

AP US Government - Final Exam Vocab List

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3/5ths clause	bureaucracy / bureaucrat
activist court	burden
ad hominem	cabal
"advice & consent"	Cabinet
affirmative action	campaign finance reform
agenda	capital
Alexis de Tocqueville	capitol
allocation of resources	caucus
"Ameicans"	caveat emptor
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)	census
American Exceptionalism	ensor / censorship
amicus curiae	check & balances
Annapolis Convention	civil law
antebellum	civil liberties
anti-federalist	civil rights
ant- trust	Civil Rights Acts
appeal / appellate court	classical liberalism
arbitrary rule	clear & present danger doctrine
Areopagitica (Milton)	client politics
Article 1, Section 8	cloture
Articles of Confederation	cognitive dissonance
at large	Commander in Chief
atrophy	Commerce clause
barriers to entry	common law
base, the	Conference Committee
battleground states	Connecticut Compromise
big tent	conscription
bill of attainder	consensus
Bill of Rights	consent of the governed
Black Box	consideration (contract law)
bipartisan	constituency / constituent

constitutional / unconstitutional	diversity
consumerism	double Jeopardy
contempt of court	due process
context / contextual	efficacy (internal v external efficacy)
Continental Congress	egalitarianism
contract / contract law	Electoral College
cooperative federalism	electoral mandate
co-option	elites / elitism
copyright	eminent domain
creative destruction	Enlightenment
cruel and unusual punishment	entrepreneurial politics
de facto	enumerated powers
de jure	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Declaration of Independence	equal protection clause
delegated powers	equality of opportunity
deliberative body	equality of outcomes
demagogue / demagoguery	equity
democratic	establishment clause
democracy / democratic	euphemism
Democratic Party (big "D")	ex post facto (laws)
demographics	exclusionary rule
determinism	executive order
deviance	exit polls
diffusion	expressed powers
direct democracy	faction (s)
direct tax	federal
discrimination	Federal
disenfranchised	federal apparatus
dissent	federalism
District Attorney (D.A.)	Federalist Papers
District Court	filibuster
divided government v. unified government	foreign entanglements
divine right / divine rule	foreign policy

Founders ("Founding Fathers, "Framers")

franchise, the (n)

friend of the court

Gallup

gerrymandering

grants

habeas corpus

hard money

harm

hegemony

hereditary rule

home rule

horse race

humanism

idealism

ideology (-ies)

"if you want less of something, tax it"

"if you want more of something, subsidize it;

"initiative, referendum and recall"

impeachment

implied powers

incorporation (14th amendment)

incumbency

individualism

inequity

informal power

inherent power

interdependent

interests

interest groups

iron triangle

isolationism / isolationist

James Carville

Jim Crow laws

judicial activism

judicial restraint

judicial review

jurisdiction

Karl Rove

Keynesianism

kitchen cabinet

landslide

labor union

laws of unintended consequences

legal precedent

legal remedy

Lemon Test

letter of the law

liberal

Libertarian

liberty

license

limited government

lobbying/ lobbyist

Machiavelli

majority age

Majority Leader

"majority rule, minority rights"

marginal

Marshall Court

Maslow's hierarchy of needs

mass media

McCarthy Era / McCarthyism

media

Medicaid / Medicare

merit / merit system

midterm elections
Miranda Rights
mitigate
moral hazard
National Governors Association
nationalize / nationalization
natural law
natural monopoly
Necessary and Proper clause
New Deal
niche
Nielsen ratings
"The 99%"
"No Hypocrites!"
non-partisan
non-profit
norms
Obamacare
orderly transfer of power
original intent
pardon
party machine
"passions attached to opinions"
patronage
payroll taxes
perverse incentives
petition
planned economy
platform / plank
plea bargain
pluralism / pluralistic
police power
political appointee

political base
political culture
political economy
politicize
poll tax
polling
polyarchy
positive law
POW/MIA
Preamble, the
precedent
President pro tempore
pressure groups
price theory
prior restraint
privacy / privacy rights
privileges & immunities
procedural due process
procedural rights
progressive
Progressive Era
property rights
prosecutor / prosecution
public-private
public safety
push poll
quorum
reactionary
racial discrimination
recidivism
regulatory agency
release valves
remedy

republican principle
representative democracy
rights
rule of law
Rule of Reason
safety net
scrutiny
search and seizure
secession
self-actualization
self-rule
Senatorial Courtesy
separate but equal
separation of church and state
separation of powers
session of Congress
simple majority
single-member district
socialism
soft money
Solicitor General
sovereignty
standards / standardize
standing (courts)
stare decisis
state
state ownership
statute of limitations
statutory law
strict scrutiny
structure
subsidies / subsidize
substantive due process

suffrage
super majority
Supremacy clause
swing states
symbolic speech
takings clause
term limits
think tanks
Third Estate
third party
tyranny of the majority
unanimous
underprivileged
unintended consequences (moral hazard)
unwritten constitution
veto
virtual representation
wedge issue
"winner take all"
writ of certiorari
xenophobic
zoning