

Quiz #10
Ch. 14 Political Systems

1. T/F Power refers to the ability of some people to get other people to do things.
True –(parents, military, chiefs, bosses, presidents)
2. How is **power** different from **influence**?
Impose vs. persuade. (Foragers can only lead by example, cannot enforce laws e.g. prison sentences)
3. Where are **big men** found? How are they different from **chiefs**?
Papua New Guinea..Melanesia (--competitive –need many wives, material goods, followers...Chiefs more an inherited position..)
4. T/F A **big man** is a man of influence and prestige.
True
5. T/F A stingy **big man** can be murdered by his followers.
True –being generous is paramount
6. Most of human history has been characterized by which level of political organization?
a. band b. tribe c. chiefdom d. state e. troop
7. T/F Among foraging bands, leadership is largely a matter of leading by example.
True – no means to enforce will.
8. T/F All known foraging societies now have links with the outside world.
True—and what they do is affected by cultures outside...encroachment, etc.
9. Why are there very few purely foraging societies today?
Need lots of land – many have been forced into keeping livestock (e.g. Kung/cattle) or practicing horticulture...
10. How big are **tribes**?
Several hundred to 1000
11. T/F Tribes do not have socio-economic stratification.
True - egalitarian
12. T/F Chiefdoms are generally larger than tribes.
True – large community; medium density vs. low density

13. T/F The office of chief is a permanent position.

True – often hereditary as well as permanent

14. T/F Chiefdoms and states are similar in that both are based on differential access to strategic resources.

True --

15. T/F The most complex and centralized of political systems are chiefdoms.

False - States

16. T/F There are no truly egalitarian societies.

False – Sande --Each in terms of its own need...matrilineal where access to resources is not an issue.

17. How do American political leaders compare and contrast with village heads and big men?

Similar – strategizing, withholding information...trying to access resources

18. T/F A pantribal sodality is a kin-based political organization.

True (segmentary lineage system)

19. T/F In a chiefdom, an individual's status is determined by membership in a descent group.

True ...those more closely related to the chief gain more access to power and resources

20. When and where did the first states emerge?

5,000 years ago – Mesopotamia... later Roman empire (55 million people)

21. How might the stratification associated with state societies first emerged?

Environmental circumscription, no trade, population pressure, limited resources, conquered subjects had to produce goods for those who had conquered them.

22. What is more important wealth, power or prestige?

Power? With that wealth and prestige can be acquired.

23. State societies generally have: (select those that apply)

a. centralized authority b. large bureaucracy c. monopoly on the use of physical force to coerce people d. class stratification e. intensive agriculture f. egalitarian distribution of wealth

A, B, C, D, E

24. Is there slavery today?

Yes...trafficking.

25. T/F Under colonialism one society/nation-state establishes overwhelming power and control over another state.

True...ripe for rebellion/revolution

26. Have you ever been in a car accident? How was it resolved?

Work it out with the person who hit you? Hire atty? Report to auto insurance co?

27. What do you think of the current laws regarding the use of cell phones and texting while driving?

Mind cannot really focus on more than one thing...

Cell phone addiction (dopamine re: personal attention re: texts, facebook posts, etc)

28. Should drunk drivers be charged with murder?

In Mexico, traditionally a drunk was not responsible because they were drunk.

Here, one should arrange to have a non-drinking driver, etc.

29. Compare and contrast differences in the law and the administration of justice between two or more societies.

China – bicycle accident – groups surround each participant, gather story and immediately generate a resolution.

Mexico – drunks are not responsible for their misbehavior

US – insanity pleas (e.g. Twinkie Defense)

30. When isn't homicide regarded as murder?

War, military/police action to reduce further blood shed, e.g. killing an armed terrorist

31. T/F All societies have war.

False

32. Societies that engage in war place a greater emphasis on:

a. female solidarity b. male solidarity c. child rearing d. food production e. male/female partnerships

B

33. Modern war in large-scale societies seems to have had:

a. a great effect on population size b. no effect on population size c. unknown effect on population size d. some effect on population size

D

34. T/F Warfare can be a means of regulating population for tribal societies

True

35. How has contact with Western societies exacerbated the expression of aggression amongst the Yanomamo and the highlanders of Papua New Guinea?

Reduced access to resources by being pushed back from land that they once controlled. Greater tensions. 60% of PNG commit rape. Highest murder rates in the world.

36. What are examples of chemical warfare?

Sarin, Holocaust gas chambers

37. Why is chemical warfare so emotionally troubling?

No survivors (children die) cannot hide, escape

38. What kinds of warfare are considered more moral?

Surgical strikes – destroy military supplies

39. Where were you on 9/11/2001?
12 years ago – Me in bed (call from Don)
40. How has your life changed since the attacks on the World Trade Center?
Baggage screening; travel?
41. How do you believe was responsible for the attacks?
Show Kathleen videos? What do YOU believe
42. Would you say the American retaliation for the attacks has been effective?
Is there less Al Quaida? Did Iraq have weapons of mass destruction?
43. Who was Daniel Ellsberg? What did he expose to the American public?
Pentagon Papers...inside secrets of government plans
44. What is Edward Snowden accused of doing? What is your opinion of his actions?
**US Internet spying of Americans citizens... Is he a hero or misguided?
Is privacy important?**
45. Is peace possible? – **Maybe...its our only hope!**