



Popular Sovereignty - Definition and Examples - Quiz

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Q1. What is the definition of popular sovereignty?

- A. The doctrine that all people have a right to participate in government
- B. The idea that only elected officials should govern
- C. The belief that monarchy is the best form of government
- D. The concept that laws should be made by international bodies

Q2. Who first introduced the idea of popular sovereignty?

- A. John Locke
- B. Thomas Paine
- C. Abraham Lincoln
- D. Thomas Jefferson

Q3. Where was popular sovereignty first used historically?

- A. Ancient Rome
- B. Ancient Athens
- C. Ancient Egypt
- D. Ancient China

Q4. Which document outlined that political authority is only legitimate with the consent of the people?

- A. The Magna Carta
- B. The Declaration of Independence
- C. The Declaration of the Rights of Man and Citizen
- D. The U.S. Constitution

Q5. In which article of the U.S. Constitution is popular sovereignty contained?

- A. Article One
- B. Article Two
- C. Article Three
- D. The Bill of Rights

Q6. Which U.S. president used popular sovereignty to justify abolition?

- A. George Washington
- B. Thomas Jefferson
- C. Abraham Lincoln
- D. Andrew Jackson

Q7. What was the first official use of popular sovereignty in the U.S.?

- A. The Declaration of Independence
- B. The Northwest Ordinance of 1787
- C. The U.S. Constitution
- D. The Bill of Rights

Q8. Which of the following is NOT a misconception about popular sovereignty?

- A. Being sovereign means being free from all laws
- B. Each person has the final say in any situation
- C. Popular sovereignty means having no central authority
- D. Power comes from the consent of the governed

Q9. Which country has one of the strictest citizenship requirements in the world?

- A. United States
- B. Switzerland
- C. Australia
- D. Canada

Q10. What is the main principle of popular sovereignty in democracy?

- A. Only wealthy individuals should govern
- B. All citizens have equal rights and protections under the law
- C. Laws should be made by a single ruler
- D. Voting should be restricted to certain groups

Answer Key

1. Q1: A
2. Q2: B
3. Q3: B
4. Q4: C
5. Q5: A
6. Q6: C
7. Q7: B
8. Q8: D
9. Q9: B
10. Q10: B