



APGAP MIDTERM PRACTICE MC EXAM

Unit 1: American Beliefs & Behaviors

O'Connor: Chapters 1, 11 & 13/Lineberry: Chapters 1, 6 & 10/Wilson: Chapters 4-6

1. Of the following, which group voted most liberally in presidential elections between 1964 and 2000?

- a. Chinese Americans
- b. Jewish Americans**
- c. Black Americans
- d. Roman Catholic Americans
- e. Whiteixans

2. American political culture is characterized by strong popular support for all of the following *except*

- a. the rule of law.
- b. limited government.
- c. individual liberty.
- d. equality of opportunity.
- e. sorry... this response gave less than 100% effort and had its admission revoked (Study, study, study!)**

3. Americans with a strong political ideology are *least* likely to

- a. have a political party preference
- b. vote in primary elections
- c. trust American institutions**
- d. dress up as Adam from the Book of Genesis for Halloween
- e. support a political candidate

4. Which of the following has the *least* effect on political attitudes?

- a. religion
- b. sex/gender**
- c. your mom
- d. socioeconomic status
- e. ethnicity

B is the best answer. C could be true too except family DOES have an effect:)

5. Most Americans get their political values from

- a. the mass media
- b. religion
- c. their family**
- d. public school
- e. my mom

6. Those who favor increased taxation of the wealthy are usually described as

- a. haters
- b. conservative
- c. libertarian
- d. liberals**
- e. none of the above

OR Populists

“The Constitution limits the size of the District of Columbia to _____.”

-State of Alabama Literacy Test, 1936

7. The question above and the literacy test from which it came were most likely designed to

- a. determine the literacy of potential voters.
- b. prevent Blacks from exercising their right to vote.**
- c. assess the general population’s understanding of the Constitution.
- d. I don’t know, but if it came from a Reading Quiz, chances are I failed it!
- e. stop people from moving to the District of Columbia.

8. Between 1964 and 1996, which of the following would be *most* likely to vote for the more liberal presidential candidate?

- a. a Cuban-American business executive from Miami
- b. a Black teacher from Los Angeles**
- c. a White doctor from Atlanta
- d. a Polish-American truck driver from Phoenix
- e. Mr. Anderson

9. Social policy in the United States is dominated by a common belief among Americans

- a. in the ethic of hard work and self-reliance.**
- b. in the value of economic equality.
- c. that APGAP is so much better when there’s food in the cabinet.
- d. need to protect all citizens.
- e. need to correct past injustices.

10. Almond and Verba found that citizens of the United States are more likely than their counterparts in Asia and Europe to do which of the following?

- a. ride around on T3 scooters
- b. go to war and die for their country**
- c. believe in group and social harmony over individualism
- d. believe in an expanded role for government in the lives of the nation’s citizens
- e. favor universal health care coverage

11. Over the past several decades, the influence of race on political attitudes has

- a. become more important.**
- b. become less important.
- c. stayed about the same.
- d. increased, then declined.
- e. become more or less important and declining but increasing about the same but not.

12. If people have a sense of *political efficacy*, then they
- trust the government to do what is right
 - would rather live in the United States than any other nation
 - have a say in what government does**
 - trust Hawthorne High School counselors to do what is right.
 - believe in the elite and class theory of government

Can you see why A is technically NOT correct?

13. According to a 1978-1979 poll, Americans would be *least* likely to tolerate
- feminists marching on the nation's capitol for equal rights
 - pro-lifers protesting outside an abortion clinic
 - atheists preaching against God**
 - this....



- gay rights activists marching on city hall to demand equal legal protection

Although we're ALL against D.

14. On which of the following issues is a child *most* likely to share the same position as his or her parents?
- women's rights
 - shortstop
 - abortion
 - racial equality
 - party identification**

15. Liberal preferences on various policy issues are displayed *least* often by

- white Jews**
- white Protestants
- white Catholics
- heartless, evil conservative/libertarian evangelical Christian non-union member white males like that jerk Anderson
- Latino Catholics

16. The most liberal minority in recent years in the U.S. has been

- students who have actually passed an APGAP Reading Quiz (*now there's a minority!* Hahahaha!)
- Jews**
- Latinos
- blacks
- Southern Europeans

17. The term *cross-cutting cleavages* refers to
- people's lack of relevant information
 - multiple divisions based along different principles with many variables**
 - competition among different ideological groups
 - issues that divide Americans by region
 - some of your Facebook pictures

18. According to Lineberry, the diversity of the U.S. is leading to

- a takeover in California by people darker than Amanda Ludman.
- policy gridlock.**
- the breakdown of the nation's educational system.
- an increase in political participation.
- a decrease in political participation.

