Quiz 2 Study Guide
American Government, Fall 2007
North Seattle Community College

Format: The exam will consist of fill-in-the-blank and short answer questions. There will be 25 fill-in-the-blank questions, each worth 2 points. There will be 5 short answer questions, each worth 10 points. You will have choice on the short answers; that is, I will give you 7 questions, and you will need to answer 5.

Content: The exam will cover material from class as well as from the readings. Below are concepts from the textbooks that you should be familiar with. In addition, you should review the outlines posted online for material covered during class. You can find these at http://facweb.northseattle.edu/mmerry

The content that is most likely to be the exam is anything discussed in class that is also covered in the reading. The content that is least likely to be on the exam is anything listed below that we did not talk about in class.

Chapter 12—Presidency
Unit rule
Honeymoon period

Chapter 13—Federal Bureaucracy
Bureaucracy + 3 principles (hierarchical authority, job specialization, formalized rules)
Policy implementation
Patronage system/ spoils system
Neutral competence

Chapter 14—Judicial System
Original jurisdiction
Appellate jurisdiction
Writ of certiorari
Solicitor general
Majority, concurring, and dissenting opinions
Judicial review
Judicial restraint
Judicial activism

Chapter 8—Campaigns
Hard money
Soft money

POV Readings
From Ch. 12, Bureaucracy: civil service system, management flexibility
From Ch. 13, Courts: original intent (Meese), fundamental principles (Kaufman)
From Ch. 6, TV ad wars: reasons for and against TV ad spots in political campaigns
From Campaign Finance readings: Patriot dollar plan, secret donation plan
From Ch. 7, Elections: national primary, problems with nominating process