

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

POLI 1001

WEEK 5: REFLECTION



THE CONCEPT OF FEDERALISM



Division of power between national and state governments



Balances authority and prevents tyranny



Encourages policy innovation at state levels



Promotes political participation at local levels



Significant in understanding state vs. federal roles



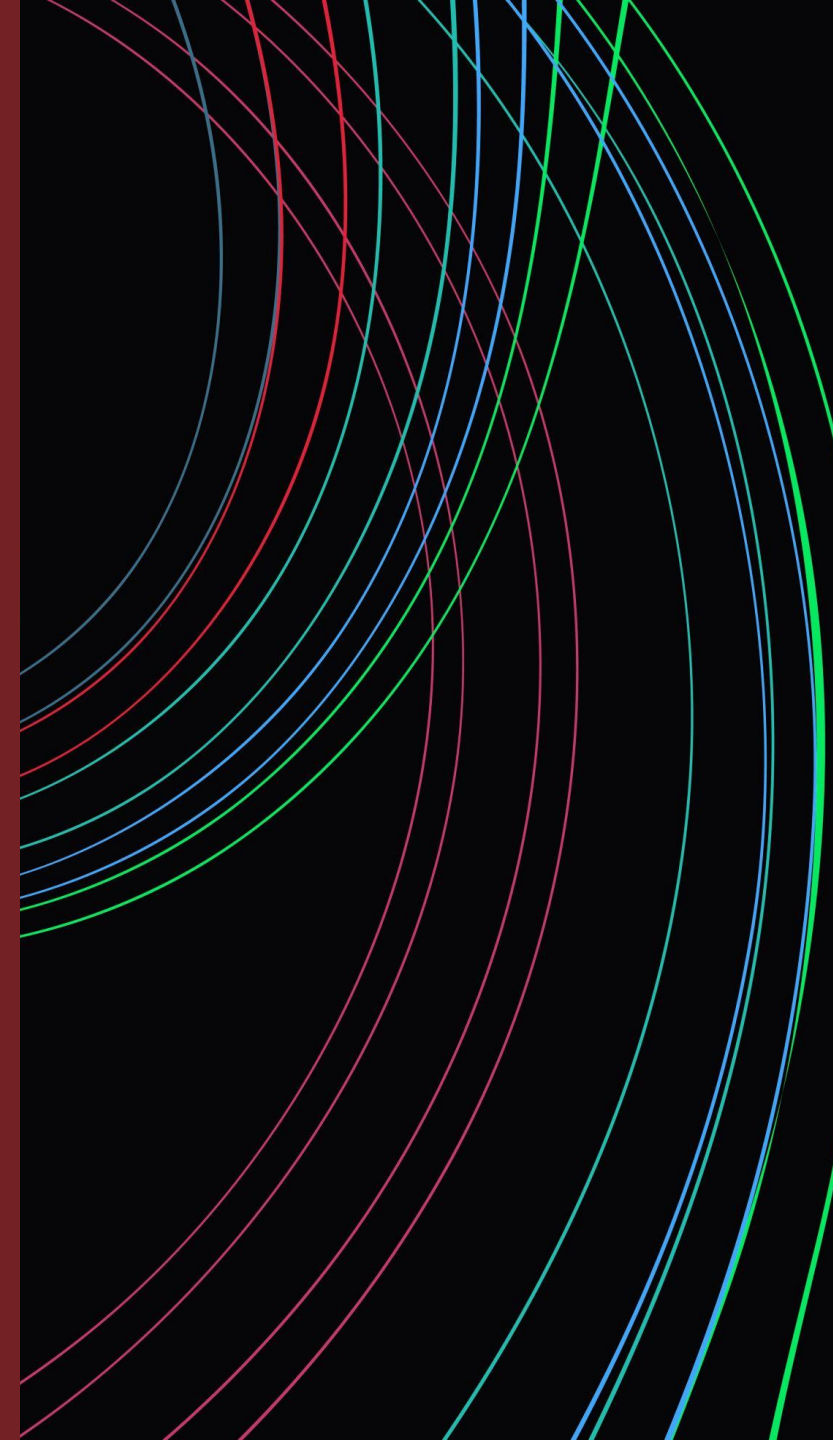
THE PRINCIPLE OF CHECKS AND BALANCES

- Ensures no branch of government becomes too powerful
- Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches have distinct powers
- Each branch can limit the powers of the others
- Promotes accountability and prevents abuse of power
- Crucial for maintaining democratic governance



THE IMPORTANCE OF CIVIL LIBERTIES

- Protection of individual rights and freedoms
- Enshrined in the Bill of Rights
- Limits government interference in personal lives
- Ensures freedom of speech, religion, and press
- Fundamental to a free and democratic society