19. Over the past 40 years, the *gender gap*, or women's distinctive policy preferences,

- have benefited the Republicans consistently
- have benefited the Democrats consistently**
- women's preferences?*— well, I'm not sure who they've benefited, but I'm pretty sure what women want *hasn't* benefited Amir much this year.
- benefited first the Democrats and later the Republicans
- benefited first the Republicans and later the Democrats

20. According to a 1992 study, men and women were *most closely* in agreement on all of the following EXCEPT

- federal spending on welfare programs**
- legal abortion
- women's rights
- sexual harassment
- Justin Beiber is a girl

21. A pure *liberal* as a person who ____ government action concerning the economy and ____ government action to coerce individuals into ethical behavior.

- supports, opposes**
- opposes, supports
- supports, supports
- opposes, opposes
- supposes, supposes

22. A *libertarian* is a person who ____ government action concerning the economy and ____ government action to coerce individuals into ethical behavior.

- supports, opposes
- opposes, supports
- supports, supports
- opposes, opposes**
- opposes even the tax money that was spent having Mr. Anderson type up this question and print it on paper your parents' hard-earned tax money paid for.

Although E could be true too!

23. The text classifies a populist as someone who ____ government action concerning the economy and ____ government action to coerce individuals into ethical behavior.

- supports, opposes
- opposes, supports
- supports, supports**
- opposes, opposes
- Mr. Anderson did not provide a joke answer for #23 because he's not currently giving 100% in APGAP... oh no, wait... that's someone else...*

24. Which of the following is *not* true concerning Americans' ideological thinking?

- a. **most Americans would describe themselves as either conservative or liberal**
- b. only a small minority of Americans take ideologically consistent views on political issues
- c. people often express opinions at odds with the ideological label they attach to themselves
- d. only the truly intelligent like Bobby Williams & Mr. Anderson are on the "right" side of the political spectrum.
- e. Americans tend to vote on specific issues or in response to economic conditions

And I guess D :)

25. Today, a conservative would be *more* likely than a liberal to oppose

- a. a strong military presence abroad.
- b. **programs which establish hiring or admission preferences to assist groups which have historically been discriminated against.**
- c. the devolving of power back to the states from the
- d. allowing states to decide the issue of abortion.
- e. Mr. Anderson adding Amy Lopez's mom on Facebook

26. Which of the following religious groups is *most* likely to have liberal political attitudes?

- a. **Jews**
- b. Protestants
- c. Catholics
- d. Blacks (c'mon... you didn't really choose this did you? Being black isn't a religion!)
- e. the Universal Life Church (of which Mr. Anderson is an ordained minister... That's *the Reverend* Mr. Anderson to *you*, sinner!)

27. Among the following, a gender gap is most likely to occur in an election in which the major issue is

- a. war
- b. women's rights
- c. whether Jackie has a crush on that guy that used to be in her P.E. class
- d. taxes
- e. **national health insurance**

28. If you were someone who distrusted American government and American government institutions, you would be *most* likely to be

- a. paranoid.
- b. a college graduate
- c. **an American with a strong political ideology**
- d. an American who regularly votes and participates in politics
- e. 65 or older

29. A libertarian would be *more* likely to vote for _____ than a pure liberal.

- a. government restrictions on abortion
- b. the rights of those accused of crimes
- c. increase in Social Security benefits
- d. increase in federal income tax
- e. **this guy...**



The real point is that they wouldn't be more likely to vote for any of those than a liberal. A liberal would be more in favor of A, C & D and the two would probably agree on C.

30. A populist would be *more* likely to vote for _____ than a pure conservative.

- a. tighter government controls on business
- b. **school prayer**
("God, PLEASE help me bring up my grade in APGAP!")
- c. tough crime laws
- d. limits on free speech
- e. relaxed sentencing for drug possession

31. Pluralist theory argues that

- a. **many groups vie for power with no one group dominating.**
- b. society is governed solely by an upper-class elite.
- c. too many influential groups cripple government's ability to govern.
- d. citizens fail to pay attention to politics.
- e. learning theories of American government can be reduced to cutting out pictures from magazines and doing reading guides.
- f. that everything should end in "s"
(You'll get it... wait for it... wait for it...)

