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Live Classes

# American Civics- Keeping Our Republic

Mr. Powell

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Syllabus

2025-2026



## Personal Note from Instructor:

It is my honor to welcome you to **American Civics – Keeping Our Republic**. As your instructor, I am excited to journey with you through the rich heritage of our nation's government, exploring how Biblical principles have shaped its foundations. Together, we will uncover timeless truths and practical insights that will equip you to engage meaningfully in the civic arena with wisdom and faith.

## Recommended Grade Level:

9th – 12th grade

## Prerequisites:

None

## Live Lecture Date & Time:

Tuesday 10 – 11 am **Eastern**

Tuesday 9 – 10 am **Central**

Tuesday 8 – 9 am **Mountain**

Tuesday 7 – 8 am **Pacific**

*NOTE: The instructor does not require attendance of the live lectures but highly recommends students attend as many of the live lectures as possible to take advantage of live Q&A. Lectures are recorded and posted on the course Canvas page under the associated week and module. If you miss a lecture, please watch the recording.*

## Description:

**American Civics – Keeping Our Republic** invites students to discover the profound connection between Biblical principles and the foundations of American government. This course offers a deep dive into key governmental processes and structures, exploring how faith and values have shaped our nation's civic framework. By blending history, theology, and practical civics, students will gain the tools to become informed and impactful citizens.

## Course Topics:

Through this course, students will:

- Trace the origins of government from both Classical and Christian perspectives.
- Understand the Biblical foundations of government at the local, state, and federal levels.
- Distinguish between a democracy and a republic and why it matters.
- Analyze current policy issues through Biblical and political lenses.
- Evaluate the influence of the Gospel on law and justice in history and today.
- Dive into key political concepts such as apportionment, voting, and elections.
- Build a Biblical model of statesmanship to navigate civic responsibilities.
- Explore the vital role of the electoral college and its impact on governance.
- Unpack the true meaning of “separation of church and state.”
- Appreciate the critical importance of your local sheriff.
- Study George Washington's Farewell Address and its enduring wisdom.

This course empowers students with knowledge and Biblical discernment to defend the values and freedoms that uphold a thriving republic.



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## Required Class Materials:

The Naked Communist: Exposing Communism and Restoring Freedom,  
W. Cleon Skousen, Izzard Ink Publishing Company, April 2017  
ISBN-13: 978-1545402153

With Liberty & Justice for All: Christian Politics Made Simple (Expanded)  
Joe Morecraft, independently published  
ISBN-13 : 978-1694106322

## Assignment Structure:

See schedule in Canvas

## Grading:

<b>Class Participation/Discussion Boards</b>	25%
<b>Attendance</b>	15%
<b>Quizzes</b>	25%
<b>Capstone Paper</b>	35%
<b>Extra Credit</b>	*

\*Extra credit is provided at the discretion of the instructor.

## Due Dates and Late Policy:

Pay attention to due dates. Assignments not completed by the due date will be marked late. All assignments have a built-in two weeks for completion therefore extensions will not be offered.

## Student Conduct:

### Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty is any type of cheating that occurs on any exercise related to this course. It can include plagiarism, fabrication, deception,

cheating, bribery, sabotage, professional misconduct, and impersonation. **Any type of cheating will not be tolerated!**

Cheating includes but is not limited to copying homework, falsifying reasons for missing class, copying other students' exams/homework/answers, impersonating a parent, having someone else login to a Canvas/Zoom account to complete material on a student's behalf, or plagiarizing material someone else has written and claiming it as your own.

**Any plagiarism will receive 0 points and the parents will be notified.**

### **Class Behavior**

**Zoom** is our online classroom. You will use the link provided in the Canvas portal to log-on every week. You will enter First Name and Initial of your last name. Do not use nicknames, if the teacher is unable to recognize the student, said student will be removed from class. The class is being **recorded**.

## **Instructor Availability for Questions:**

Instructor is available by email Monday – Friday: [mrpowell@apologia.com](mailto:mrpowell@apologia.com)  
Office hours are on Fridays 9a-12p

Additional details on instructor availability are provided during the open house for this course.