

Unit 4 Study Guide – Political Ideologies and Beliefs

Directions

This is your study resource to use as we progress through our unit. It lists objectives, concepts, terms, and an outline of items that may appear on the unit exam. The essential guiding questions will help you tie together the important information from the chapter.

As you familiarize yourself with these terms, it is important to not only DEFINE or IDENTIFY the term, but also to know the term's importance. Ask yourself: Why is it important? How does it relate to the material we are studying? What relationship does a term have to another term on the list? IF YOU MERELY IDENTIFY OR DEFINE THE TERM WITHOUT KNOWING ITS IMPORTANCE YOU WILL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SUCCEED ON TESTS AND QUIZZES.

Reading Assignments

Government in America: chapter 6, pages 180-213

By the end of Unit 4, students will be able to...

- **Explain** the relationship between core beliefs of U.S. citizens and attitudes about the role of government
- **Explain** how cultural factors influence political attitudes and socialization
- **Describe** the elements of a scientific poll
- **Explain** the quality and credibility of claims based on public opinion data
- **Explain** how ideologies of the two major parties shape policy debates
- **Explain** how U.S. political culture influences the formation, goals, and implementation of public policy over time
- **Describe** different political ideologies on the role of government in regulating the marketplace
- **Explain** how political ideologies vary on the government's role in regulating the marketplace
- **Explain** how political ideologies vary on the role of the government addressing social issues
- **Explain** how different ideologies impact policy on social issues

Ideologies and Beliefs – Chapter 6 (Public Opinion and Political Action)

Essential Guiding Questions

1. Identify demographic trends and their likely impact on American politics
2. Outline how various forms of socialization shape political opinions
3. Explain how polls are conducted and what can be learned from them about American public opinion
4. Assess the influence of political ideology on Americans' political thinking and behavior
5. Classify forms of political participation into two broad types
6. Analyze how public opinion about the scope of government guides political behavior

Key Vocabulary

Public Opinion	Demography	Census
Melting Pot	Minority/Majority	Political Culture
Reapportionment	Political Socialization	Sample
Random Sampling	Sampling error	Random Digit dialing
Exit Poll	Political Ideology	Gender Gap
Political Participation	Protest	Civil disobedience
<i>Planned Parenthood v Casey (1992)</i>	<i>Zelman v Simmons-Harris (2002)</i>	<i>Obergefell v Hodges (2015)</i>

Unit Review and Enduring Understandings

- Citizens beliefs about government are shaped by the intersection of demographics, political culture and dynamic social change.
- Public opinion is measured through scientific polling and the results of public opinion polls influence public policies and institutions.
- Widely held political ideologies shape policy debates and choices in American politics.