

Crash Course Questions

Video one - Introduction

1. Define government
2. Define politics
3. Why is it important to study government?
4. What's the easiest way to get involved?
5. What are some other ways to get involved?

Video 2 - Bicameral Congress

1. What is article 1 of the constitution?
2. What does bicameral legislature mean?
3. What are the requirements to serve in the house?
4. What are the requirements to serve in the senate?
5. Who ratifies treaties?
6. Who does confirmations for federal government?
7. Who has "the power of the purse"? What does that mean?
8. What are the Virginia and New Jersey plans? What is the connecticut compromise?
9. What does Federalist 51 state?
10. How long is a term for the Senate?
11. How long is a term for Congress?

Video 3- Separation of Powers and Checks and Balances

1. What are the three branches of government?
2. What is the executive branch in charge of?
3. What is the job of the Judiciary?
4. Who impeaches the President? Who puts the president on trial? How much of a vote does it take?
5. How can Congress veto a law?
6. How can the president veto a law?
7. What is the VPOTUS in charge of in the Senate?
8. Who issues warrants?

Video 4- Federalism

1. Define federalism.
2. What is handled by both state and federal government?
3. What is dual /layered cake federalism?
4. What is cooperative/marble cake federalism?
5. Who regulates patents?
6. Who regulates commerce?
7. What are categorical grants?

8. What happens under a formula grant?
9. What happens under a project grant?
10. What happens under a block grant?
11. What are mandates?
12. What is new federalism?
13. What is devolution?

Video 5- Constitutional Compromises

1. What were the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?
2. What did the Northwest Ordinance do?
3. What was the Three/Fifths compromise?
4. How were the arguments against the Constitutions solved?
5. What did Federalists want?
6. What were Anti-Federalists afraid of?
7. What was the biggest compromise?

Video 6- Congressional Elections

1. What is the most important part of politics?
2. What branch is supposed to be the most involved with the people?
3. What are constituents?
4. What does the constitution state about congressional elections?
5. What are the number of districts determined by?
6. What is important to being a candidate?
7. How does a candidate raise money?
8. What is an incumbent?
9. What is the incumbency advantage?
10. What is casework?
11. What are earmarks? What are pork barrel programs?
12. What is the franking privilege?
13. What are the three activities that incumbents do?

Video 7- Congressional Committees

1. What are standing committees?
2. What are special or select committees?
3. What are joint committees?
4. What are conference committees?
5. Why does Congress have committees?
6. What is proposal power?
7. Who refers bills to specific committees?
8. What is gatekeeping authority?
9. What do committee chairs do?
10. What is a mark-up?
11. How do committees kill bills?

12. How do committees practice oversight?
13. Who usually becomes a committee chair?
14. What is congressional staff?
15. What is a staff agency?
16. What does the Congressional Research Service provide?
17. What is the Government Accountability Office?
18. What is the Congressional Budget Office?
19. What does "scoring the bill" mean?
20. What are congressional caucuses?

Video 8- Congressional Leadership

1. Who is the leader of the House?
2. What do the whips do?
3. What does the House majority leader do?
4. What does the minority leader do?
5. Who is the leader of the Senate?
6. What does the Minority Leader do?
7. What does the Vice President of the U.S do?
8. What does the President Pro-Temp do? Who are they chosen by?
9. How do the leaders exercise power?
10. Who shapes the agenda?
11. What does the House Rules Committee do?

Video 9- How a Bill Becomes a Law

1. What does the formal process begin with?
2. What is markup?
3. What are open and closed rules?
4. Where do the bills go in the House first?
5. What is a conference committee?
6. What is a compromise bill?
7. What is a pocket veto?
8. What's the way a bill can be a law without the president?
9. What's an override?
10. What is the Taft-Hartley Act?
11. What are veto gates?

Video 10- Congressional Decisions

1. What is casework?
2. How do representatives know what their constituents want?
3. What are interest groups?
4. What do interest groups provide?
5. How do political parties affect lawmakers?
6. What is logrolling?

Video 11- Presidential Powers

1. What are the qualifications to be President?
2. How is the president elected?
3. Where are formal powers of the President found?
4. What are the expressed powers?
5. What is the State of the Union?

Video 12- Presidential Powers 2

1. Who can declare war?
2. What is the War Powers Resolution?
3. What are the differences between a treaty and an executive agreement?
4. What are inherent powers?
5. What is the legislative initiative?
6. What are executive orders?
7. What is the executive privilege?

