**U.S. Constitution**Lecture: What types of authoritarian governments would be the opposite to a liberal democracy (or Republican form of government)?

Dictatorships, Theocracies, Monarchies, and Communist Regimes

Know original intent of the 2nd Amendment?

A check against the national army

Know differences between checks and balances (scenarios provided) (see slides #7, 8, 9)?

Checks are for government positions to ‘check’ other government positions power. Balances are to stagger out positions ‘tenure’ to reduce chances of, or delay, one party government

In the early years of America, know the “balances” in the Constitution (know which constituencies were to be served by the US House and US Senate) (see slide #8) (2 questions)?

House serves individual districts within state, Senate serves state as 2 representatives

Understand how federal judges gain independence (see slide #9)?

Life tenure,

Know why Jefferson defined freedom as a right to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” instead of “life, liberty, and estates”?

The right to estates was not applicable in America

**Civil Liberties and War**Lecture: Know activities that were banned in past wars that might be still banned under the modern-day “direct incitement” test (scan entire lecture for examples)?

Advocating, inciting, or producing imminent lawless action

Why U.S. Supreme Court found “leaflets” and “radical books” a “clear and present danger” to the country in the WWI timeframe (scenario given, understand in the context of the modern-day “direct incitement” test)?

Such advocation was considered to be a threat to the country at the time

America paid a reparation payment to whom as an apology for civil liberty violations in a past war?

US citizens of Japanese descent that were detained during a time of war

Know which decade and war in which America stopped jailing protesters in mass?

Vietnam War

Know the “cultural line” for speech that “should be” censored today (in contrast to the modern-day “direct incitement” test) (also see notes below slide #18 on new cultural standard for free speech in Controversial Freedoms)?

Cultural line is speech that is legally permissible, but the populace doesn’t tolerate

What is characteristic about Travis Scott and Donald Trump such that both need to be careful about crossing the line of criminal illegal speech (understand in context of the modern-day “direct incitement” test)?

Charisma and energized bases

Understand why the Oath Keepers leadership were found guilty of “seditious conspiracy” in 2022 (short answer) (understand in context of the modern-day “direct incitement” test)?

A phone call was given as evidence where they were recorded issuing commands that were, “Likely to incite or produce violence”.

Compare jailings of anti-war Democrats and their leader (Civil War) & socialists and their leader (WWI) & communist leaders (Cold War) to jailing of MAGA Republicans after the Capitol Riot (2021) and to the prospect of their leader (Trump) going to jail (short answer)?

Lincoln suspended Habeus Corpus and imprisoned 13,000 **Vallandigham**, Woodrow Wilson imprisoned citizens for advocating communism as disloyal **Eugene vs Deb**, Smith Act made it illegal to advocate overthrow of US **Dennis v US, Stewart Rhodes & Kelly Meggs** found guilty of seditious conspiracy

What is ironic about some of our greatest presidents in the eyes of historians: Lincoln (Civil War), Wilson (WWI), and FDR (WWII) (also see lecture from Exam 1 on The Presidency for presidential rankings)?

They are ranked highly as great presidents despite their infringement of the rights

Of the citizens the purpose to represent

Differences, if any, between liberal and conservative presidents on the issue of balancing civil liberties and public safety in a time of war?

Both are willing to put public safety higher and violate civil liberties

**Controversial Freedoms** Lecture: According to Freedom House, know how U.S. allies (UK, Australia, France, Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia) and adversaries (China, Russia, Iran, North Korea) are categorized as free, partly free, or not free (2 questions) (see color-coded map on slide #5)?

UK free, Australia free, France free, Egypt not free, Jordan not free, Saudi Arabia not free, China not free, Russia not free, Iran not free, North Korea not free

Why North Korea found the movie, “The Interview,” to be so offensive, as to merit two cyber-attacks and the threat of 9/11 style attacks on America (2014)?

It mocked their leader Kim Jong-Un

Why your professor believes then President Obama did not march with world leaders in support to Charlie Hebdo (2015)?

Obama objects to insulting Muslims

Why the murder of Jamal Khashoggi is so important in the context of civil liberties?

Jamal was critical of the government

In Jamal Khashoggi’s last article in the Washington Post, he cited which Arab country as ranking free on the Freedom House measure?

Tunisia

In the context of our political culture today, understand the significance of the Will Smith “slap” at the 2022 Academy Awards ceremony?

Cultural intolerance for free speech and comedians

Know who or what made this statement, “Americans are losing hold of a fundamental right as citizens in a free country: the right to speak their minds and voice their opinions without fear of being shamed or shunned"?

New York Times editorial board

Know when flag-burning was made legal by the US Supreme Court (apply to scenario on exam)?

