

Module 1:

- Amplified liberty and individualism
- Super Americans
- Texas political culture:
 - Ideology
 - Abstract glue that helps people in consistent manner
 - Classical liberalism:
 - Individual liberty: basic unit of society
 - Religious tolerance
 - Limited government
 - Protection of private property rights
 - “Liberals”
 - Modern setting
 - Social conservatism:
 - Respect for traditional figures
 - A limited set of values
 - Heightened sense of patriotism of Texas identity
 - Populism:
 - Well being of ordinary people, the popular will
 - Lacks a specific ideological content
 - Mobilize resistance
 - Anti immigrant; anti government spending
 - Distrust of government
 - Influenced by Reconstruction
 - Actually serving narrower interests
- Urban setting shapes political culture:
 - Ethnically diverse
 - Politically liberal
 - Urban; suburban; exurban
 - Live in suburban:
 - Cheaper
 - But connected to urban
 - Ambivalence of attitudes
 - Progressive social attitude
 - Conservative political attitude
 - Tension between conservative politics and urban liberals

Module 2:

- Public opinion:
 - Shape elections
 - Basic mechanism of democracy
 - Provide detail info to representatives about what constituents want
 - Incentives and choices of political actors