Video 13- Congressional Delegation

1. What is a delegate?
2. What is a trustee?
3. What is congressional delegation?
4. What is congressionally delegated power contingent on?
5. What does Congressional Delegation represent?

Video 14- How Presidents Govern?

1. What is the White House Staff?
2. What is the Executive Office of the PRESIDENT?
3. WHO ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT BIG 3?
4. What is the Secretary of State?
5. What is the Secretary of Treasury?
6. What are government corporations?
7. What are independant agencies?
8. What are regulatory commissions?
9. What are the president's main strategies?
10. What is the bully pulpit?
11. What is regulatory review?
12. What is a signing statement?

Video 15- Bureaucracy Basics

1. What is a bureaucracy?
2. What do bureaucrats do?
3. What is regulation?
4. What is administrative adjudication?

5. Why do we have so many bureaucracies?

Video 16- Types of Bureaucracies

1. What is an executive department?
2. What is a sub-agency?
3. How do agencies maintain union?
4. How do bureaucracies maintain economic activity?
5. What do bureaucracies do?

Video 17- Controlling Bureaucracies

1. What are bureaucracies funded by?
2. How can Congress limit bureaucracies?
3. What are before-the-fact controls?
4. What are after-the-fact controls?
5. What is a procedural controls?
6. What does the General Accounting Office do?
7. What is the best way to control bureaucracies?
8. What is termination?
9. What is deregulation?
10. What is devolution?
11. What is privatization?
12. What are political constituencies?

Video 18- Legal System Basics

1. Where does most legal action occur?
2. What is judicial review?
3. What are statues?
4. What is common law?
5. What are the two types of courts?
6. What do trial courts do?
7. What are bench trials?
8. What is an appeals court?
9. What is an appellate jurisdiction?
10. What are the three types of law?
11. What is the prosecution? The defendant?
12. What is the plaintiff?
13. What is a statutory law?

Video 19- Structure of the Courts System

1. What are circuit courts?
2. What are the four scenarios where courts have original jurisdiction?
3. When does the Supreme Court have original jurisdiction?
4. What are the rules to give decisions?

5. What does moot and ripe mean?
6. What is the political question doctrine?

Video 20- Supreme Court Procedures

1. What is the writ of certiorari?
2. What is granting certiorari?
3. What is the rule of four?
4. What are briefs?
5. What are amicus curia briefs?
6. What is a remand?
7. What does the chief justice do?
8. What is the holding?
9. What is a concurring opinion?
10. What is a dissent?
11. How many judges does it take to render an opinion?

Video 21- Judicial review

1. What is judicial review?
2. What do federal courts review?
3. What is the supremacy clause?
4. What was Marbury v. Madison famous for?
5. What is stare decisis?
6. How are appellate decisions like common law?

Video 22- Judicial Decisions

1. What are justices influenced by?
2. How is history a factor for influence to the justices?
3. What is judicial activism?
4. What is judicial restraint?
5. What is a problem of judicial restraint?
6. How do judicial philosophy and political ideology differ?

Video 23- Civil Rights & Liberties

1. What is the distinction between civil rights and civil liberties?
2. What are substantive liberties?
3. What are procedural liberties?
4. What does the 9th amendment state?
5. Why is Barron v. Baltimore important?
6. Why is the 14th amendment important?
7. What is selective incorporation?
8. What was Gitlow v. New York?
9. What was Mapp v. Ohio?
10. What was Benton v. Maryland?

Video 24- Freedom of Religion

1. What is jurisprudence?
2. What does the first amendment deal with?
3. What is the establishment clause?
4. What is the free exercise clause?
5. What was the case of Lemon v. Kurtzman?
6. What was Engel v. Vitale?

Video 25- Freedom of Speech

1. What type of speech gets the strongest protection?
2. What was Brandenburg v. Ohio?
3. What was United States v. Schenck?
4. Is symbolic speech protected?
5. Is hate speech protected?
6. Is commercial speech protected?
7. What is Chaplinsky v. New Hampshire?
8. What is Pickering v. Board of Education?

Video 26- Freedom of the Press

1. What does the First Amendment state for the press?
2. What is prior restraint?
3. What was Near v. Minnesota?
4. Why isn't the government allowed to censor the press?
5. What is legislative restraint?
6. What is libel?
7. What do libel suits do?
8. What is a chilling effect?
9. What was New York Times v. Sullivan?
10. What was the New York Times v. The United States?

Video 27- Search and Seizure

1. What is criminal procedure?
2. What is substantive right?
3. Where are criminal procedures found?
4. What is a search warrant?
5. What is probable cause?
6. What was Mapp v. Ohio?
7. What is an exclusionary rule?
8. What is a reasonableness standard?

Video 28- Due Process of Law

1. What is due process?

2. What do amendments 5 and 6 state?
3. What does the 14th amendment state?
4. What is substantive due process?
5. What is procedural due process?
6. What does the double jeopardy clause?
7. What does plead the fifth mean?
8. What does the "just compensation law" mean?
9. What is eminent domain?

Video 29- Equal Protection

1. What does the equal protection clause state?
2. What was the case Brown v. Board of Education?
3. What was the "separate, but equal" doctrine?
4. What is a protected class?
5. What is strict scrutiny?
6. What is the five-step process of strict scrutiny?
7. What was Korematsu v. the U.S?
8. What is the rational basis review?
9. What is the intermediate scrutiny?
10. What are civil liberties defined by?

Video 30- Sex Discrimination

1. What is intermediate scrutiny?
2. What was the civil rights act of 1964?
3. What does title 7 of the civil rights act state?
4. What do you do if you were discriminated against in workforce?
5. What is disparate impact discrimination?
6. Who has the burden of proof?
7. What is quid pro quo harassment?
8. What is hostile work environment?
9. What was Burlington v. Ellerth?

Video 31- Discrimination

1. What makes you a U.S citizen?
2. What was the Chinese Exclusion Act?
3. What was Wong Kim Ark v. the U.S?
4. What did California's proposition 187 wish to do?
5. What was the 1986 immigration restriction and control act?
6. What are discrete and insular minorities?
7. What was the Americans with Disabilities Act?
8. What was Romer v. Evans?
9. What was Lawrence v. Texas?
10. What was Obergefell v. Hodges?

Video 32- Affirmative Action

1. What is affirmative action?
2. What is the key access of affirmative action?
3. What was the Regents of the UC v. Bakke case?
4. What was Adarand Constructors Inc v. Pena?
5. Why do courts strike down affirmative action provisions?
6. What was Gratz v. Bollinger?
7. What was proposition 209 in California?

Video 33- Public Opinion

1. What are the questions to ask when talking about politics?
2. What does public opinion mean?
3. What was democracy mean?
4. What do Americans have direct influence on?
5. What is rational ignorance?
6. What is condorcet's jury theorem?
7. What was the Dodd-Frank bill?
8. What's the mandate to govern?

Video 34- Shaping public opinion

1. What are the three main influences on our political opinion?
2. How does government inactivity affect public opinion?
3. What is the "bully pulpit"?
4. What are video news releases?
5. How do private groups affect public opinion?
6. How does media shape public opinion?
7. What is priming?

Video 35- Political Ideology

1. What is political socialization?
2. How do people identify with a political ideology?
3. What are the four things that shape political ideology?
4. What do conservatives usually believe?
5. What do liberals usually believe?
6. What is the most important source for our own political outlook?
7. How does economic self interest show what our political ideology is?
8. Who is usually conservative?
9. Who is usually liberal?
10. How does education shape political views?

Video 36- Election Basics

1. What is complexity?

2. What are representatives?
3. What is adverse selection?
4. What does the Constitution say about elections?
5. Who usually makes the rules for the elections?
6. What is the electoral college?
7. What was the Voting Rights Act of 1965?
8. What is the Federal Election Commission?
9. What is gerrymandering?
10. Who expands voting and who restricts voting?
11. What is the plurality rule?
12. What is the majority rule?
13. What is winner-take-all?
14. What is duverger's law?

Video 37- Gerrymandering

1. What is gerrymandering?
2. What do conservatives think of gerrymandering?
3. What is congressional apportionment?
4. What is the census?
5. What is the electoral college?
6. What are single-member districts?
7. What was Baker v. Carr?
8. What are majority-minority districts?

Video 38- how voters decide

1. What are three main factors as to what changes people's vote?
2. What is party loyalty?
3. Why do people vote with their party?
4. What is increasing polarization?
5. What do voters characterize by?
6. What is retrospective voting?
7. What is prospective voting?
8. What are spatial issues?
9. What are valence issues?

