

Chapter 1: Principles of Government

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Lecture Notes

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

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Photo: The Statue of Liberty is an enduring symbol of American democracy.

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- Section 1: Government and the State
 - What is government and what is its purpose?
 - Government is the institution that allows a society to make and enforce public policies such as taxation, defense, law enforcement, education, and healthcare.

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- Section 2: Forms of Government
 - What are some forms of government in the world today?
 - Forms of government today include democracies and dictatorships as well as confederate, federal, unitary, parliamentary, and presidential.

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- Section 3: Basic Concepts of Democracy
 - What are the basic concepts of democracy?
 - Democracy is based upon the recognition of the fundamental worth and equality of every person, faith in majority rule and respect for minority rights, acceptance of compromise, and insistence upon the widest possible degree of individual freedom.