**Curveballs**

The AP Exam is loaded with rather specific terms and concepts that can be overlooked during the general study of the subject. Some terms are also overplayed by the College Board test relative to their use in the real world. This is a list of those elusive curveballs that may appear on the exam.

Alexis de Tocqueville

Americans with Disabilities Act

*amicus curiae* brief

constituent services

cooperative federalism

critical election

divided government

dual federalism

economic equality versus equality of opportunity

entitlements

fiscal federalism

free-rider

inherent powers

institutions

linkage Institutions

litigation

majority rule, minority rights

mandate (2 meanings)

plea bargain

pluralism (pluralist theory)

political efficacy

“republican” form of government

rule of law

(selective) incorporation

single-member district

*stare decisis*