What Type of Government Does the US Have? - Quiz

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Q1. What is a government run by elected officials called?

A. Republic

B. Monarchy

C. Oligarchy

D. Dictatorship

Q2. What term is more accurate than 'democracy' to describe the US government?

A. Democratic republic

B. Pure democracy

C. Autocracy

D. Theocracy

Q3. What was one of the main concepts that guided the Founding Fathers in drafting the US Constitution?

A. Checks and balances

B. Absolute monarchy

C. Direct democracy

D. Anarchy

Q4. What determines the winner of each US presidential election?

A. Electoral College

B. Popular vote only

C. Congressional vote

D. Supreme Court decision

Q5. What is the purpose of the bicameral legislature in the US?

A. To balance state and population representation

B. To centralize power in one house

C. To eliminate the need for elections

D. To reduce the number of laws passed

Q6. What can the Supreme Court do if a law is deemed unconstitutional?

A. Revoke the law

B. Amend the law

C. Ignore the law

D. Enforce the law

Q7. What are the first ten amendments to the US Constitution called?

A. Bill of Rights

B. Articles of Confederation

C. Federalist Papers

D. Declaration of Independence

Q8. What is the supreme law of the land in the United States?

A. The Constitution

B. Congressional legislation

C. Presidential executive orders

D. State laws

Q9. What was the initial system of government that failed before the US Constitution?

A. Articles of Confederation

B. Bill of Rights

C. Federalist Papers

D. Mayflower Compact

Q10. Why did the Founding Fathers create the Electoral College?

A. To ensure knowledgeable electors decide the presidency

B. To eliminate voting rights for citizens

C. To centralize power in the Senate

D. To reduce the influence of state governments

Answer Key

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