32. Which of the following is suggested by the elite and class theory?

- a. power is dispersed among many institutions.
- b. there is little consensus among policymakers.
- c. **a minority group will control the public policy agenda.**
- d. how come Mr. Anderson has keys that open everything on campus?
- e. in a democracy, the majority class is that of the wealthy

33. Escalating campaign costs are a challenge to democracy because

- a. they reflect diverse interests.
- b. they produce a government which becomes too technical for most.
- c. Please deposit fifty cents to read "Item C"
- d. **money can dramatically influence how members of Congress vote on policy issues.**
- e. they tend to inflate the economy.
- f. money has nothing to do with government... it's not like the last several guys elected to the White House were already millionaires or anything...

34. Pluralists believe all of the following *except*

- a. political resources are distributed equally.
- b. political outcomes are the result of haggling.
- c. compromise is the foundation of the American political system.
- d. **there are too many opportunities for Americans to access their government and its institutions.**
- e. most relevant interests are being represented in American politics.
- f. is it "s" or "apostrophe s"?

35. Which of the following is most related to the elite and class theory of government?

- a. groups
- b. **disproportionate benefits**
- c. equality in voting
- d. escalating campaign costs
- e. if there is no joke for you on #35 it means you're not one of the elite. All the cool kids got a joke on their test for #35.

36. Which was true of the American government in the 1950's?
- It was more involved in the lives of Americans than the American government in 2010.
 - It was less involved in the lives of Americans than the American government in 2010.**
 - It gave more money to public education than it does in 2010.
 - It provided more services and benefits to its citizens than it does in 2010.
 - It assessed more in taxes from its citizens that it does in 2010.
 - MySpace is so 2008.

37. Which of the following is true about hyperpluralism?
- It suggests that competing groups are able to enact policy through compromise.
 - It provides majority rule with a protection of minority rights.
 - It provides an optimistic view of the American government.
 - It needs Ridalin
 - none of the above**

38. Which of the following is NOT an important element of American political culture?
- The idea that everyone's vote should be equal.
 - The concept of individualism.
 - The belief that the government should require all Americans to vote or to participate in government.**
 - The concept of democracy.
 - The importance of education.
 - It has something to do with a giant circle.

39. The key to the accuracy of public opinion polls is
- the larger the sample, the better.
 - the larger the APGAP teacher, the better.**
 - the sampling error.
 - whether the poll was conducted in person or via telephone.
 - the practice of random sampling.**
 - size doesn't matter.

40. Which of the following statements about economic equality applies most accurately to Americans?
- Most Americans believe that everyone should be paid on the basis of their economic needs.
 - Most Americans believe that everyone should have the same opportunity to get ahead.**
 - Most Americans believe there should be preferential treatment of women and minorities.
 - Most Americans believe in heavy taxation on the rich.
 - Most Americans are too busy watching updating their Facebook status to worry about economic equality.

41. All of the following beliefs are held by populists *except*:
- Taxes should be low for everyone.**
 - Prayers in public schools should not be banned.
 - Abortion is the murder of a fetus
 - The federal government should actively encourage equality for minorities
 - Smoking a little herb now and then can be a good thing.**

42. Which of the following statements is TRUE about the effect of religion on voter choice?
- Married women tend to vote in the same manner as their husbands.**
 - Protestants tend to vote Democratic.
 - Jews tend to vote Republican.
 - The "religious right" tends to vote Democratic.
 - Young people do more than just complain about politics, they get out and volunteer and vote and... ha ha ha ha ha ha... who I am I kidding?**

43. All of the following represent liberal beliefs today *except*:
- Capitalism should be regulated so it does not hurt the poor.
 - The federal government should increase welfare spending.
 - The police need to be regulated often because of their abuse of power.
 - The government should limit defense spending and use it instead for education (so that we can pay Mr. Anderson more than \$5/hour!)
 - We need tougher drug sentencing so that those who sell or consume illegal substances will not corrupt others in American society.**

44. Which of the following is *not* true of Mr. Anderson?
- He dated a girl in high school who rescued crippled animals like a one-legged duck and a blind guinea pig.
 - He dated a girl in high school who later became engaged to and moved in with his dad.
 - He dated five different girls in junior high all named "Wendy".
 - He took his wife to her Senior Prom.
 - He once accidentally ran over one of his girlfriends with his 1963 Ford Falcon shortly after getting his driver's license. (I swear it was an accident! But, just in case, maybe now you'll think twice about talking to other guys, won't you Allison?)**

45. After reading the following scenario, match the appropriate response with the correct ideology. You may use each answer more than once.

You're walking down a deserted street with your wife and three small children. Suddenly, a screaming madman with an enormous knife comes around the corner, locks eyes with you, screams obscenities, raises the knife and charges at you. You are carrying a Glock caliber 40 and are an expert shot. You have only two seconds before he reaches you and your family. What do you do?

