

POLSC101 Final Exam Study Guide

Congress (Chp.11)

Article I

- Enumerated powers
- Roles/Powers of the

House/Senate

- Terms
- Ex post facto laws
- Bills of attainder
- Suspending writ of habeas corpus

Committees: Purpose and Types

- standing
- joint
- conference
- select

markups, riders, pork, amendments

filibuster and cloture

veto

leadership positions

how a bill becomes a law

bicameral

reapportionment/redistricting

gerrymandering

Presidency (Chp.12)

Article II

electoral college

formal powers

cabinet

informal presidential power

power of the VP

Bureaucracy (Chp. 13)

Roles of the bureaucracy

Criticisms/Reforms

Judiciary (Chp. 14 and 15)

Article III

Original v. appellate jurisdiction

judicial review (Marbury v. Madison)

judicial restraint

rule of four

ripeness

incorporation

majority, concurring, dissenting opinions

writ of mandamus

stare decisis

writ of certiorari

civil rights v. civil liberties

amicus curiae briefs

Bill of Rights

Prohibitions on Congress

Property Rights=19th Century

Incorporation (selective v. total)

=Barron v. Baltimore

Ordinary v. Intermediate v. Strict

Scrutiny

Free Speech

Free Press

Establishment Clause/Lemon Test

Foreign Policy (Chp.19)

Marshall Plan

NAFTA

Agencies such as NATO, CIA, NSC,

Dept.of State

Final Exam Essay Question

Do you think the United States is a democracy? Why or why not?

Your answer should include (but is not limited to) the following:

- *Principles of democracy and how they conflict with each other and with the reality of the American political system
- *Distinctions between democracy and a republic
- *How different elements of our political system both promote and hinder democracy in reference to the three principles.
- *You must relate the issue of democracy to the following elements:
 - the Constitution
 - ONE Linkage Institution (interest groups or political parties)
 - the three branches of government