



AP DAILY VIDEOS

AP Comparative Government and Politics

AP Daily is a series of on-demand, short videos—created by expert AP teachers and faculty—that can be used for in-person, online, and blended/hybrid instruction. These videos cover every topic and skill outlined in the AP Course and Exam Description and are available in AP Classroom for students to watch anytime, anywhere.

Unit 1

Video Title	Topic	Video Focus	Instructor
1.1: Daily Video 1	The Practice of Political Scientists	An introduction to the methods of analysis political scientists use to understand the similarities and differences between states.	Suzanne Bailey
1.1: Daily Video 2	The Practice of Political Scientists	How political scientists use both empirical and quantitative analysis to make comparisons across core countries and draw conclusions about politics.	Suzanne Bailey
1.1: Daily Video 3	The Practice of Political Scientists	Using economic data collection resources to investigate relationships among core course countries.	Suzanne Bailey
1.2: Daily Video 1	Defining Political Organizations	An introduction to the fundamental components of a political system; the differences between states and nations.	Suzanne Bailey
1.2: Daily Video 2	Defining Political Organizations	How political systems and regimes reflect the dynamic balance of power between the government and its citizens.	Suzanne Bailey
1.2: Daily Video 3	Defining Political Organizations	An introduction to the concept of power and authority; the difference between government authority and state sovereignty.	Suzanne Bailey
1.3: Daily Video 1	Democracy vs. Authoritarianism	The differences between democratic regimes and authoritarian regimes; the factors that indicate the degree of democracy or authoritarianism of states.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
1.3: Daily Video 2	Democracy vs. Authoritarianism	Different types of authoritarian regimes; the role of independent branches in a democratic regime (with country-specific examples).	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
1.3: Daily Video 3	Democracy vs. Authoritarianism	A practice free-response question about democratic and authoritarian regimes.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
1.4: Daily Video 1	Democratization	The process and characteristics of democratization; the concept of democratic consolidation.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
1.4: Daily Video 2	Democratization	The factors that help and hinder democratization (with examples from course countries).	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
1.4: Daily Video 3	Democratization	A practice free-response question about democratic consolidation.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
1.5: Daily Video 1	Sources of Power and Authority	The difference between power and authority; the sources of power and authority (with country-specific examples).	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
1.5: Daily Video 2	Sources of Power and Authority	Comparing the sources of power and authority in Iran and China, and in Mexico and Nigeria.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
1.6: Daily Video 1	Change in Power and Authority	How democratic regimes can maintain sovereignty using less power than authoritarian regimes (with country-specific examples).	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
1.6: Daily Video 2	Change in Power and Authority	The difference between a regime change and a change in government; the different types of regime changes that can occur.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
1.6: Daily Video 3	Change in Power and Authority	Practice with Skill 4.A, using a provided text on Iran.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
1.7: Daily Video 1	Federal and Unitary Systems	The definition of a federal system and a unitary system; the advantages and disadvantage of each system.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight

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1.7: Daily Video 2	Federal and Unitary Systems	The degree to which power is centralized or decentralized, and can change over time, in both federal and unitary systems.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
1.7: Daily Video 3	Federal and Unitary Systems	Practice with Skill 4.B, using a provided text on Nigeria.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
1.8: Daily Video 1	Political Legitimacy	The definition of political legitimacy; identifying the sources of legitimacy using quantitative analysis.	Suzanne Bailey
1.8: Daily Video 2	Political Legitimacy	How democratic regimes achieve legitimacy; how comparative political scientists use quantitative data to measure legitimacy.	Suzanne Bailey
1.8: Daily Video 3	Political Legitimacy	How authoritarian regimes achieve legitimacy; how comparative political scientists use quantitative data to measure legitimacy.	Suzanne Bailey
1.9: Daily Video 1	Sustaining Legitimacy	How states maintain legitimacy through policy effectiveness (with examples from course countries).	Suzanne Bailey
1.9: Daily Video 2	Sustaining Legitimacy	How states adopt policies that undermine legitimacy (with case studies from course countries).	Suzanne Bailey
1.10: Daily Video 1	Political Stability	How comparative political scientists measure political stability using quantitative analysis.	Suzanne Bailey
1.10: Daily Video 2	Political Stability	How economic policies are used by states to maintain political stability (with case studies from course countries).	Suzanne Bailey
1.10: Daily Video 3	Political Stability	How pressure groups can challenge political stability (with case studies from course countries).	Suzanne Bailey

