

Political Science 101
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Practice Quiz: Chapters 1-2

1. The filibuster in the United States Senate effectively prevents a bill from being passed unless 60 of the 100 senators vote to end debate. This is consistent with which principle of American democracy?
 - a. Political equality
 - b. Plurality rule
 - c. Minority rights
 - d. Equality before the law

2. Which of the following is a necessary element of democracy?
 - a. The existence of a Constitution
 - b. The establishment of a presidency
 - c. The consent of the governed
 - d. Direct voting by the general public on policy matters

3. Which of the following would NOT be considered a public good?
 - a. Health insurance
 - b. Environmental protection
 - c. Highways
 - d. The border patrol

4. Which of the following tenets is NOT considered part of the “American creed”?
 - a. Equality of outcome
 - b. Property rights
 - c. Freedom of religious expression
 - d. Equal treatment before the law

5. In which of the three political cultures present in America is the belief in limited government the strongest?
 - a. Moralistic
 - b. Individualistic
 - c. Traditionalistic
 - d. It is equally important in all three cultures

6. Which type of argument in favor of national health insurance is most consistent with the American creed?
 - a. One that stresses the importance of equality of outcome
 - b. One that makes reference to class differences
 - c. One that advocates socialist or social democratic reform
 - d. One that speaks to the individual right to health care