

7) Many people believe in American \_\_\_\_, the view that the United States is uniquely characterized by a distinct set of ideas such as equality, self-rule, and limited government.

- a. individualism
- b. ingenuity
- \*c. exceptionalism
- d. innovation

5) The Declaration of Independence explained the role of government—securing each individual's three rights; \_\_\_\_ was not one of those rights.

- a. life
- b. liberty
- c. pursuit of happiness
- \*d. equality

8) The text identifies seven big ideas that are the foundation of American politics: \_\_\_\_.

- a. liberty, self-rule, freedom of speech, limited government, the American dream, equality, and faith in God
- b. liberty, self-rule, independence, limited government, the American dream, equality, and faith in God
- c. liberty, self-rule, equal opportunity, limited government, the American dream, equality, and faith in God
- \*d. liberty, self-rule, individualism, limited government, the American dream, equality, and faith in Go

11) The definition of freedom means that the government will protect your life, your liberty, and your \_\_\_\_ from the coercion of others (including public officials) so you can pursue the goals you define for yourself.

- a. religious beliefs
- \*b. property
- c. right to bear arms
- d. pursuit of happiness

12) Negative liberty is defined as freedom \_\_\_\_.

- a. granted with limited restrictions
- \*b. absent constraints
- c. to pursue one's goals
- d. from overbearing taxation

15) An example of positive liberty is the right to \_\_\_\_.

- a. have shelter
- b. be fed
- c. receive an education
- \*d. all of the above

18) \_\_\_\_ are strong proponents of negative liberty and oppose most forms of government action.

- \*a. Libertarians
- b. Socialists
- c. Conservatives
- d. Democrats

23) \_\_\_\_ is defined as the idea that legitimate government flows from the people.

- a. Democracy
- b. Individualism
- \*c. Self-rule
- d. Socialism

27) \_\_\_\_ permit the public in every state to circulate a petition that proposes a new law or amendment to its Constitution.

- \*a. Initiatives
- b. Referendums
- c. Write-in ballots
- d. Sunshine laws

30) According to James Madison, America's fourth president, the problem with direct democracy is the \_\_\_\_ pushes its self-interest without paying attention to the rights of the \_\_\_\_\_. Direct democracy, he concluded, offers no barrier to lynch mobs crying for blood.

- a. wealthy; poor
- \*b. majority; minority
- c. educated poor
- d. elite; downtrodden

33) A \_\_\_\_ is defined as a government in which citizens rule indirectly and make government decisions through their elected representatives.

- a. democracy
- b. monarchy
- \*c. republic
- d. theocracy

39) Americans \_\_\_\_ centralized leadership and have consistently sought to \_\_\_\_ its power.

- a. trust; increase
- b. distrust; increase
- c. trust; limit
- \*d. distrust; limit

40) \_\_\_\_ are defined as Americans who believe in reduced government spending, personal responsibility, traditional moral values, and a strong national defense.

- a. Liberals
- \*b. Conservatives
- c. Progressives
- d. Deficit hawks

41) \_\_\_\_ are defined as Americans who value cultural diversity, government programs for the needy, public intervention in the economy, and individuals' right to a lifestyle based on their own social and moral positions.

- a. Fiscal conservatives
- b. Libertarians
- \*c. Liberals
- d. Moderates

42) \_\_\_\_ believe government should protect public safety, private property, and national borders—and do little else: no giant army or navy; no public schools; no regulating banks; no telling people which drugs they can't use; no helping people who are hungry, homeless, or need health care; and no laws against discrimination.

- a. Neoconservatives
- b. Progressives
- c. Liberals
- \*d. Libertarians

43) The \_\_\_\_ limits what Congress may do—and Americans vigorously debate exactly where exactly those boundaries lie.

- a. Bill of Rights
- b. Declaration of Independence
- \*c. Constitution
- d. Senate Majority Leader

45) Individualism is the idea that individuals, \_\_\_\_, are responsible for their own well-being.

- a. with some assistance from the government
- b. with some assistance from the greater society
- c. with some assistance from the local community
- \*d. without assistance from society, the local community, or the government

58) The Great Recession began in the \_\_\_\_.

- a. fall of 1929
- b. fall of 1978
- \*c. fall of 2008
- d. spring of 2010

61) \_\_\_\_ is defined as a belief that anyone who works hard can get ahead and grow wealthy.

- a. Social democracy
- b. American democracy
- \*c. The American dream
- d. Individualism

62) Equality means that \_\_\_\_.

- a. every citizen, man or woman, enjoys the same privileges, status, and rights before the laws
- \*b. every citizen enjoys the same privileges, status, and rights before the laws
- c. every male citizen enjoys the same privileges, status, and rights before the laws
- d. every naturalized citizen, man or woman, enjoys the same privileges, status, and rights before the laws

67) \_\_\_\_ is the idea that every American has a similar chance in life.

- a. The American dream
- b. Democracy
- \*c. Equal opportunity
- d. Equal outcome

73) Americans maintain high (and, by some measures, rising) levels of religiosity. Some \_\_\_ percent of Americans say they believe in God, almost 56 percent belong to a church, and nearly 47 percent attend church regularly.

- \*a. 86
- b. 76
- c. 67
- d. 90

81) The \_\_\_ Amendment declares, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

- \*a. First
- b. Third
- c. Fourth
- d. Second

87) American political culture is shaped by \_\_\_\_.

- a. a fear of too much government
- b. an abiding faith in individualism
- c. the American dream
- \*d. all of the above

89) Our national government has so many checks and balances because \_\_\_\_.

- \*a. Americans fear too much government
- b. Congress fears its power will be usurped
- c. it's the democratic way
- d. Americans have an abiding faith in individualism