Unit 2

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2.1: Daily Video 1	Parliamentary, Presidential, and Semi-Presidential Systems	This video explains the difference between parliamentary, presidential, and semi-presidential systems of government. Russia is used as the semi-presidential case study.	Suzanne Bailey
2.1: Daily Video 2	Parliamentary, Presidential, and Semi-Presidential Systems	This video explains how parliamentary systems are a fusion of executive and legislative authority. The UK is used as a case study.	Suzanne Bailey
2.1: Daily Video 3	Parliamentary, Presidential, and Semi-Presidential Systems	This video explains how presidential systems employ a separation of executive and legislative power. Mexico and Nigeria are used as case studies.	Suzanne Bailey
2.2: Daily Video 1	Comparing Parliamentary, Presidential, and Semi-Presidential Systems	This video focuses on the similarities between the checks on executive authority in both parliamentary and presidential systems.	Suzanne Bailey
2.2: Daily Video 2	Comparing Parliamentary, Presidential, and Semi-Presidential Systems	This video focuses on the differences between the checks on executive authority in both parliamentary and presidential systems.	Suzanne Bailey
2.3: Daily Video 1	Executive Systems	This video explains the difference between a head of state and a head of government. Examples will be used from all 6 course countries.	Suzanne Bailey
2.3: Daily Video 2	Executive Systems	This video compares the titles, powers, structure, and function of the executives in Russia and the UK.	Suzanne Bailey
2.3: Daily Video 3	Executive Systems	This video compares the titles, powers, structure, and function of the executives in China and Iran.	Suzanne Bailey
2.4: Daily Video 1	Executive Term Limits	This video focuses on writing a thesis statement that argues the advantages of using term limits as a check on executive authority.	Suzanne Bailey
2.5: Daily Video 1	Removal of Executives	This video compares how executive leaders can be removed by the legislative branch in course countries.	Suzanne Bailey
2.6: Daily Video 1	Legislative Systems	This video will investigate how the structure and functions of legislative systems reflect the allocation of power within political systems through a closer look at Nigeria and Mexico.	Laura Lutz
2.6: Daily Video 2	Legislative Systems	This video will investigate how the structure and functions of legislative systems reflect the allocation of power within political systems through a closer look at the UK and Russia.	Laura Lutz
2.6: Daily Video 3	Legislative Systems	This video will investigate how the structure and functions of legislative systems reflect the allocation of power within political systems through a closer look at China and Iran.	Laura Lutz

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2.7: Daily Video 1	Independent Legislatures	This video will explain the concept of independent legislatures and look at some ways legislative powers can be constrained.	Laura Lutz
2.7: Daily Video 2	Independent Legislatures	This video will look deeper into the concept of independent legislatures using a practice Comparative Analysis FRQ.	Laura Lutz
2.7: Daily Video 3	Independent Legislatures	This video will provide instruction and practice using skill 4.C with a provided text on Iran.	Laura Lutz
2.8: Daily Video 1	Judicial Systems	This video will investigate how the structures and functions of judicial systems reflect the allocation of power within the political systems of China, Iran, and Mexico.	Laura Lutz
2.8: Daily Video 2	Judicial Systems	This video will investigate how the structures and functions of judicial systems reflect the allocation of power within the political systems of Nigeria, Russia, and the UK.	Laura Lutz
2.9: Daily Video 1	Independent Judiciaries	This video will explain the concept of independent judiciaries and the importance of independent judiciaries relative to other political institutions.	Laura Lutz
2.9: Daily Video 2	Independent Judiciaries	This video will provide instruction and practice using skill 5.B using an Argumentative Essay question.	Laura Lutz

