. Efforts to persuade the public on the importance of "reproductive rights" provide an example of the use of the _____ pathway.

- A) legislative
- B) electoral
- C) cultural change
- D) judicial
- E) lobbying

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 19

60. Which of the following is NOT an element of stability in a political system?
- A) Powerful political culture.
 - B) Frequent changes in elected leadership.
 - C) Broadly accepted political and economic framework
 - D) The existence of a variety of ways for citizens to seek and achieve policy implementation and change.
 - E) All of the above are elements of stability in a political system.

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 20-21

61. The American political culture tends to be
- A) more stable than other political cultures.
 - B) less stable than other political cultures.
 - C) more conservative than other political cultures.
 - D) more liberal than other political cultures.
 - E) more reflexive than other political cultures.

Answer: A

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 24

True-False Questions

1. Government plays an active role in nearly every aspect of our daily lives.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Analysis
Page reference: 4
2. Filing a lawsuit, under certain circumstances, can be considered a form of political participation.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 4
3. The rules of society and the priorities for government resources and action are collectively referred to as public policy.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Knowledge
Page reference: 5

4. The right to trial and the specific rights afforded criminal defendants in the United States can be found in nearly all democracies around the world.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 6-7
5. Freedom House classifies the United States as "Partly Free" due to restrictions placed on individual liberties under the Patriot Act.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Knowledge
Page reference: 6-7
6. In all important ways, democracies are essentially identical.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 6-7
7. Knowledge of how the government works and the avenues by which citizens can affect political change is important to a democratic society.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 8
8. Armed revolt is sometimes considered a legitimate pathway of action in the United States.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 8
9. Opportunities to participate, especially to vote, have greatly declined during the past 50 years.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 8-9
10. Voter turnout in the Switzerland tends to be higher than in Italy.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Knowledge
Page reference: 9

11. Organized groups are often more effective at pushing for political change than individuals are.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 10
12. The 1995 bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City is an example of the grassroots mobilization pathway.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Application
Page reference: 11
13. The lobbying pathway is rarely used by individual citizens.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 11-12
14. The lobbying pathway involves attempts to influence government by supplying information, persuasion, or political pressure.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Knowledge
Page reference: 11-12
15. The federal executive is the Congress.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Knowledge
Page reference: 11
16. The American Civil Liberties Union provided the plaintiff's lawyers in the *Brown v. Board of Education* case.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 14
17. Federal judges in the United States have a more limited scope of power than judges in other countries due to Constitutional limitations imposed on the federal judiciary.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 14

18. In its *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated the 1960 presidential election.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 14
19. The 1963 March on Washington was organized by Philip Randolph.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Knowledge
Page reference: 14
20. In the United States, judges have broader authority than in other countries to order government to take specific actions.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Knowledge
Page reference: 14
21. A. Philip Randolph was well-known for organizing black workers into unions and organizing the 1963 March on Washington.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Knowledge
Page reference: 14
22. A boycott is a coordinated action by a group of people who all agree to vote for the same candidate or group of candidates.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Knowledge
Page reference: 15
23. The cultural change pathway is the least direct pathway by which citizens may affect political change in the United States.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 15
24. The cultural change pathway is a relatively direct approach to influencing government.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 15

25. Before the twentieth century, many Americans held the belief that women should play a secondary role in society.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Knowledge
Page reference: 15
26. Diversity has always been a central aspect of American politics.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Evaluation
Page reference: 15–16
27. It is only in the last three decades that diversity has become an important aspect of American politics.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Evaluation
Page reference: 16
28. Native Americans became the nation's largest minority group in 2004.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Knowledge
Page reference: 16
29. Debates over diversity and equality in the United States have largely been resolved.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Analysis
Page reference: 16
30. Organized campaigns to limit purchases of specific goods or goods produced by a specific company are commonly referred to as boycotts.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 17
31. The Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision is an example of the grassroots mobilization pathway.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Application
Page reference: 18–19
32. Pro-life activists have focused almost exclusively on the cultural change pathway.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Application
Page reference: 19

