



## U.S. Government

Unit IV Study Guide: The Political Process and Policy

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Section:

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Directions: Answer the following questions to help prepare you for the upcoming test on the concepts from Unit IV – The Political Process and Policy

### Section 1: Influencing the Political Process

1. What are the benefits of Citizenship? (List and explain 3 of them)
2. Explain the Rights and Responsibilities of being a citizen of the United States (3 each)
3. Explain the three ways citizens can have direct change in the government at the state and local level.
4. Know the 5 paths to citizenship in the United States
5. Be able to explain at least 3 of the major differences between democrats and republicans.
6. Who are lobbyist and how do they impact the political process?
7. What are interest groups and how do they influence the political process?

### Section 2: Lower Levels of Government

8. Similarities and Difference between Federal government and State Government (3 sims 3 diffs)

Similarities

1.

2.

3.

Differences

1.

2.

3.

9. What is a Governor's role?
  
10. Explain 3 different ways municipalities/cities have citizens pay for services.
  
11. Explain the different types of services provided by counties.
  
12. Be able to explain the difference between a mayoral and city council system.
  
13. Explain what are counties/boroughs/Parishes

**Section 3: Policy**

14. . Explain current domestic and economic policy arguments
  - a. Immigration
  
  - b. Energy and the environment
  
  - c. Fiscal & monetary policy
  
  - d. Tax policy
  
  - e. Moral issues
  
15. What are some of the challenges of world politics and foreign policy?
  
16. Who makes foreign policy?
  
17. What is the difference between realism and idealism in terms of policy?
  
18. Explain the methods used by the United States to influence world politics
  - a. Disinvestment
  
  - b. Sanctions
  
  - c. Tariffs

- d. War
- e. Embargos
- f. Foreign aid
- g. Treaties and Congressional Agreements

19. What is the role of the Department of Defense in Military Oversight and controls of the use of military force?