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First page of the edition of the Napoleonic Code. Civil law is the legal system used in most countries around the world today. In civil law the sources recognised as authoritative are, primarily, legislation—especially codifications in constitutions or statutes passed by government—and custom. Modern civil law systems essentially derive from the legal practice of the 6th-century Eastern Roman Empire whose texts were rediscovered by late medieval Western Europe. Roman law in the days of the Roman Republic and Empire was heavily procedural, and lacked a professional legal class. Decisions were not published in any systematic way, so any case law that developed was disguised and almost unrecognised. From AD the Byzantine Emperor Justinian I codified and consolidated Roman law up until that point, so that what remained was one-twentieth of the mass of legal texts from before. As one legal historian wrote, "Justinian consciously looked back to the golden age of Roman law and aimed to restore it to the peak it had reached three centuries before. Western Europe, meanwhile, relied on a mix of the Theodosian Code and Germanic customary law until the Justinian Code was rediscovered in the 11th century, and scholars at the University of Bologna used it to interpret their own laws. Both these codes influenced heavily not only the law systems of the countries in continental Europe e. Greece , but also the Japanese and Korean legal traditions. Common law and equity[edit] Main article: Common law King John of England signs Magna Carta In common law legal systems , decisions by courts are explicitly acknowledged as "law" on equal footing with statutes adopted through the legislative process and with regulations issued by the executive branch. The "doctrine of precedent", or stare decisis Latin for "to stand by decisions" means that decisions by higher courts bind lower courts, and future decisions of the same court, to assure that similar cases reach similar results. In contrast , in " civil law " systems, legislative statutes are typically more detailed, and judicial decisions are shorter and less detailed, because the judge or barrister is only writing to decide the single case, rather than to set out reasoning that will guide future courts. Common law originated from England and has been inherited by almost every country once tied to the British Empire except Malta, Scotland , the U. In medieval England, the Norman conquest the law varied-shire-to-shire, based on disparate tribal customs. The concept of a "common law" developed during the reign of Henry II during the late 12th century, when Henry appointed judges that had authority to create an institutionalized and unified system of law "common" to the country. The next major step in the evolution of the common law came when King John was forced by his barons to sign a document limiting his authority to pass laws. In , for instance, while the highest court in France had fifty-one judges, the English Court of Common Pleas had five. From the time of Sir Thomas More , the first lawyer to be appointed as Lord Chancellor, a systematic body of equity grew up alongside the rigid common law, and developed its own Court of Chancery. In developing the common law, academic writings have always played an important part, both to collect overarching principles from dispersed case law, and to argue for change. William Blackstone , from around , was the first scholar to collect, describe, and teach the common law. Religious law Religious law is explicitly based on religious precepts. Examples include the Jewish Halakha and Islamic Sharia —both of which translate as the "path to follow"—while Christian canon law also survives in some church communities. Often the implication of religion for law is unalterability, because the word of God cannot be amended or legislated against by judges or governments. For instance, the Quran has some law, and it acts as a source of further law through interpretation, [88] Qiyas reasoning by analogy , Ijma consensus and precedent. This is mainly contained in a body of law and jurisprudence known as Sharia and Fiqh respectively. This contains the basic code of Jewish law, which some Israeli communities choose to use. Nevertheless, Israeli law allows litigants to use religious laws only if they choose. A trial in the Ottoman Empire, , when religious law applied under the Mecelle Main article: Since the mids, efforts have been made, in country after country,

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to bring Sharia law more into line with modern conditions and conceptions. The constitutions of certain Muslim states, such as Egypt and Afghanistan, recognise Islam as the religion of the state, obliging legislature to adhere to Sharia. I authorise and give up my right of governing myself to this man, or to this assembly of men, on this condition; that thou givest up, thy right to him, and authorise all his actions in like manner. Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*, XVII The main institutions of law in industrialised countries are independent courts , representative parliaments, an accountable executive, the military and police, bureaucratic organisation, the legal profession and civil society itself. John Locke, in his *Two Treatises of Government* , and Baron de Montesquieu in *The Spirit of the Laws* , advocated for a separation of powers between the political, legislature and executive bodies. Judiciary A judiciary is a number of judges mediating disputes to determine outcome. Most countries have systems of appeal courts, answering up to a supreme legal authority. The European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg allows citizens of the Council of Europe member states to bring cases relating to human rights issues before it. For example, in *Brown v. Board of Education* , the United States Supreme Court nullified many state statutes that had established racially segregated schools, finding such statutes to be incompatible with the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. In most countries judges may only interpret the constitution and all other laws. But in common law