

Question 1

The USA PATRIOT Act allows the government to collect _____.

- a. documents sent via the mail--Consider This: The government collects "metadata" or data about your data.
- b. blood and saliva samples
- c. the addressing information of citizens' communications
- d. audio recordings of all private residences that receive public utilities

Answer: <https://biology-forums.com/index.php?topic=1878342>

Question 2

"A source at the White House said" is an example of an attribution based on information obtained _____.

- a. on the record
- b. off the record Consider This: Information obtained "off the record" cannot be reported.
- c. on background
- d. on deep background

Answer: <https://biology-forums.com/index.php?topic=1878379>

Question 3

How does the Preamble to the Constitution begin?

- a. "We the People"
- b. "We hold these truths to be self-evident"
- c. "When in the Course of human events"
- d. "In Order to form a more perfect Union" -- Consider This: While these words come early in the Constitution, they are not the beginning of the Preamble.

Answer: <https://biology-forums.com/index.php?topic=1878295>

Question 4

Which of the following was a fundamental claim of the George W. Bush administration's case for the 2003 war in Iraq?

- a. Iraq was directly responsible for the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Consider This: Bush identified Iraq as part of the "axis of evil".
- b. Iraq was a threat to American security interests.
- c. The Persian Gulf War begun by President George H. W. Bush had never really ended and needed to be brought to a close.
- d. Saddam Hussein had issued threats against the United States and had permitted Osama bin Laden to use camps in Iraq for training terrorists.

Answer: <https://biology-forums.com/index.php?topic=1878381>

Question 5

In what sense is the veto a "qualified negative" power?

- a. The veto has a negative effect on the ability of Congress to conduct its business as qualified by the Constitution. --- Consider This: Congress must have the ability to overturn the veto in order for the veto to be considered a "qualified negative."
- b. Congress can negate the president's legislative agenda by refusing to qualify his or her proposals as ripe for consideration, something that is akin to a legislative veto.
- c. The president can veto negative or harmful Supreme Court decisions.
- d. The president can negate legislation passed by Congress, but this power is qualified by Congress's ability to override the president's veto.

Answer: <https://biology-forums.com/index.php?topic=1878374>

Question 6

Indirect democracy uses which of the following?

- a. plebiscites
- b. unanimity
- c. representation
- d. "mob rule" -- Consider This: In an indirect democracy, citizens do not have a direct role in policymaking. Instead, they elect individuals to make decisions on their behalf.

Answer: <https://biology-forums.com/index.php?topic=1878296>

Question 7

It is believed that certain media members tend to ignore stories critical of government and big business because _____.

- a. the typical journalist has a relatively elite background
- b. most journalists today identify as Republicans Consider This:
- c. there are considerable boundaries of respect between the government and the press
- d. the public dislikes critical news Consider This: There is much speculation and discussion that increasingly, the public prefers "infotainment" type news pieces as opposed to critical stories.

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Question 8

What position did John Adams describe as being "the most insignificant office that was the invention of man or his imagination conceived"?

- a. president --- Consider This: While the founders did feel that the legislature was more of a threat to individual liberty than the presidency, they made sure to enumerate the significant powers of the Presidency in Article II of the Constitution.
- b. vice president
- c. secretary of state
- d. Speaker of the House

Answer: <https://biology-forums.com/index.php?topic=1878373>

Question 9

Presidents often use _____ to sidestep the constitutional "advice and consent" of the Senate that is required for formal ratification of treaties.

- a. pocket vetoes
- b. executive privilege
- c. executive agreements
- d. signing statements --- Consider This: A signing statement is a means of sidestepping certain provisions of legislation passed by the Congress.

Answer: <https://biology-forums.com/index.php?topic=1878375>

Question 10

What are republics?

- a. representative democracies
- b. direct democracies -- Consider This: Republics are rooted in the consent of the governed, but they do not necessarily allow individuals to directly participate.
- c. a hallmark of direct democracy
- d. communist regimes

Answer: <https://biology-forums.com/index.php?topic=1878297>

Question 11

"Feeling thermometer" questions ask respondents how they feel about a particular issue by _____.

- a. signaling their approval or disapproval
- b. answering with a simple yes or no
- c. using a 0-to-100 scale
- d. computing degree-of-affinity statistics -- Consider This: "Feeling thermometer" questions do not require computations on behalf of the individual polled but rather a specific, targeted assessment of the degree of their feelings on issues.

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Question 12

Which of the following generally is unconstitutional in school?

- a. hate speech--Consider This: Hate speech can be banned but it is not unconstitutional.
- b. learning about religion
- c. free speech
- d. mandatory prayer

Answer: <https://biology-forums.com/index.php?topic=1878340>

Question 13

Which is true regarding the Marshall Plan?

- a. The Soviet Union instituted the Marshall Plan to benefit Eastern Europe.
- b. Germany instituted the Marshall Plan to benefit the United States. Consider This: Germany benefited from the Marshall Plan, but did not institute it.
- c. The United States instituted the Marshall Plan to benefit Western Europe.
- d. Eastern Europe instituted the Marshall Plan to benefit Western Europe.

Answer: <https://biology-forums.com/index.php?topic=1878380>

Question 14

Currently, a major concern in regards to the federal workforce is _____.

- a. the decentralization of government offices
- b. the large number of workers who will soon be eligible to retire
- c. the low turnover rate in many important positions
- d. the movement to revive the patronage system -- Consider This: The previous patronage system remains outside of expectation.

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