Video 39- Political Campaigns

1. What do the DNC and RNC do?
2. What do the party committees in Congress do?
3. What do campaigns do?
4. What are stump speeches?
5. Why are campaigns expensive?
6. What are campaign contributions?
7. What is the campaign finance act?

8. What is a PAC?
9. What is a 527 group?
10. What was buckley v valeo?
11. What was the Citizen United v. FEC?

Video 40- Political Parties

1. What is a political party?
2. What are goals of political parties?
3. What is party affiliation and why is it important?
4. What is a nomination?
5. How can candidates be nominated?
6. What are primary elections?
7. What are closed primaries?
8. What is an open primary?
9. What are delegates?
10. What is front-loading?
11. What is political polarization?
12. What do parties do?
13. What is a voter registration drive?

Video 41- Party Systems

1. What are party eras?
2. What are party systems?
3. What are factions?
4. What is a caucus?
5. What did the democrats do to get immigrant votes throughout history?
6. What does the Populist party show about third parties?
7. What is a platform?
8. What is party realignment?
9. What is party dealignment?
10. What is the New Deal coalition?

Video 42- Interest Groups

1. What is an interest group?
2. What do interest groups do when interacting with government?
3. What is an iron triangle?
4. What is lobbying?
5. What is the difference between an interest group and a political party?
6. What is the difference between an interest group and PACs?
7. What is pluralism?
8. Why do people complain so much about interest groups?

Video 43- Interest Group Formation

1. What is pluralist theory?
2. What are collective action problems?
3. What is the free-rider problem?
4. Why are smaller groups more successful?
5. What are selective benefits?
6. What are informational benefits?
7. What is solidary?
8. What are political entrepreneurs?
9. What was the Wagner act?
10. What are insider strategies of lobbying?
11. What are outsider strategies of lobbying?
12. What is grassroots lobbying?

Video 44- Media Institution

1. What is the oldest form of media?
2. What is the main source of information?
3. What is broadcast media?
4. What is media most biased about?
5. What are the three main factors that influence the media?
6. Who is more likely to watch the news?

Video 45- Media Regulation

1. What was Near v. Minnesota?
2. What was New York Times v. Sullivan?
3. What is libel?
4. How do you win a libel lawsuit?
5. What is licensing?
6. What is the Federal Communications Communications?
7. What was the Fairness Doctrine?
8. What is the Equal Time Rule?
9. What is FCC v. Pacifica Broadcasting?
10. What was the Telecommunications Act?
11. What was the Communications Decency Act?
12. What was the child Online Protection Act?
13. What is net neutrality?

Video 46- Market Economy

1. What is supply and demand?
2. How does the government create a market economy?
3. What is law and order?
4. How does law and order help profit?
5. What are blue laws?
6. What are market standards?

7. What are public goods?
8. What are examples of public goods?
9. How does the government create jobs?
10. What are compulsory education laws?
11. What is ameliorating externalities?
12. What are monopolies?
13. What are the antitrust laws?
14. What is a free-market economy?

Video 47- Government Regulation

1. What are the goals of economic policy?
2. How does the government promote prosperity?
3. How does the government promote business development?
4. What are subsidies?
5. What are direct subsidies?
6. What is regulation?
7. What are government regulation corporations?
8. What is the commerce clause?
9. What is the interstate commerce act?
10. What is the ICC?
11. What is the federal trade commission?

Video 48- Monetary and Fiscal Policy

1. What is fiscal policy?
2. What is monetary policy?
3. What is the federal reserve system?
4. What are the tasks and functions of the federal reserve system?
5. What is the discount rate?
6. What is fractional reserve banking?
7. What are open market operations?
8. What is quantitative easing?
9. What is inflation?
10. What is an independent body?
11. What is tax policy?
12. What is supply-side economics?
13. What is discretionary spending?

Video 49- Social Policy

1. What is social policy?
2. What is social security?
3. What does social policy consist of?
4. What is the AFDC?
5. What is medicare?

6. What is a non-contributory program?
7. What is TANF?
8. What is the 1996 welfare reform act?

Video 50- Foreign Policy

1. What does foreign policy include?
2. What is foreign policy?
3. What is a public good?
4. What are the goals of foreign policy?
5. What is the world trade organization?
6. What is NAFTA?
7. What's congress's role in foreign policy?
8. What are executive agreements?
9. What is predictability?