- liberal ___1
- conservative ___4
- populist ___3
- libertarian ___6
- John & Ken ___2
- Mr. Anderson ___5
- a student from the Class of 2010 ___8
- a student from the Class of 2012 ___9
- a student from the Class of 2011 ___10

(1) Well, that's a tough one and not nearly enough information to answer the question. I mean, does the man look poor or oppressed? Have I ever done anything to him, even subconsciously that might inspire him to attack me? What does my wife think? What about my kids? What will others think? Could I possibly swing the gun like a club and knock the knife out of his hand without really hurting him? What does the law say about the situation? Does the Glock have an appropriate safety built into it? Why am I carrying a loaded gun anyway and what kind of message does this give to my wife and my kids? Isn't it possible that this man is simply sad and misunderstood and that perhaps killing me might actually make him happy? Does he definitely want to kill me or could my family get away while he was stabbing me? Is it possible that I have failed this man by not paying enough taxes so that there were programs and services to help him? Should I call 911? Why is this street so deserted anyway? We need to raise taxes and have a community clean up day to make this a happier, healthier street. This is all so confusing! I need to debate this for a few days with some friends to try and come to a consen..... *aarrrrrrggggghhhh!*

(2) I'll bet this guy's an illegal immigrant!

(3) If only we had school prayer! *Aarrrrrrggggghhhh!*

(4) Bang!

(5) Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! (Click) (Sounds of reloading) Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Bang! Phoebe: "Nice shot grouping, Daddy! Were those Winchester Silver Tips or the Hollow Points?"

(6) This is the government's fault somehow!

(7) Didn't you used to be a student of mine? You must be from the Class of 2008!

(8) You know, I *could* pull the trigger, I could. But I just really don't feel like putting in *that* much effort. What if I just pull like half-way. That's like the same th.....
Aarrrrrrggggghhhh!

(9) There's no way I'd be on a deserted street... I mean, unless of course I were doing community service. But, whatever... I don't want to get mixed up in this. I have homework to do... I'm going to college and I'm worried my 4.50 GPA won't be enough to get me there.

(10) I'm not going to do anything right this second. I'm sure I will have enough time to dodge this bullet right before it hits me....

45 ½. Use the following examples to match the correct description with "LIBERAL".

You have two cows...

A COMMUNIST: You have two cows. The government seizes both and provides you with milk.

A FASCIST: You have two cows. The government seizes both and sells you the milk. You join the underground and start a campaign of sabotage.

A SOCIALIST: You have two cows. The government takes one and gives it to your neighbor.

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY: You have two cows. The government taxes you to the point you have to sell both to support a man in a foreign country who has only one cow, which was a gift from your government.

AMERICAN EDUCATION: You have 2600 cows. Herd them all into one site and tell them that they are all good cows no matter how much milk they produce, but continually measure their milk production and note it is low. Call this low production "Below Proficient" and label each cow at this level "Emerging Milk Producers" so that they will not develop low cow-esteem. Assign each "E.M.P." an extra two hours of milking. Make sure these cows get farmers who are new to milking. Feed all cows tasteless hay (with a packet of taco sauce, if they like) and make them compete in a race from their stalls with the other 2600 cows to get their hay before the farm runs out. When milk production continues to drop, blame the teachers.

JOHN AND KEN: I bet the cows came in illegally from Mexico.

A CONSERVATIVE: You have two cows. Your neighbor has none. So what? Maybe they should work harder.

A LIBERAL:

a. You have two cows. You sell one, buy a bull, and build a herd of cows.

b. You have two cows. That one on the left is kinda cute.

c. **You have two cows. Your neighbor has none. You feel guilty for being successful. You vote people into office who tax your cows, forcing you to sell one to raise money to pay the tax. The people you voted for then take the tax money and buy a cow and give it to your neighbor. You feel righteous.**

d. You have two cows. The government takes them both, shoots one, milks the other, pays you for the milk, then pours the milk down the drain.

e. You have two cows. You redesign them so they are one-tenth the size of an ordinary cow and produce twenty times the milk. You then create clever cow cartoon images called Cowkimon and market them world wide on the internet.

46. After taking the Midterm Exam, I am going to

a. We're having a Midterm Exam? *What?*

b. go see my counselor and drop this class.

c. register for El Camino.

d. get an F and blame Anderson.

e. get an F minus and blame Obama.

f. I'm far too busy doing my college applications to care.

g. hold Zoe. (oh... sorry, that's the answer for what *I'm* going to do after I *grade* your exam!)

h. ace the exam. (You CAN do this!!!!)