

**GOV 1101: American Government**  
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**Quiz #1-Democratic ideals of US government (Khan Academy video)**

**Question #1 (Multiple Choice)**

According to the video what is the purpose of government?

- To provide people with affordable access to health care and education
- To tax the people
- To protect peoples' natural rights, which are life, liberty, and property**
- To allow people to do whatever they want

**Question #2 (Multiple Choice)**

Which of these philosophers influenced what Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence about life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?

- James Madison
- John Locke**
- Reneé Descartes
- Adam Smith

**Question #3 (Short Answer)**

What makes the United States a a republic instead of a direct democracy where the people directly exercise their power?

*Ans.: The United States government is a republic instead of a direct democracy because it is a limited government. The people have rights independent of the government. What also makes the United States government a republic is that we have a representative democracy where the people elect representatives to exercise their power on their behalf.*

**Question #4 (Short Answer)**

Why did the Founding Fathers want the United States government to be a republic instead of one based on *popular sovereignty*?

*Ans.: The Founding Fathers feared that if the US government were a pure democracy based on popular sovereignty a majority "faction" (or political party) would have so much power that it could use that power to take away rights from the minority faction.*

**Question #5 (Short Answer)**

Why is the United States government what the video refers to as *limited government*?

*Ans.: The United States government is a limited government because there are things built into its structure that limit its ability to just do anything. These things include the fact that we have a Constitution that states what the government can and cannot do. The government is also limited by the “rule of law,” “checks and balances, and “the Bill of Rights.”*