

#### 4.8 Ideology and Policy Making

**Explain how U.S. political culture (e.g. values, attitudes, and beliefs) influences the formation, goals, and implementation of public policy over time.**

1. Public policy in America is often limited by our shared Creed. Widely held political values shape the policy choices available in American politics. All of the following values are considered a part of our commonly held Creed EXCEPT

- a. Liberty
- b. Egalitarianism
- c. Laissez-faire
- d. Statist

2. What role do elites play in the policy making process?

- a. Disproportionate role
- b. Irrelevant role
- c. Disconnected role
- d. Inappropriate role

3. Cultural imperatives impact our public policy debates. All of the following wedge issues pose challenges to traditional American values EXCEPT

- a. Cutting taxes
- b. Immigration policies
- c. Government surveillance policies
- d. War on Terror

4. Elites can unilaterally bypass cultural policy limitations in all of the following ways EXCEPT

- a. Presidents can issue Executive Orders
- b. Courts can make rulings
- c. State governments can become policy laboratories
- d. Holding national elections

5. Throughout our history governments have served as both defenders and agents of the American Creed. Which of the following policies best exemplifies the American value *self-reliance*?

- a. Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity (1996)
- b. Break up of corporate monopolies
- c. Legalization of medicinal marijuana
- d. Civil Rights Act of 1964

6. Throughout our history governments have served as both defenders and agents of the American Creed. Which of the following policies best exemplifies the American value *progressive populism*?

- a. Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity (1996)
- b. Break up of corporate monopolies
- c. Legalization of medicinal marijuana
- d. Civil Rights Act of 1964

7. Throughout our history governments have served as both defenders and agents of the American Creed. Which of the following policies best exemplifies the American value *egalitarianism*?

- a. Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity (1996)
- b. Break up of corporate monopolies
- c. Legalization of medicinal marijuana
- d. Civil Rights Act of 1964

8. Throughout our history governments have served as both defenders and agents of the American Creed. Which of the following policies best exemplifies the American value *liberty*?

- a. Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity (1996)
- b. Break up of corporate monopolies
- c. Legalization of medicinal marijuana
- d. Civil Rights Act of 1964

9. A fundamental question we as a democratic-republic have had to answer since our inception is

- a. Should we have a king?
- b. How many states should we have?
- c. Should our Supreme Court be the least dangerous branch?
- d. How strong should our central government be?

10. Our Founding Fathers built a nation based upon principled law not men. Which of the following headlines would be a contemporary example of this?

- a. "Wall Street mogul found guilty of insider trading"
- b. "President's rally draws thousands"
- c. "Hollywood starlet considering a run for the Senate"
- d. "Lotto winner pledges to help homeless shelter"