1989

Know controversial freedoms liberal and conservatives find objectionable, respectively (2 questions)?

Conservatives: Bible burning, Marijuana use, gay marriage

Liberals: Gun ownership, corporate profits, discrimination, “offensive” speech

Know issue on which liberals and conservatives have switched positions in recent years?

Offensive speech

**Capitalism and Socialism**Lecture: Why the US Post Office is a socialist institution (know pure definition of socialism)?

It is an enterprise that is government owned and controlled, government monopoly

Despite the word “socialism” being viewed as a bad word, what “socialist” institution or business is accepted and supported in America?

Post Office

The overall (Heritage Foundation) scores of the “social” democracies of Europe indicate what about their systems as capitalist or socialist?

They are majority capitalist

Understand the Heritage Foundation’s reason(s) for dropping the U.S. to 20th on the list of most capitalist countries?

Excessive government spending, debt, intrusive regulations

Know advantages of socialism and capitalism, respectively (2 questions)?

Capitalism: Technology, higher quality for lower, entrepreneurial, flexibility, more wealth. Socialism: Goals done faster, appeals to psych of comfort, advocates equality

What is characteristic about The Congo and Iran that tends to prohibit their entrepreneurs from succeeding (short answer)?

Low security and degree of wealth

The U.S. government opened the internet to private businesses and individuals in 1992 (rather than in 1982 or 2002—why 1992?)?

National security threat was over

What drives production, innovation, and wealth creation in a capitalist system (a characteristic that does not have a lot of appeal to intellectuals or to the public, it may only have appeal to a capitalist economic professors)?

Desire

**Authoritarian Government**Lecture: Why is there a near-zero likelihood that Germany and France will ever fight war again, unlike in the 20th Century, when they fought WWI and WWII (short answer)?

Both countries are “real” democracies, or liberal democracies, and liberal democracies don’t go to war with one another

**Pew Research Poll (Capitalism and Socialism) (2022)**

Poll: %’s of lower income people who have positive impressions of socialism and capitalism, respectively (see graphic on page 7)?

45% for both

%’s of older people who have positive impressions of socialism and capitalism, respectively (see graphic on page 10)?

19% for both

**Israel-Hamas War (2023) (News Articles)**

How might President Biden’s handling of the Israel-Hamas war affect his chances of being reelected in 2024 (see: https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/how-arab-american-voters-defections-could-hurt-biden/ar-AA1kIkpF?ocid=msedgntp&pc=ACTS&cvid=f1a4ca9b2a804d8094d9614fc7350387&ei=69 )?

Key states have Arab voters that disapprove

What was the political ideology and sentiment toward Palestinians in Gaza of most of the residents on the Kibbutz’s that were attacked by Hamas on 10/7/2023 (see: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/all-they-want-to-do-is-murder-jews-the-israeli-peace-activists-slaughtered-by-hamas/ar-AA1jYH9Z?ocid=msedgntp&pc=ACTS&cvid=ce2283280202497c95303b0cf32e23e4&ei=35>)?

Left-wing

Who wrote the “open letter” defending the (offensive) free speech rights and safety of pro-Palestinian student protesters (see: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cVLg6RTnqd2BTzuouWbfACnFEex7GQeImDZJnMlUReM/preview?pli=1 )?

Columbia University and Barnard College Faculty

What is Ezekiel Emanuel’s (Vice Provost of Global Studies at the University of Pennsylvanian) message about pro-Palestinian groups on college campuses blaming Israel for the violence between Israelis and Palestinians (know quotes) (See file on Canvas titled, “Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (2023),” search for Morning Joe graphics, 10/19/2023)?

They have clearly failed to “educate” these students.

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**Exam 3 Video Clips** – See file, “Exam 3 Video Clips,” on Canvas to find links to each dropbox where you can go to watch the video clips.

**Authoritarian Government (videos)**

Bill Maher on Comparisons between Maoism and Wokeism (2/3/2023) – For what was Jason Killborn, University of Illinois-Chicago law professor, disciplined?

For alluding to slurs when teaching his students

Maher has criticized conservatives for believing climate change is just a theory, now he is criticizing liberals for also thinking what is just a theory?

Biology

**Israel-Hamas War (videos)**  
Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) Censor Vote in US House (11/8/2023) – In the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, how Rashida Tlaib defines the phrase “from the river to the sea”?

Aspirational call for freedom, human rights, and peaceful coexistence

Israeli PM Benjamin Natanyahu Press Conference (10/30/2023) – How does Nanayahu describe the calls for a ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war?

Are calls for surrender to Hamas, terrorism, and barbarism

How does Natanyahu define Hamas’s “double war crime” (short answer)?

Of attacking civilians and using civilians as human shields