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**Chapter 5 Study Guide – Civil Rights and Public Policy**

**Vocabulary:** On index cards, define the following terms.

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| 1. Civil rights 2. Fourteenth Amendment 3. Equal protection of the laws 4. Thirteenth Amendment 5. Civil Rights Act of 1964 6. Suffrage | 1. Fifteenth Amendment 2. Poll taxes 3. White primary 4. Twenty-fourth Amendment 5. Voting Rights Act of 1965 6. Nineteenth Amendment | 1. Equal Rights Amendment 2. Comparable worth 3. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 4. Affirmative action |

**Key Cases:** On index cards, identify the importance of the following cases.

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| 1. *Dred Scott v. Sanford* 2. *Plessy v. Ferguson* 3. *Brown v. Board of Education* | 1. *Hernandez v. Texas* 2. *Korematsu v. United States* | 1. *University of California v. Bakke* 2. *Adarand Constructors v. Pena* |

**Questions:** Complete the following as you read chapter 5 in your textbook.

1. What are the three key types of inequality in America?
2. Explain the two major conceptions of equality.
3. What is the only mention of the idea of equality in the Constitution?
4. Explain the Supreme Court’s three standards for classifications under the equal protection clause and give an example of each.
5. Complete the following table listing the three eras of the struggle for African American equality, the major policy focus during each era, major court cases and their importance in each era, and any acts of Congress or constitutional amendments passed during each era.

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| **Historical Era** | **Policy Focus** | **Court Cases** | **Acts/Amendments** |
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1. Compare and contrast the significance of the Supreme Court cases of *Scott v. Sandford* (1857), *Plessy v. Ferguson* (1896), and *Brown v. Board Education* (1954).
2. What is the difference between *de jure* segregation and *de facto* segregation?
3. List the six major provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
4. List and explain four ways in which the southern states denied African Americans the right to vote.
5. What was the impact of the Voting Rights Act of 1965?
6. List four other minority groups that have faced discrimination similar to that experienced by African Americans.
7. Explain the policy of “protectionism.”
8. What was the Equal Rights Amendment?
9. List and explain the significance of four Supreme Court cases dealing with sex-based discrimination.
10. How has Congress attempted to end sex discrimination in the area of employment?
11. What is meant by “comparable worth”?
12. In what two ways are women legally treated differently in the military?
13. How has the Supreme Court dealt with the issue of sexual harassment?
14. In what ways are the elderly discriminated against in American society?
15. What are the main provisions of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990?
16. Why might gays and lesbians face the toughest battle for equality?
17. List four cases in which the Supreme Court seems to support affirmative action and four cases in which it seems to oppose affirmative action.

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| ***Support:*** | ***Oppose:*** |

1. How does equality threaten liberty?
2. How do civil rights laws increase the scope and power of government?