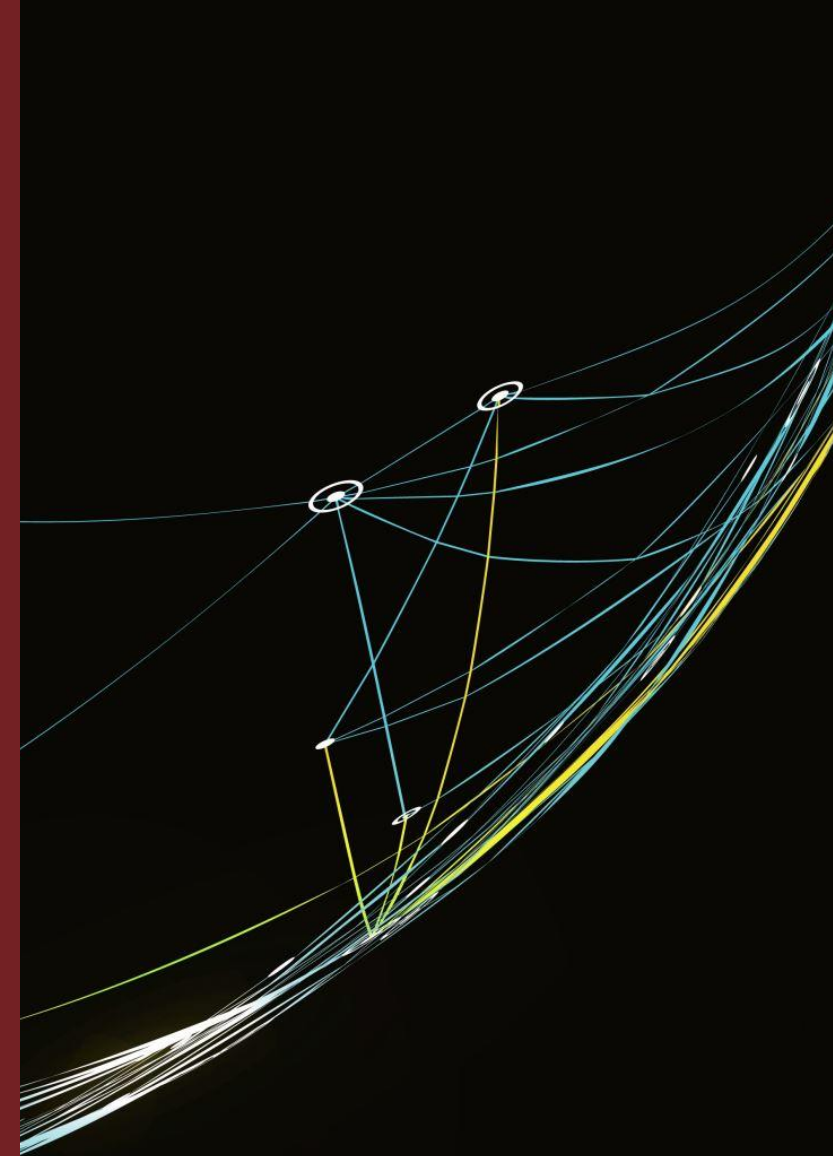
VOTING AS A CIVIC DUTY

- Central to democratic participation
- Allows citizens to influence government policies
- Reflects public opinion and societal values
- Promotes accountability of elected officials
- Essential for the legitimacy of the political system



ENGAGING IN POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS

- Fosters informed citizenship
- Encourages diverse perspectives and debate
- Helps shape public opinion and policy
- Promotes active involvement in community issues
- Builds skills in argumentation and critical thinking



ADVOCATING FOR SOCIAL CAUSES



EMPOWERS CITIZENS
TO ADDRESS
INJUSTICES



MOBILIZES COMMUNITY
SUPPORT FOR CHANGE



INFLUENCES PUBLIC
POLICY AND
LEGISLATION



RAISES AWARENESS ON
IMPORTANT ISSUES



STRENGTHENS
DEMOCRATIC
ENGAGEMENT AND
ACTIVISM

**COURSE
REFLECTION AND
FUTURE
PARTICIPATION**

GAINED A COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING
OF GOVERNMENT PROCESSES

PREPARED FOR ACTIVE AND INFORMED
CITIZENSHIP

EQUIPPED TO ADVOCATE FOR PERSONAL
AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS

ENHANCED ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN
POLITICAL PROCESSES

COMMITTED TO ONGOING CIVIC
ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION