**Chapter 4: American Political Culture**

**I. American Culture**

**A. THEN-**

1. Alexis de Tocqueville-

a.

**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.

3.

4.

5.

**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.

a.

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

a.

2. Charity

a.

**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**

4-1.

4-2.

4-3.

4-4.