

American Government: Stories of a Nation for the AP® Course

Guided Reading

Section 10.2: Political Socialization

Name _____

Date _____ Class _____

 **Before you read**

Before reading this section, take a moment to read the Learning Target and vocabulary terms you will encounter.

Learning Target: Describe how political socialization, cultural factors, and life experiences have an impact on an individual's attitudes and beliefs about government.

AP® Key Concepts

political socialization

generational effect

political ideology

life-cycle effect

 **While you read**

Use the following table to take notes as you read the section.

Factors in socialization	Impact on individual ideology	Impact on U.S. politics

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 **After you read**

Once you've finished reading the section, answer the following questions.

1. A coherent set of beliefs about government and politics is an individual's political:
 - A. socialization.
 - B. culture.
 - C. ideology.
 - D. ambition.

2. The party identification of an individual has strong correlations with the:
 - A. political beliefs of their family.
 - B. college they attend.
 - C. political beliefs of their friends.
 - D. subjects they like in school.

3. The influence on political socialization by churches can be shaped from:
 - A. membership requirements.
 - B. church rituals.
 - C. sermons given.
 - D. demands that members vote a certain way.

4. _____ is the impact on political views caused by historical events that have been experienced by a generation.

5. Being in a different stage of life can affect the:
 - A. way a person looks at other generations.
 - B. issues a person thinks are important.
 - C. outlook a person has on the future of the nation.
 - D. behavior of a person when faced with a crisis.

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6. Trends in political involvement have shown that as people begin to age, they:
- A. show less interest in political candidates.
 - B. vote for older people running for office.
 - C. feel more like their vote does not count.
 - D. become more involved and interested in politics.
7. Members of the Silent Generation were teenagers during the Great Depression. Because of the outsized effect of this, they are often concerned about:
- A. economic security even when they are doing well financially.
 - B. government control of the economy.
 - C. government corruption.
 - D. the federal tax laws.