

The title card features a background image of the United States Capitol building in Washington, D.C. The building is shown from a low angle, emphasizing its grandeur. The sky is a clear blue, and the American flag is visible in the background, with its stars and stripes partially obscured by the text. The text "AP US Government & Politics" is centered in a large, bold, black font.

# AP US Government & Politics


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# Guiding Questions:

1. How does the government enact public policy?
2. What is the extent of the President's power?
3. Why do people vote the way they do?
4. In what areas of our lives should the government get involved?
5. How does the makeup of Congress reflect the beliefs of the American people?
6. What are the most pressing issues facing our country today?
7. How can American citizens be more critical consumers of politics?
8. How does the Supreme Court affect my life?

# Units:

- ❖ Unit 1: Constitutional Underpinnings
  - ❖ Unit 2: Executive and Judiciary
  - ❖ Unit 3: Congress
  - ❖ Unit 4: Political Participation, Parties & Media
  - ❖ Unit 5: Civil Rights & Civil Liberties
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# What to expect:

**Core Focus:** Learning about political theory and its application to our modern political system

1. Primary Source Readings & Discussions
2. Current Event Analysis & Discussions
3. Reading Quizzes: open-note quizzes over textbook chapters
4. Tests: retired AP multiple choice & free-response questions
5. Notecards for key concepts

**Time Commitment:** 5-7 hours a week (on average)

# Unique Experiences:

1. **Election Years (fall semester only):** mock campaign (ex: presidential, senatorial, gubernatorial)
2. **Non-Election Years:** moot courts (simulating current and/or landmark Supreme Court arguments)