Unit 3

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3.1: Daily Video 1	Civil Society	This video will describe the concept of civil society and how it applies in course countries.	Laura Lutz
3.1: Daily Video 2	Civil Society	This video will give a general overview of the role civil society plays among course countries and the opportunity to practice Concept Application skills with an example FRQ about Russia.	Laura Lutz
3.2: Daily Video 1	Political Culture	This video will describe the concept of political culture, factors influencing political culture, and how political culture is transmitted in different regimes.	Laura Lutz
3.3: Daily Video 1	Political Ideologies	This video will describe the concept of political ideologies and give examples of a number of different political ideologies that can occur in course countries.	Laura Lutz
3.4: Daily Video 1	Political Values and Beliefs	This video will look at the concept of political values and beliefs and how those values and beliefs shape the relationship between a state and its citizens.	Laura Lutz
3.4: Daily Video 2	Political Values and Beliefs	This video will provide instruction and practice using skill 3.C to analyze data from Russia.	Laura Lutz
3.5: Daily Video 1	Nature and Role of Political Participation	This video will describe the various forms of political participation found in democratic regimes, focusing particularly on the United Kingdom.	Betsy Heckman
3.5: Daily Video 2	Nature and Role of Political Participation	This video will describe the various forms of political participation found in authoritarian regimes, focusing particularly on China.	Betsy Heckman
3.5: Daily Video 3	Nature and Role of Political Participation	This video will provide instruction on how to apply skill 3.D with an FRQ example that illustrates political participation in Russia, Nigeria, Mexico, and Iran.	Betsy Heckman
3.6: Daily Video 1	Forces that Impact Political Participation	This video will describe how authoritarian and democratic regimes manage political participation.	Betsy Heckman
3.6: Daily Video 2	Forces that Impact Political Participation	This video will provide instruction on how to apply skill 5.B in the context of how different regime types encourage or restrict political participation.	Betsy Heckman
3.7: Daily Video 1	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	This video will describe the concepts of civil rights and civil liberties.	Betsy Heckman
3.7: Daily Video 2	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	This video will focus on restrictions on freedom of the media in authoritarian regimes.	Betsy Heckman
3.7: Daily Video 3	Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	This video will provide instruction on how to apply skill 4.A in the context of how authoritarian regimes limit media freedom.	Betsy Heckman
3.8: Daily Video 1	Political and Social Cleavages	This video will describe social and political cleavages, focusing on the United Kingdom.	Betsy Heckman
3.8: Daily Video 2	Political and Social Cleavages	This video provide instruction on how to apply skill 2.A in the context of political and social cleavages in Mexico and Nigeria.	Betsy Heckman
3.8: Daily Video 3	Political and Social Cleavages	This video will further practice skill 2.A in the context of political and social cleavages in Russia and China.	Betsy Heckman

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3.9: Daily Video 1	Challenges from Political and Social Cleavages	This video will describe the various challenges political and social cleavages pose to the stability of the regime.	Betsy Heckman
3.9: Daily Video 2	Challenges from Political and Social Cleavages	This video will practice skill 5.C in the context of how governments respond to political and social cleavages.	Betsy Heckman

Unit 4

Video Title	Topic	Video Focus	Instructor
4.1: Daily Video 1	Electoral Systems and Rules	This video explains the difference between single-member districts and proportional representation and describes the legislative electoral systems and rules for Mexico and Nigeria.	Scott Rivinius
4.1: Daily Video 2	Electoral Systems and Rules	This video describes the electoral systems and election rules for Russia, Iran, and China.	Scott Rivinius
4.1: Daily Video 3	Electoral Systems and Rules	This video describes the electoral systems and election rules for the United Kingdom and provides a practice country comparison free-response question on proportional representation and single-member district plurality (SMDP) systems.	Scott Rivinius
4.2: Daily Video 1	Objectives of Election Rules	This video reviews the differences between proportional representation and SMDP systems as well as explains different presidential election rules in Mexico and Nigeria.	Scott Rivinius
4.2: Daily Video 2	Objectives of Election Rules	This video explains the presidential election rules for Iran and Russia as well as the different regulatory organizations and ballot rules in Iran, Mexico, and Nigeria.	Scott Rivinius
4.2: Daily Video 3	Objectives of Election Rules	This video describes the timing of legislative elections and explains appointment systems in Iran, Russia, and the United Kingdom. There is also a practice source analysis activity on Iran.	Scott Rivinius
4.3: Daily Video 1	Political Party Systems	This video describes the characteristics of political party systems and membership and explains the political party systems and membership of China and Russia.	Scott Rivinius
4.3: Daily Video 2	Political Party Systems	This video explains the political party systems and membership of Mexico, Nigeria, and the United Kingdom.	Scott Rivinius
4.3: Daily Video 3	Political Party Systems	This video provides the opportunity to practice data analysis skills by working on a quantitative free-response question based on content from Unit 4.	Scott Rivinius
4.4: Daily Video 1	Role of Political Party Systems	This video explains how political party systems and membership link citizen participation to policymaking in China, Iran, and Russia.	Scott Rivinius
4.4: Daily Video 2	Role of Political Party Systems	This video explains how political party systems and membership link citizen participation to policymaking in Mexico, Nigeria, and the United Kingdom.	Scott Rivinius
4.4: Daily Video 3	Role of Political Party Systems	This video provides the opportunity to use content from Topic 4.4 to practice country comparison skills using a free-response question on multiparty and dominant-party systems.	Scott Rivinius
4.5: Daily Video 1	Impact of Social Movements and Interest Groups	This video will describe how social movements and interest groups create political change.	Betsy Heckman
4.5: Daily Video 2	Impact of Social Movements and Interest Groups	This video will describe the impact of social movements and interest groups in course countries.	Betsy Heckman

