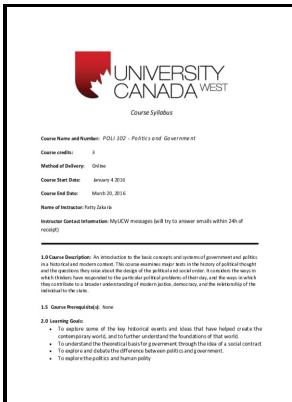


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When the 2 levels of government are combined, they account for 21 percent of the nation's GDP. Ottawa: Queen's Printer for Canada. The sovereign state system is the structure by which the world is divided up into separate and indivisible sovereign territories.

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Further to the constitution require the support of the bicameral federal Parliament House of Commons and Senate and seven provinces that together represent half of the population. For the most part, political scientists focus on studying how power is distributed in different types of political systems. Canada spends more per person on education than any of the other industrialized countries and the cost of college is very low compared with the United States.

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Theoretical Perspectives on Government and Power Figure 17. A nation-state is a political unit whose boundaries are co-extensive with a society, that is, with a cultural, linguistic or ethnic nation. The , which did well in western Canada in the 2000 election but was unable to make significant inroads in the East, merged with the to form the in late 2003.

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The modern state is based on the principle of sovereignty and the sovereign state system. This representation makes sure that at least three judges have sufficient experience with the system to treat cases involving Quebec laws. The role of the Prime Minister is not discussed in any Canadian constitutional document, and is mentioned only in passing in the Constitution Act, 1867 and the issued in 1947 by King George VI.

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Canada spends only a small percentage of its GDP on defense. Firstly, in the era of globalization and free trade agreements people both workers and managers who work in and identify with sectors of the economy that are exposed to international competition non-quota agriculture, manufacturing, natural resources, finances are likely to favour free market policies that are seen to enhance the global competitiveness of these

sectors, while those who work in sectors of the economy sheltered from international competition public-service sector, education, and some industrial, agricultural and commercial sectors are likely to favour redistributive policies. Critics note that the representative model of democracy enables distortions to be introduced into the determination of the will of the people: elected representatives are typically not socially representative of their constituencies as they are dominated by white men and elite occupations like law and business; corporate media ownership and privately funded advertisement campaigns enable the interests of privileged classes to be expressed rather than those of average citizens; and lobbying and private campaign contributions provide access to representatives and decision-making processes that is not afforded to the majority of the population.

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Therefore, why do people submit to rule? Mandates cannot exceed five years; an election must occur by the end of this time. Symbolic interactionism, as it pertains to government, therefore focuses its attention on figures, emblems, or individuals that represent power and authority. In pluralist theory, society is made up of numerous competing interest groups—capital, labour, religious fundamentalists, feminists, gays, small business, homeless people, taxpayers, elderly, military, pacifists, etc.

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The provincial courts include the superior courts or courts of appeal in each province or territory. This resulted in the passage of the in 2000. A prime example of an exercise of the spending power is the , which is a conditional grant of money to the provinces.

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