

## American Political Culture

► What is "political culture"?

**Rate the following values in order of importance. Number 1 being the most important and Number 13 being the least important. Be prepared to provide justification for your answers!**

They all must be ranked.

\_\_\_\_\_ Financial security

\_\_\_\_\_ Freedom of speech

\_\_\_\_\_ Lack of discrimination

\_\_\_\_\_ Government regulation of the contents of the airwaves

\_\_\_\_\_ Patriotism

\_\_\_\_\_ Tolerance of others

\_\_\_\_\_ Freedom of religion

\_\_\_\_\_ Right to bear arms

\_\_\_\_\_ Right to private property

\_\_\_\_\_ Right to vote

\_\_\_\_\_ Government intervention

\_\_\_\_\_ Justice

\_\_\_\_\_ Right to privacy

### **Preamble of the Constitution:**

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

The following values have shaped the political culture since the founding of the country:

Value	Defined
<b>Liberty</b>	
<b>Equality</b>	
<b>Democracy</b>	
<b>Civic Duty</b>	
<b>Individual Responsibility</b>	
<b>Rule of Law</b>	

1. How do we know that American people share these beliefs?

2. How do we explain behavior inconstancy with these values?