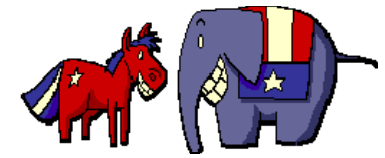


## AMERICAN GOVERNMENT (Fall 2008) -- Exam #2 Study Guide



Your exam will be on **MONDAY, November 3**. The exam will be drawn from all lectures and reading since the last exam (*Logic*, Chapter 8-11). The exam will consist of various objective questions (i.e., multiple choice, fill in the blank, short answer, true-false, etc.) as well as an essay. The following list of terms offers significant guidance in studying for this exam. Keep in mind that this is a *guide*, not an exhaustive list, although I have tried to be thorough. For each you should understand both what the term/concept is and why it is significant.

Spoils System	Pendleton Act (1883)	Hatch Act (1939)
Independent Agency	Independent Regulatory Commission	Government Corporation
Administrative Discretion	Bureaucratic Culture	Bureaucratic Capture
Iron Triangle/Issue networks	Common Law	<i>Stare Decisis</i>
<i>Marbury v. Madison</i> (1803)	Judicial Review	<i>Plessey v Ferguson</i> (1896)
<i>McCulloch v. Maryland</i> (1819)	Original v. Appellate Jurisdiction	<i>Brown v. Board of Education</i> (1954)
<i>Griswold v. Connecticut</i> (1965)	Concurring and Dissenting Opinions	Writ of <i>Certiorari</i>
<i>Roe v. Wade</i> (1973)	Judicial Restraint and Judicial Activism	Rule of Four
<i>Lochner v. New York</i> (1905)	FDR's 'Court-Packing' Plan	<i>Amicus Curiae</i>
Robert Bork	Structure of the Federal Judiciary	Solicitor General
Political Culture (Definition)	Political Socialization	Traits of American Political Culture
Liberalism	Conservatism	Random Sample/Scientific Polling
Advocacy/ 'Push' Polling	(Demographic) Factors Influencing Public Opinion	Straw Polls
Issue Framing	Forms of Non-Voting Participation	Reasons for Low Voter Turnout
Primaries and Caucuses	Historical Expansion of the Franchise (Suffrage)	Motor Voter Law
Referendum	Initiative	Recall
Political Action Committees (PAC)	(Demographic) Factors Influencing Who Voters	Electoral College
Federal Election Campaign Act (1971)	McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform	Hard Money v. Soft Money
527 Organizations	Retrospective (Issue) Voting	'Money Primary'
Gerrymandering	Effects of Campaign Finance Limits	<i>Buckley v. Valeo</i> (1976)
Prospective (Issue) Voting	Battleground States (Definition and Examples)	Single-Issue Voters

**ESSAY:** You will be required to answer ONE essay question on the exam. You will have limited choice among questions. The questions will be both objective and analytical in focus (i.e., to explain a particular topic and to offer a reasoned opinion on that topic). An example of a likely essay question would be:

**SAMPLE QUESTION:** Americans have a love-hate relationship with the governmental bureaucracy. Why is this and why is it so difficult to reduce the size of bureaucracy in America? Make sure to cite specific examples in your explanation.