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Explain the impact of the Fourteenth Amendment on the states.

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- Explain the chief of state function and how it is important for the governor’s political influence.

Chapter 10: The Bureaucracy

Learning Outcomes:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the administrative structure and functions within the Texas executive branch.
- Understand the civil law and criminal law functions of the Texas Attorney General. Explain how the attorney general’s opinion is an important function in both the formulation and the administration of Texas’s public policy.
- Understand the comptroller’s function in the formulation of public policy.
- Explain the concept of bureaucratic neutrality and the various ways that Texas governments have been organized to try to accomplish it.
- Describe the principal of hierarchy and explain how the principle is evident in the Texas bureaucracy as well as how it is not evident.
- Describe the interconnecting web of support and interests that comprise the Iron Texas Star. Explain how each political player could benefit both personally and professionally from a system like this. Explain how economic interests benefit.

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• Understand how the powers inherent in the bureaucracy, such as expertise, information, and administrative review are also a source of power within the political system.

Chapter 11: Texas Judiciary

Learning Outcomes:
• Demonstrate knowledge of the judicial branch of Texas government.
• Distinguish the differences between criminal and civil cases.
• Understand the differences between original and appellate jurisdiction.
• Explain how the courts are organized in Texas and identify the jurisdiction of each major court.
• Distinguish the types of cases handled by the Texas Supreme Court from those decided by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.
• Understand the role of grand juries and trial juries and analyze the responsibilities of citizens in the legal system in Texas.
• Compare the most common methods of judicial selection in the United States to the methods Texas uses to select judges.
• Understand the major criticisms of the Texas judicial system and predict whether reformers will be successful in their efforts to revise the system.

Evaluate the role of public opinion, interest groups, and political parties in Texas.

Chapter 5: Political Parties

Learning Outcomes:
• Evaluate the role of political parties in Texas.
• Describe the features that

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• "Political parties in Texas"
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• Animated Learning Module: Third Parties in American Politics
• Video Activity: Tea Party Express: Party or Movement?, The Media and Protest

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characterize American political parties.

- Explain why Texas politics were dominated by the Democratic Party until the early 1990s.
- Analyze the differences between liberal and conservative views.
- Classify the types of people and groups who generally support Texas Republicans and Texas Democrats.
- Name the geographical areas of Texas that generally support the GOP and those areas where the Democratic Party is stronger.
- Explain the difference in temporary versus permanent party organization in Texas and give an example of each.
- Define realignment and describe the reasons a majority of Texas voters have gradually come to identify with the Republican Party.
- Predict why more Texas voters may identify with the Democratic Party in the future.

Chapter 6: Interest Groups

**Learning Outcomes:**

- Evaluate the role of interest groups in Texas politics and policy formulation.
- Explain the role of the First Amendment in protecting the rights of interest groups.
- Define interest groups and explain what they do.
- Know the differences among types of interest groups.
- Describe what lobbyists must report as well as what they do not report.
- Describe the work of lobbyists.
- Know the different actors that lobbyists attempt to influence.
- Differentiate between iron

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- "Conservative and liberal ideology"
- "Temporary and permanent political party organizations"

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#### Learning Outcomes:
- Analyze the state election process.
- Identify the leading predictors of whether a person votes.
- Describe different forms of political participation.
- Describe some of the ways that politicians have restricted the right to vote in Texas over the years.

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• Explain how candidates get on the ballot.
• Identify the factors that provide the most advantages to candidates in Texas state elections.
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Analyze issues, policies and political culture of Texas.

Chapter 1: Texas Culture and Diversity Learning Outcomes:

- Analyze the relationships among political culture, public opinion, and public policy in Texas.
- Describe the social and cultural groups that migrated to Texas, including early European settlers through modern-day migration from other states and other countries.
- Describe the distinctive social, economic, and political characteristics of major Texas regions.
- Distinguish among moralistic, traditionalistic, and individualistic cultures.
- Trace the struggle for equal rights in Texas.
- Describe the social and cultural changes that are likely to define Texas’s political future.

Chapter 13: Public Policy in Texas Learning Outcomes:

- Compare major state expenditures with those of other states and explain how Texas’s taxing and spending decisions reflect its conservative political culture.
- Explain why public policy decisions are political and why they create controversy.
- Evaluate the political arguments

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