33. Democratic governments like the United States are inherently stable.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 20
34. The American system of checks and balances undermines political stability in the United States.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 20
35. Political stability is based on three factors: a broadly accepted political and economic framework, a stable and powerful political culture, and a variety of ways for citizens to seek and affect policy changes.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Knowledge
Page reference: 20
36. For the founders, the Constitution represented a sacred and unchanging set of political principles and institutional arrangements to guide the nation.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 20
37. The 1990s were a particularly stable period in the world.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Knowledge
Page reference: 20
38. The court-centered pathway played an important role in the political transformation of the country.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Synthesis
Page reference: 14
39. Nations with a strong, clearly defined political culture are generally less stable.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 22

40. The American Dream rests on the belief that intelligence and hard work are sufficient for economic success.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 21
41. Most Americans believe that capitalism is a key component of a free society.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 21
42. Socialism refers to an economic and political system in which the government owns and controls large parts of the economy.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Knowledge
Page reference: 21
43. The stability of a political culture is generally higher in countries with a strong sense of national identity.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 22
44. Popular participation is a vital element of securing political legitimacy.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 22
45. Political culture incorporates both citizens' personal values and their shared ideas about how to be governed.
Answer: TRUE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 22
46. De Tocqueville believed that the powerful political identity of the United States facilitated diversity and freedom of discussion.
Answer: FALSE
Bloom's level: Comprehension
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Short Answer Questions

1. List at least four ways in which you have been affected by government and politics so far today.
Bloom's level: Application
Page reference: 5
2. What characteristics distinguish democracies from other forms of government?
Bloom's level: Analysis
Page reference: 6–7
3. List three reasons why citizen participation is important in a democracy.
Bloom's level: Synthesis
Page reference: 8–9
4. Should we be concerned about low voter turnout? Why or why not?
Bloom's level: Evaluation
Page reference: 9–10
5. List and explain three factors that might influence the level of voter turnout in a country.
Bloom's level: Synthesis
Page reference: 9–10
6. Are all of the pathways to action equally open to all persons who attempt to influence public policy? Can they all be open to all? Explain.
Bloom's level: Evaluation
Page reference: 10–15
7. List four pathways of action and give an example of each.
Bloom's level: Synthesis
Page reference: 10–15
8. Compare and contrast the relative effectiveness of the five pathways of action .
Bloom's level: Synthesis/Evaluation
Page reference: 10–15
9. List three factors that might encourage a group to chose one pathway of action over another.
Bloom's level: Analysis
Page reference: 10–15

10. Explain what is meant by each of the 10 steps in choosing a pathway of action. (See Figure 1.4, pp. 12-13 in your text.)
Bloom's level: Synthesis
Page reference: 10–15
11. What are the key factors in determining the effectiveness of grassroots mobilization efforts?
Bloom's level: Evaluation
Page reference: 14–15
12. List three long-term consequences of slavery and blatant racial discrimination of the Jim Crow years that continue to be felt today.
Bloom's level: Analysis
Page reference: 15–17
13. Explain how diversity has been both an asset and a weakness in American political history.
Bloom's level: Analysis
Page reference: 15–17
14. List and explain at least two pathways of action illustrated by the photo of the protestor on p. 18 in your text.
Bloom's level: Application
Page reference: 18–19
15. Provide an example of each of the five pathways of action in the context of the abortion debate in the United States.
Bloom's level: Application
Page reference: 18–19
16. List three moments of political instability in the United States and explain how a specific pathway of action helped to reassert stability.
Bloom's level: Application
Page reference: 20–21
17. List and explain three sources of stability in the American political system.
Bloom's level: Synthesis
Page reference: 20–21
18. Identify five sources of a nation's political culture.
Bloom's level: Comprehension
Page reference: 21-22

19. What distinctive features of American political culture are reflected in our currency (see the picture of the dollar bill on p. 21 in your text)?
Bloom's level: Analysis
Page reference: 20–21
20. Define capitalism and differentiate capitalism from socialism.
Bloom's level: Analysis
Page reference: 21

