

What democracy really means and how it includes all and excludes none. Understanding is all that's necessary. Education and skill does not require a degree (necessarily). It requires an opinion and the ability to formulate one's own without offending.

Key issues regarding the democratic process.

How groups affect/work in the modern state.

A better understanding of how our government works, the importance of following and participating in the political process.

How politics affect lives – power in the people.

Politics and Government

The House and Senate

The Constitution, what it gives us and what it keeps us from?

The Supreme Court

- precedents
- ethics of landmark cases.

Roe vs. Wade.

California vs. Bakke

Freedom of speech: censorship, wire tapping

Government control over personal lives

Privacy rights and The Patriot Act

Why, in America, is Democracy and Capitalism so intertwined when they are very separate issues?

Political science

Politics: To be able to think/decide on your own how you want to vote, don't "follow the crowd."

All undergraduates should be at least somewhat knowledgeable about politics around the world. This way they can understand news and why certain governments react in certain ways in situations. American politics should be almost mandatory.

Politics in Culture

How do the cultural and political climates affect each other, and why is it important to the individual to understand?

Political and social policy

Ethics concerning distributive justice

Public policy

Social Security

Social services – welfare

Comparison of US policy to European with regard to welfare states.

For any of these topics I believe it is important for graduates to have a firm grasp on possible future scenarios, i.e. the percentage of the country speaking Spanish in 2025 or the effects baby boomers will have on social security by the time graduates retire.

Ethics concerning taxation

The privatization of the public sphere.

Political apathy

Student apathy in terms of politics (local and state, world and campus) and academics

Challenging the status quo.

Government

- the injustices that governments have played a part in.

The abuse of power/corruption in our national government.

Political scumbags: ‘Nuff said

Government: Corruption

Rigged elections

The secession of Texas from the United States. While the focus would be more applicable to a stronger national dialogue on states rights, the citizenry must remain on guard from the state. The lack of dialogue about states rights is important as the office of the Presidency has abused their powers. Both major political parties are guilty.

The major contention would be the possible break up of the United States. This would upset people, but a peaceful co-existence would be established.

Voting – Politics

especially absentee voting