

* Max Weber & Power

- power - ability to achieve desired ends despite resistance from others
- sources are traditional, rational-legal, charismatic
- rational-legal - rational & enacted laws
- charismatic - an extraordinary quality

* 4 Categories of Political Systems

- monarchy - rule by one person
- authoritarianism - denial of people's voices for gov't
- totalitarianism - highly centralized, rules regulate all aspects of life
- democracy - giving power to the people

* Power Beyond Rules

- revolution - when one system is overthrown to replace it
- terrorism - an act of violence used as a political strategy

* Politics in the US

- history
- US gov't is a welfare state