**AP Government Chapter 2**

**I. LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

1. Explain the various ways the framers tried to limit government, including federalism, free elections, and checks and balances.

2. Describe the concept of separation of powers and its relationship to checks and balances.

3. Define judicial review.

4. Explain how the case *Marbury v. Madison* established the principle of judicial review.

5. Explain how the checks and balances system has been modified by the rise of national political parties, creation of an independent regulatory commission, changes in the electoral system, changes in technology, and changes in international affairs.

6. Contrast the British and American political systems.

7. Explain the process of the impeachment and removal power.

8. List presidential practices, and discuss how such practices have evolved.

9. Discuss how two aspects of the Constitution have made it unnecessary for new

constitutions.

10. Explain the two methods for proposing and for ratifying amendments to the Constitution.

11. Summarize the controversies in the ratification politics of the ERA.

12. Explain how the different philosophies of Supreme Court justices affect their views on the Constitution.