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Analyzes and explains the U.S. national government. Begins with the American Revolution and the development of the Constitution and the United States’ federal system of government. Discusses civil rights and civil liberties as well as public opinion, political socialization, and the impact of interest groups. By the end of the course, the successful student should understand the general governing framework of the United States, U.S. politics and policy, and what influences the government’s outputs and outcomes.

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Analyzes and explains the U.S. national government. Covers the structure and functioning of U.S. national government institutions. Discusses political institutions and parties as well as public and foreign policy. Reviews the roles and responsibilities of the Congress, the executive branch, and the federal court system. By the end of the course, the successful student should understand the governing framework of the United States, U.S. politics and policy, and what influences government decisions.

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