Essay Questions

1. Analyze the differences between countries classified as “Free,” “Partly Free” and “Not Free” (see Figure 1.1 in your text). How does the type of political system affect the different pathways of action? Which pathways would you expect to be most effective in a free country? In a not free country? Why?
Bloom's level: Evaluation
Page reference: 6–7
2. Discuss the general trends regarding voter turnout in Western democracies over the past 30 years (see Figure 1.2 in your text). What factors do you think account for these trends? Should we be concerned about these trends? Why or why not?
Bloom's level: Evaluation
Page reference: 8–10
3. Winston Churchill is famously said to have quipped that “Democracy is the worst form of government except all the others that have been tried.” What do you think he meant by this? Do you agree? Why or why not?
Bloom's level: Evaluation
Page reference: 8–10
4. In your view, what is the most effective pathway for citizens seeking to influence government? Explain your choice.
Bloom's level: Evaluation
Page reference: 10–15
5. How were the different pathways to action described in the text used by participants in the abortion controversy? Which were most effective? Why?
Bloom's level: Evaluation
Page reference: 10–15

6. By 2040, Whites are projected to make up just over half (53.7 percent) of the U.S. population, down from 69.4 percent in 2000. Discuss the ramification of this change in American demographics.
Bloom's level: Evaluation
Page reference: 15–17
7. What place do the Constitution and capitalism occupy in American political culture?
Bloom's level: Evaluation
Page reference: 20–22
8. Abraham Lincoln once said that the Constitution should be the “political religion of the nation”. What do you think he meant by this? Would the founders agree? Why or why not?
Bloom's level: Evaluation
Page reference: 20–22
9. Writing in the 1830s, Alexis de Tocqueville commented, “How does it happen that in the United States, where the inhabitants have only recently immigrated to the land which they now occupy, and brought neither customs nor traditions with them; where they met one another for the first time with no previous acquaintances; where, in short, the distinctive love of country can scarcely exist; how does it happen that everyone takes as zealous an interest in the affairs of his township, his country, and the whole state as if it were his own? It is because everyone, in his sphere, takes an active part in the government of society.” Discuss de Tocqueville's observation. Do his assessments still hold true today? Why or why not?
Bloom's level: Evaluation
Page reference: 22

1.2 – The questions in this section also appear in the student Study Guide available with the textbook.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Which of the following countries is classified as “not free” by the Freedom House rankings?
 - A) Canada
 - B) India
 - C) Mexico
 - D) Kenya
 - E) Saudi Arabia

Answer: E

Bloom’s level: Knowledge

Page reference: 6

2. According to recent research, approximately what percent of Americans follow public affairs “most of the time”?
 - A) 10 percent
 - B) 20 percent
 - C) 40 percent
 - D) 60 percent
 - E) 80 percent

Answer: B

Bloom’s level: Knowledge

Page reference: 9

3. The average American is most likely to participate in which pathway?
 - A) The elections pathway.
 - B) The court-centered pathway.
 - C) The lobbying pathway.
 - D) The cultural change pathway.
 - E) All of the above.

Answer: A

Bloom’s level: Comprehension

Page reference: 11

4. Which of the following is part of the lobbying pathway?
- A) Volunteering for a reelection campaign
 - B) Writing a letter to a member of Congress
 - C) Voting
 - D) Starting a grassroots campaign
 - E) Filing a lawsuit

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Application

Page reference: 11–12

5. Powershift '07 was
- A) Karl Rove's strategy to establish a permanent Republican majority
 - B) the largest student-organized conference on climate change ever held.
 - C) a non-governmental organization campaigning for the abolition of the death penalty.
 - D) an African-American civil rights lobbying group.
 - E) the code name for Barack Obama's presidential election strategy.

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 13-14

6. The power of the judiciary in the United States is
- A) much weaker and more narrow than in other democracies.
 - B) much stronger and broader than in other democracies.
 - C) very similar to other democracies.
 - D) strictly limited by Congressional statute.
 - E) subject to intense lobbying.

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 14

7. One of the first unions in the United States specifically mobilizing African American workers was the
- A) Steelworkers Union.
 - B) Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.
 - C) Union of Concerned Scientists.
 - D) Brotherhood of Agricultural Laborers.
 - E) American Federation of Labor.

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 14

8. A 1998 decision by the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a law prohibiting the shouting of profanity was an unconstitutional violation of freedom of speech rights because
- A) any attempt to limit free speech is necessarily unconstitutional.
 - B) the court had been taken over by liberal activist judges.
 - C) the law did not provide guidance on what constituted profanity.
 - D) the law was unevenly enforced.
 - E) the law applied only in certain public areas.

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 14

9. Which of the following campaigns have NOT generally relied on the grassroots mobilization pathway?
- A) The civil liberties campaign.
 - B) The civil rights campaign.
 - C) The women's rights campaign.
 - D) The anti-war campaign.
 - E) None of the above have relied on grassroots mobilization.

Answer: A

Bloom's level: Application

Page reference: 14

11. Which of the following lawsuits provides an example of political action?
- A) *Roe v. Wade*
 - B) *Brown v. Board of Education*
 - C) *Dred Scott v. Sanford*
 - D) All of above are examples of political action.
 - E) None of the above are examples of political action.

Answer: D

Bloom's level: Analysis

Page reference: 14, 18, 20

12. Which of the following is NOT an example of "grassroots mobilization"?
- A) A boycott of a company or organization
 - B) Circulation of a petition to be sent to government officials
 - C) A lawsuit intended to force government action
 - D) A voter registration drive
 - E) All of the above are examples of grassroots mobilization.

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 15

13. Women were granted the right to vote in the United States by
- A) Congressional legislation.
 - B) Presidential decree.
 - C) Constitutional amendment.
 - D) Individual state action.
 - E) Supreme Court decision.

Answer: C

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 15

14. The struggle for civil rights in the United States was *initiated* in the
- A) grassroots mobilization pathway.
 - B) elections pathway.
 - C) cultural change pathway.
 - D) lobbying pathway.
 - E) court-centered pathway.

Answer: A

Bloom's level: Analysis

Page reference: 14-15

15. Which of the following methods has been used to promote diversity?
- A) The 1964 Civil Rights Act.
 - B) The 1965 Voting Rights Act.
 - C) Court-ordered busing.
 - D) Affirmative action programs.
 - E) All of the above.

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 16

16. Which justice did Samuel Alito replace on the U.S. Supreme Court in 2006?
- A) Sandra Day O'Connor
 - B) William Rehnquist
 - C) William Douglas
 - D) Robert Jackson
 - E) John Paul Stevens

Answer: A

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 18-19

17. In the eyes of its authors, the Constitution was
- A) a collection of compromises and ambiguities subject to revision and interpretation.
 - B) a blueprint for the perfect society.
 - C) an immutable and unchangeable system for political authority.
 - D) a document to be revered by future generations.
 - E) all of the above.

Answer: A

Bloom's level: Analysis

Page reference: 20

18. _____ is the economic system based on free enterprise in which individuals compete with each other for jobs, operate privately-owned businesses that may succeed or fail, and focus their efforts on accumulating wealth for themselves and their families.
- A) Capitalism
 - B) Socialism
 - C) Feudalism
 - D) Communism
 - E) Anarchism

Answer: A

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 21

19. Student activists Nick Anderson and Ana Slavin used MySpace and Facebook to raise more than \$300,000 and draw significant public attention to the crisis in
- A) Burma.
 - B) Chiapas.
 - C) Venezuela.
 - D) Zimbabwe.
 - E) Darfur.

Answer: E

Bloom's level: Knowledge

Page reference: 23

20. The U.S. Constitution is important because it
- A) was the first written Constitution in the world.
 - B) provides the blueprint for government in the United States.
 - C) guarantees political and economic equality in the United States.
 - D) both A and B.
 - E) both B and C.

Answer: B

Bloom's level: Comprehension

Page reference: 20