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4.5: Daily Video 3	Impact of Social Movements and Interest Groups	This video will practice the skill of refutation, concession, and rebuttal in the context of social movements.	Betsy Heckman
4.6: Daily Video 1	Pluralist and Corporatist Interests	This video will describe the difference between pluralist and corporatist interest group systems.	Betsy Heckman
4.6: Daily Video 2	Pluralist and Corporatist Interests	This video will practice the skill of explaining the implications of an author’s argument in a source.	Betsy Heckman

Unit 5

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5.1: Daily Video 1	Impact of Global Economic and Technological Forces	This video describes and explains the impacts of economic globalization.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
5.1: Daily Video 2	Impact of Global Economic and Technological Forces	This video looks at how state membership in the IMF, the World Bank, and the WTO has promoted economic liberalization in member countries.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
5.1: Daily Video 3	Impact of Global Economic and Technological Forces	This video explores the conflicts and challenges that globalization and neoliberalism can provoke within states.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
5.2: Daily Video 1	Political Responses to Global Market Forces	This video explores ways in which countries have experimented with policies regarding private ownership of industry and capital.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
5.2: Daily Video 2	Political Responses to Global Market Forces	This video looks at how countries allow varying degrees of control of natural resources.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
5.2: Daily Video 3	Political Responses to Global Market Forces	This video explores ways in which governments respond to global market forces and the reasons governments respond to these forces.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
5.3: Daily Video 1	Challenges from Globalization	This video explores different ways in which globalization can challenge regime sovereignty.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
5.3: Daily Video 2	Challenges from Globalization	This video explains how global market forces can lead to internal demands for domestic reform.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
5.4: Daily Video 1	Policies and Economic Liberalization	This video describes economic liberalization and provides examples from course countries.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
5.4: Daily Video 2	Policies and Economic Liberalization	This video explores different data sources that can be used to analyze the positive and negative consequences of economic liberalization.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
5.4: Daily Video 3	Policies and Economic Liberalization	This video explains the positive and negative consequences of neoliberal economic policies.	Elizabeth (Liza) Knight
5.5: Daily Video 1	International and Supranational Organizations	This video explains the role of international and supranational organizations on domestic policy and state sovereignty.	Scott Rivinius
5.5: Daily Video 2	International and Supranational Organizations	This video describes the supranational organizations of the EU and ECOWAS and will practice source analysis skills using an article on Brexit.	Scott Rivinius

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5.6: Daily Video 1	Adaptation of Social Policies	This video explains government responses to political, cultural, and economic changes. It explains gender equity issues in Iran, Mexico, and Nigeria.	Scott Rivinius
5.6: Daily Video 2	Adaptation of Social Policies	This video explains why governments implement social welfare policies and provides an opportunity to practice comparative analysis skills.	Scott Rivinius
5.7: Daily Video 1	Impact of Industrialization and Economic Development	This video explains the effects of rapid industrialization and economic development that have produced radical changes in governmental policies in case study countries.	Scott Rivinius
5.7: Daily Video 2	Impact of Industrialization and Economic Development	This video describes trade liberalization and austerity and offers practice on the argumentation skills of refutation, concession, and rebuttal using a FRQ on industrialization.	Scott Rivinius
5.8: Daily Video 1	Causes and Effects of Demographic Change	This video explains the causes and effects of demographic change by focusing on migration changes in China and Mexico.	Scott Rivinius
5.8: Daily Video 2	Causes and Effects of Demographic Change	This video explains the causes and effects of demographic change by focusing on issues faced in Iran, Nigeria, and the U.K.	Scott Rivinius
5.8: Daily Video 3	Causes and Effects of Demographic Change	This video describes the social consequences of migration patterns and states' responses to demographic pressures and provides an opportunity to practice data analysis.	Scott Rivinius
5.9: Daily Video 1	Impact of Natural Resources	This video explains the political and economic consequences for rentier states: Iran, Nigeria, and Russia.	Scott Rivinius
5.9: Daily Video 2	Impact of Natural Resources	This video explains the political and economic consequences for both privatized and state control of natural resources.	Scott Rivinius
5.9: Daily Video 3	Impact of Natural Resources	This video provides practice on source analysis skills by reviewing a source on resources being nationalized.	Scott Rivinius