

POS 2112 State and Local Government

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Chapter One Assessment Test - State and Local Politics - Donovan, et. al.

For each item, mark either A (true) or B (false)

Each item is worth 4 points each

1. Politics is the process used by people to determine what their government will do.
2. Public policy consists of a government's decisions and actions that are designed to achieve the common goals identified by the political process for that jurisdiction.
3. One of the reasons why a person might oppose a policy goal is because they simply do not feel that it will achieve its intended purpose.
4. The problem of getting a group of people to organize for a common goal is called the collective action problem.
5. A government is the set of authoritative institutions by which a geographically defined group of people organize themselves in order to achieve a common goal.
6. Term limits have been only been imposed on governors.
7. Only Florida, Alabama, Nebraska, Texas, California, and New York have imposed term limits.
8. Term limits have decreased the power of governors in the states that impose limits.
9. Term limits have increased the number of incumbent lawmakers who run unopposed in their reelection campaigns.
10. Population increases are far more frequent in the southern states as opposed to northern states.
11. Coastal and inland areas of a state are frequently different in terms of political culture.
12. The areas of the greatest racial/ethnic minority concentration are those associated with the major agricultural centers of the northern states such as Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.
13. The states that report the highest income averages for its residents are typically located in the south.
14. Moralistic political culture tends to dominate southern states such as Georgia, Alabama, Texas, and North Carolina.
15. Individualistic political culture tends to dominate western states such as California, Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.