





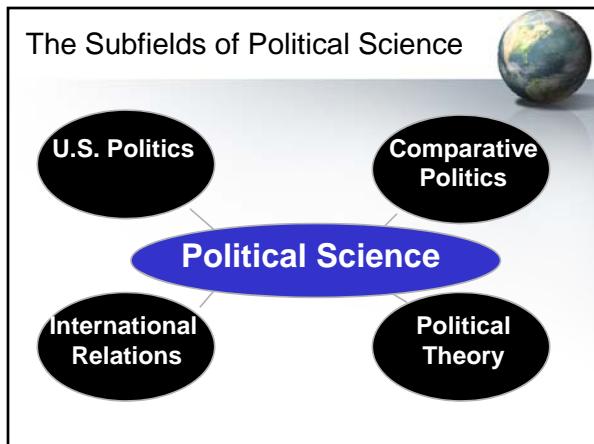
What is Politics?



Several Definitions:

- "Politics is the process of who gets what, when, and how." - Harold Lasswell
- The process through which power and influence are used in the promotion of certain values and interests





Key Concepts



Key Concepts in Political Science

- **Political Power**
 - Four types of power:
 1. Force
 2. Persuasion
 3. Manipulation
 4. Exchange



Machiavelli

Key Concepts



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- **Government**
 - A particular set of institutions/people authorized by formal documents to pass laws, issue regulations, control the police, etc.
 - Several types:
 1. Anarchical
 2. Authoritarian
 3. Totalitarian
 4. Theocratic
 5. Democratic



Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

Key Concepts



Key Concepts in Political Science

- **State**
 - All the institutions/individuals that control people in a particular region
 - 1933 Montevideo Convention:
 1. Permanent population
 2. Defined territory
 3. A government
 4. Foreign relations/Recognition

Key Concepts



Additional Characteristics of States:

- **Sovereignty:**
 - the premise that each state has complete authority and is the ultimate source of law within its boundaries
- **Territorial Integrity:**
 - a state has the right to resist and reject any aggression, invasion, or intervention within its territory
- **Legitimacy**
 - the attitude that the government's rule is right



Jean Bodin

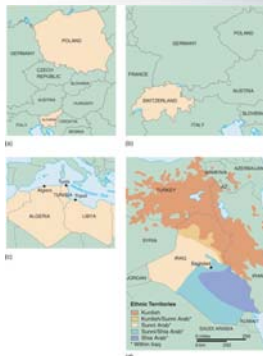
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Additional Concepts

- **Nation:**
 - A distinct group of people who share a common background
- **Nation-State:**
 - A state encompassing a single nation
- **Multinational State**
 - Various national groups encompassing a single state
- **Stateless Nations**
 - People or nations who have no state

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- A) Poland is a nation-state
- B) Switzerland is a multi-national state
- C) The Arab nation is a part nation-state (the territory of the nation exceeds the state)
- D) The Kurds are a stateless nation fighting for their own state, Kurdistan

Key Concepts



Kurdistan:



Key Concepts



Iraq Ethnic Territories: