

Political Science 101  
Chapter 2 Outline

American Politics and Culture

- I. A. Statue of Liberty is in NYC not on the Rio Grande
  - today more than 9 million illegal immigrants from Mexico, its an important campaign issue for 2006-2008, reform on immigration cancelled by Sept. 11
- B. 2 View of America
  - melting pot/salad bowl
  - diversity gives us strength
- II. Who are we? – what we want from government and how to get it
  - whites soon out-numbered by ethnic and racial minorities
- III. Where are we from?
  - concept of citizenship – contains self-interest and public-spirit
- IV. Citizenship
  - A. jus soli- by the soil
  - B. jus sanguinis – by the blood
  - C. INS – naturalization
- V. Non-immigrants
  - asylum – political refugees
  - without permanent status – temp workers, members of foreign media, visitors
  - INS – since 96 trying to limit illegal migrants – now very important topic 2006-2008
- VI. One nation out of diversity (E. Pluribus Unum)
  - political culture – political orientation/disposition
  - to nation – pattern of ideas, beliefs, values – our central ideas
  - from generation to generation
  - process – p.o.
- VII. Rules and Persons
  - fair rules – procedural guarantees
  - Individual most important
  - Individualism
  - Capitalist Democracies
  - Want government guarantee fair processes – free market, majority rule, due process in courts; values of equality – politically



3. pluralist dem – say their views are representative in government – sufficiently by their membership in various groups
  - community vs. self-interest
  - people keep the republic
  - fear too much democracy
  - safeguard of free government is free citizens
  - today – cynicism and distrust of government

### XIII. At Stake

- unions decline, look to immigrants as new members
- Sept 11 doesn't open our borders