1. Constitutional factors that affect the way budgeting is made in Texas
   1. Legislature meets every 2 years
   2. Too many dedicated funds
   3. Agencies predict 2 years out
   4. Pay as you go
      1. Must maintain balanced budget
   5. Welfare spending
      1. 1% of spending only
2. The general types of funds in the Texas budget
   1. General Revenue Fund
      1. Primary operating
   2. General Revenue Dedicated Fund
      1. Specific operating
   3. Federal Funds Budget
      1. Payments from Federal Gov
   4. Other Funds Budget
      1. State highway, trust, ect
   5. All Fund Budget
      1. All spending that goes through Agencies
3. Regressive and progressive taxes
   1. Regressive – hurts poor, sales
   2. Progressive – hurts rich, income tax
4. Major types of taxation in Texas
   1. Sales Tax
   2. Oil
   3. Motor vehicle
5. The Texas dual-budget system
   1. Legislature (must pass)
   2. Governors
6. Texas state budgeting process
   1. Development of draft budget by LBB (Legislative Budget Board)
   2. Appropriations bill makes it’s way through committee
7. Key players in Texas’s state budget-making process
   1. Legislature
   2. Comptroller / Gov
   3. Agencies discuss with legs and Gov
   4. See flow chart
8. What is public policy?
   1. Output of Gov institutions
9. Stages of public policy making
   1. Problem ID
   2. Policy Formation
   3. Implementation
   4. Evaluation
10. Factors that work against rationality and efficiency in policy making
    1. Governments need to work incrementally
    2. Satisficing
11. Rationality and bounded rationality in policy-making
    1. Optimize gov
    2. Provides limitation
    3. Satisficing
12. Edgewood ISD v. Kirby (1989)
    1. Funding of public schools through property tax
    2. State level
13. San Antonio v. Rodriguez (1973)
    1. Same thing
    2. Constitutional Equality
14. History of public education in Texas
    1. Main reason we split from Mexico
15. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
    1. Welfare program
    2. New deal, top down, Federal told States how
    3. Focus was getting people out of poverty
    4. PARORA
16. Texas welfare reforms
    1. Bipartisan reform
    2. Carrots and stick incentives
17. Primary complication in Texas’s water policy (the law of capture)
    1. Mostly ground water,
    2. Who owns it? Whoever taps it
18. Texas’s policy on felons’ voting rights
    1. Vote after sentence is complete
19. Plea bargains Ruiz v. Estelle (1972)
    1. Prison conditions
    2. Crowding, access to lawyers, unconstitutional
20. Bail Felony versus misdemeanor
    1. Bail after arrest for either
    2. Felony
       1. Grand Jury, true bill, false bill based on probable cause
    3. Misdemeanor
21. Texas and state income taxes
22. Governor’s role in granting pardons or clemency
    1. Can grant 30 day reprieve
    2. Must have recommendation from board to pardon
23. Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles
    1. Recommends pardons to Gov
24. Texas’s constitutional requirements for welfare funding
    1. 1%
25. “Three strikes” provision Felons and voting rights in Texas
    1. Longer sentence after 3rd felony
26. Role of institutional constraints in government
    1. Any behavior of political actor that restricts anothers
27. Texas reforms in the criminal justice system
    1. No longer relies solely on incarceration
    2. Easier for inmate to challenge conviction based on bad science