countries, where matters are not constitutional, the judiciary may also create law under the doctrine of precedent. The UK, Finland and New Zealand assert the ideal of parliamentary sovereignty , whereby the unelected judiciary may not overturn law passed by a democratic legislature. By the principle of representative government people vote for politicians to carry out their wishes. Although countries like Israel, Greece, Sweden and China are unicameral , most countries are bicameral , meaning they have two separately appointed legislative houses. In the UK the upper house is appointed by the government as a house of review. One criticism of bicameral systems with two elected chambers is that the upper and lower houses may simply mirror one another. The traditional justification of bicameralism is that an upper chamber acts as a house of review. This can minimise arbitrariness and injustice in governmental action. Normally there will be several readings and amendments proposed by the different political factions. If a country has an entrenched constitution, a special majority for changes to the constitution may be required, making changes to the law more difficult. A government usually leads the process, which can be formed from Members of Parliament e. However, in a presidential system, the government is usually formed by an executive and his or her appointed cabinet officials e. The executive in a legal system serves as the centre of political authority of the State. In a parliamentary system , as with Britain, Italy, Germany, India, and Japan, the executive is known as the cabinet, and composed of members of the legislature. The executive is led by the head of government , whose office holds power under the confidence of the legislature. Because popular elections appoint political parties to govern, the leader of a party can change in between elections. Examples include the President of Germany appointed by members of federal and state legislatures , the Queen of the United Kingdom an hereditary office , and the President of Austria elected by popular vote. The other important model is the presidential system , found in the United States and in Brazil. In presidential systems, the executive acts as both head of state and head of government, and has power to appoint an unelected cabinet. Under a presidential system, the executive branch is separate from the legislature to which it is not accountable. In presidential systems, the executive often has the power to veto legislation. Most executives in both systems are responsible for foreign relations , the military and police, and the bureaucracy. Military and police[edit] U. Customs and Border Protection officers While military organisations have existed as long as government itself, the idea of a standing police force is a relatively modern concept.

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This action resulted from this parliament not allowing him to levy taxes without yielding to its terms. The increasing radicalism of the Parliamentary majority, however, estranged many reformers even in the Parliament itself and drove them to make common cause with the King. By the end of the s, the radical Parliamentary programme had become clear: The Army had King Charles I executed and for the next eleven years the British kingdoms operated under military dictatorship. No subsequent British monarch would attempt to rule without Parliament, and after the Glorious Revolution of , political disputes would be resolved through elections and parliamentary manoeuvring, rather than by an appeal to force. Charles II also restored episcopacy in the Church of England. His first " Cavalier Parliament " began as a strongly royalist body, and passed a series of acts re-establishing the Church by law and strongly punishing dissent by both Roman Catholics and non-Anglican Protestants. These interests would soon coalesce as the Whigs. Although the matter of these plots was fictitious, they reflected two uncomfortable political realities: James, Duke of York painted in a Romanesque costume As a political term, "Tory" entered English politics during the Exclusion Bill crisis of 1688. In December , the government seized these letters and the plan collapsed. In January the Whigs first began calling the supposed Irish plotters Tories, and on 15 February is recorded the first complaint from an English Royalist about the epithet Tory by the anti-Exclusion newspaper Heraclitus Ridens: I hear further since that this is the distinction they make instead of Cavalier and Roundhead, now they are called Torys and Wiggs". That the Exclusion Bill was the central question upon which parties diverged, did not hinge upon an assessment of the personal character of the Duke of York though his conversion to Catholicism was the key factor that made the Bill possible , but rather upon the power of Parliament to elect a monarch of its own choosing, contrary to the established laws of succession. That the Parliament, with the consent of the King, had such power was not at issue; rather, it was the wisdom of a policy of creating a King whose sole title to the Crown was the will of Parliament and who was essentially a Parliamentary appointee. On this original question, the Tories were, in the short run, entirely successful; the Parliaments that brought in the Exclusion Bill were dissolved, Charles II was enabled to manage the administration autocratically and upon his death the Duke of York succeeded without difficulty. The rebellion of Monmouth , the candidate of the radical Whigs to succeed Charles II, was easily crushed and Monmouth himself executed. However, in the long run Tory principles were to be severely compromised. Besides the support of a strong monarchy, the Tories also stood for the Church of England, as established in Acts of Parliament following the restoration of Charles II 1688 both as a body governed by bishops, using the Book of Common Prayer , and subscribing to a specific doctrine , and also as an exclusive body established by law, from which both Roman Catholics and Nonconformists were excluded. During his reign, James II fought for a broadly tolerant religious settlement under which his co-religionists