

## American National Government Notes

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### Quotes:

- 1) "Liberty depends incomparably more upon administration than upon constitution." -Reinhold Niebuhr

-This means that even though the constitution guarantees liberty, the administration can take that liberty away.

-As functions increase (things we do as a society), the functions of government (regulations) also increase. For example: If farmers use fertilizers on crops, the government has to regulate what fertilizers they are using and set guidelines.

- 2) "Everything in a great society, including the great society itself, depends upon government and effective discharge of the government's functions." -Charles A. Beard

- 3) "There has never been, nor ever will be, a people who are ignorant and free." -Thomas Jefferson

-If you are not aware of what is going on in the government and society around you will be taken/sold.

- 4) "A foolish faith in authority is the enemy of the truth." -Albert Einstein

-We should question the government and analyze what they do.

### Functions of Government:

Ancient World: To foster human excellence

-Olympics are an example of this. They push humans to their limits, which was the goal of the ancient world.

Medieval Christendom: To foster Christian life

Modern World: To establish and maintain order and prosperity