AP Comparative Government

Unit 1 Test Study Guide

Advanced democracies

Authoritarian regime

Bicameral, unicameral legislatures

Bureaucratic authoritarian regimes

Bureaucracy

Causation

Checks and balances

Civil liberties

Civil society

Coinciding/crosscutting cleavages

Command economies

Common law/code law

Communism

Competitive elections

Confederal system

Conflictual political culture

Consensual political culture

Conservativism

Corporatism

Correlation

Democratization

Economic liberalization

Electoral systems

Elites

Empirical data

Fascism

Federal system

First-past-the-post

Fragmentation

Freedom House ratings

Gini Index

GDP

GNP

Global trends in domestic politics

Illiberal democracies

Independent variable/dependent variable

Informal politics

Institutions

Legitimacy (traditional, charismatic, rational-legal)

Liberal democracies

Liberalism as a political ideology (in US & internationally)

Liberalism as an approach to economic and political change

Linkage institution

Market economies

Marketization

Mixed economies

Multi-member districts, single-member districts

Multi-party system

Nationalism

Normative questions

Parliamentary system

Patronage

Plebiscite

Pluralism

Political efficacy

Political socialization

Presidential system

Privatization

Proportional representation

Purchase power parity (PPP)

Reactionary beliefs

Regime

Semi-presidential system

Social capital

Social cleavages

Socialism

Societal corporatism (neo-corporatism)

Sovereignty

State

Substantive democracy

Three-world approach

Totalitarianism

Two-party system

Unitary system