**Chapter 4: American Political Culture**

**I. American Culture**

 **A. THEN-**

1. Alexis de Tocqueville-

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 **B. NOW-**

1.

 2.

 **C. 3 Major Cultural Differences**

 1.

**II. Political Culture
 A. Constitutional Difference**

 1.

 2.

 **B. Demographic Differences**

 1.

 2.

 **C. Political Culture**

 1. Definition-

 2. Americans-

 **a.**

 **b.**

3. French and British-
  **a.**

 **b.**

 **D. Political Equality**

 1.

 2.

 **E. Cross-National Differences**

1.

 2.

 **F. Effect of Abundance of Land**

 **1.**

 **2.**

 **3.**

 **G.** Alexis de Tocqueville and **American Exceptionalism-**

 1. U.S. v. South America

 2. Moral and Intellectual Characteristics

 **a.**

 3. American Exceptionalism Definition-

 **H. Country Comparisons**

 1.

 2.

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**III. Political System**

 **A. 5 Elements**

 1. Liberty

 2. Equality

 3. Democracy

 4. Civic Duty

 5. Individual Responsibility

 **B. American Opinions**

 1.

 2.

 3.

 **C. 3 Questions**

 1.

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 b.

 2.

 a.

 b.

 3.

 a.

 b.

 **D. Civil War**

 1.

 2.

 **E. Americanism and the American Dream**

 1.

 2.

 **F. Political Conflict**

 1.

 2.

 **G. 2016 Campaign**

 1.

 2.

 **H. “Good Citizen”**

 1.

 2.

 **IV. Economic System
 A. American Opinion**

 1.

 2.

 **B. Opportunity v. Results**

 1.

 2.

 **C. Liberal Groups**

 1.

 2.

 **D. Economic Individualism**

1.

 2. “symbolic racism”

 3. self-reliance

 **E. Economic Political Change**

 1.

 2.

 3.

**V. Political System
 A. Americans’ Attitudes**

 1.

 2.

 **B. Sweden**

 1.

 2.

 **C. Japan** 1.

 2.

 **D. Civic Duty**

 1.

 2.

 **E. Civic Competence** 1.

 2.

 **D. 2016 Survey: Trust in Government**

 1.

 2.

**VI. Economic Systems
 A. Sweden**

 1.

 2.

 **B. America**

 1.

 2.

 **C. Differences**

 1.

 2.

**A History Changing Choice Video Notes**

**VII. Role of Religion
 A. Religion in America**

 1. Belief in God

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 2. Charity

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 **B. Religion & Politics**

 1.

 2.

 **C. Liberals & Conservatives**

 1.

 2.

 **D. Candidates for office**

 1.

 2.

 **E. General Feeling**

 1.

 2.

 **F. Recent Polls**

 1.

 2.

**VIII. Sources of Political Culture**

 **A. American Revolution**

 1.

 2.

 3.

 **B. Adversarial Spirit**

 1.

 2.

 **C. Suspicion of Government**

 1.

 2.

 **D. The Constitution**

1.

 2.

 **E. No Established Religion**

 1.

 2.

 **F. Dominant Religious Groups**

1.

 2.

 **G. Influence of Churches**

 1.

 2.

 **H. Family**

 1.

 2.

 **F. Class Consciousness**

1.

 2. Horatio Alger

**IX. Culture War
 A. Orthodox View**

 1.

 2.

 3.

 4.

 **B. Progressive View**

 1.

 2.

 3.

 4.

 **C. Difference with other Political Disputes** 1.

 2.

 **D. Two Opposing Views**

 1.

 2.

**X. Mistrust of Government
 A. Public Opinion since the 1950’s**

 1.

 2.

 **B. Reasons**

 1. government System v. Government officials

 2. 1960s

 3. 1970s

 4. 1980s

 5. 1990s

 **D. Domestic Turmoil**

 1.

 **E. Patriotism**

 1.

 2.

 **F. Faith in Washington**

 1. Congress-

 2. Others-

 3. Alienation?

**XI. Civil Society**

 **A. Civil Society**

 1.

 2.

 **B. Individualism**

 1.

 2.

 **C. Putnum**

 1.

 2.

 **D. 3 Qualifications to Putnum**

1.

 2.

 3.

**XII. Political Tolerance**

 **A. Democracy & Tolerance**

 1.

 2.

 3.

 **B. the Abstract v. the Concrete**

 1.

 2.

 **C. Evolution of American Tolerance**

 1.

 2.

 **D. 3 Reasons for Tolerance**

1.

 2.

 3.

 **E. Liberty**

1.

 **F. Civic Duty**

 1.

 **G. Democratic Rule**

1.

**XIII. Learning Objectives**

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