could prosper—a position anathema to conservative Anglicans. The result was a King established solely by Parliamentary title, and subject to legal controls established by Parliament, the principles that the Tories had originally "abhorred". The Act of Toleration also gave rights to Protestant dissenters that were hitherto unknown, while the elimination of a large number of bishops who refused to swear allegiance to the new monarchs allowed the government to pack the episcopate with bishops with decidedly Whiggish leanings. In both these respects the Tory platform had failed; however, the institutions of monarchy and of a state Church survived. During this time, the Tories fiercely competed with the Whigs for power, and there were frequent Parliamentary elections in which the two parties measured their strength. Balanced ministries[edit] William III saw that the Tories were generally more friendly to royal authority than the Whigs, and he employed both groups in his government. His early ministry was largely Tory, but gradually the government came to be dominated by the so-called Junto Whigs. This tight-knit political

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grouping was opposed by the "Country Whigs", led by Robert Harley, who gradually merged with the Tory opposition in the later s. Opposition[edit] The stresses of the War of the Spanish Succession begun in led most of the Tories to withdraw into opposition by , so that Marlborough and Godolphin were heading an administration dominated by the Junto Whigs. Anne herself grew increasingly uncomfortable with this dependence on the Whigs, especially as her personal relationship with the Duchess of Marlborough deteriorated. In early , the prosecution by the Whig government of the ultra-Tory preacher Dr. Henry Sacheverell for sermons delivered the previous year, led to the Sacheverell riots and brought the ministry into popular discredit. In the spring of , Anne dismissed Godolphin and the Junto ministers, replacing them with Tories. They were backed by a strong majority in the Parliament elected in , rallying under the banner of "Church in Danger ". However, Anne was extremely ill and died within a few days. Bolingbroke had not been able to formulate any coherent plans for dealing with the succession; if he thought of proclaiming the son of James II the Pretender king, he made no moves to do so. The Elector George succeeded to the throne entirely peacefully. Bolingbroke offered his services to the King but was coldly rejected; George I brought in a government composed entirely of Whigs, and the new Parliament, elected from January to May , had a large Whig majority. In December Lord Carnarvon wrote that "hardly one Tory is left in any place, though never so mean a one". Tory officers in the Army had their commissions taken away, Tory lawyers could not now become judges or K. The predominantly Tory lower Anglican clergy could no longer become bishops and Tory merchants were refused government contracts or directorships in any major company. We are kept out of all public employments of power and profit, and live like aliens and pilgrims in the land of our nativity For much of the period, the Tories commanded a broad base of support in rural England, but the relatively undemocratic nature of the franchise and the maldistribution of the borough seats ensured that this popular appeal was never translated into a Tory majority in Parliament. The Tories would have won every general election between and had the number of seats obtained corresponded to the number of votes cast. The latter exclusion, and the rigid party politics played by the Whigs, played a significant role in the cohesion of the Tories; the Whigs offered few opportunities for Tories who switched sides, and as a party the Tories found no possibilities for compromise with the Whigs. James Stuart , the Pretender during the Jacobite rising of , by gaining some Tory support it was thus used to discredit them by the Whigs The proscription of the Tories alienated them from the Hanoverian regime and converted many of them to Jacobitism. The violence of the Whigs forced them into the arms of the Pretender". A series of riots against the coronation of George I and the new Hanoverian-Whig regime in which the mob voiced their support for Jacobitism and local Tory parliamentary candidates led to the Whig government strengthening their power by passing the Riot Act , suspending habeas corpus and increasing the army including by importing 6, Dutch troops. Lord Oxford, who had already in offered the Pretender his services, directed the Swedish Plot from the Tower. In January , the government discovered this plot and won a vote of credit for defence measures against the projected invasion in the Commons against Tory opposition. In , Sunderland advised the King to admit leading Tories into government, thereby dividing them and ending their hopes for revenge by looking for support from abroad. He also advised the King in Cabinet that elections to Parliament should be free from government bribery, an idea Sir Robert Walpole opposed due to the possibility of the election of a Tory Parliament. The King was also opposed: A rising was planned for each county, assisted by Irish and Spanish troops. Your right Jacobite, Sir, disguises his true sentiments, he roars out for revolution principles; he pretends to be a great friend to liberty". In , Frederick, Prince of Wales applied to Parliament for an increased allowance. This split the Tories, with 45 abstaining, leading to the motion being defeated by 30 votes. Bolingbroke, who wanted to dissociate the Tories from Jacobitism, denounced this as "the absurd behaviour of the Tories, which no experience can cure". This was to be published in the event of a successful French landing. The House of Commons passed a loyal address by to However, the English Tories would only support a rising in Scotland if accompanied by a French invasion near London to aid the English Tories in their own rising. Some other Tories were offered places, but that serving for Jacobite counties "could not hazard a new election and therefore decline[d] the

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acceptance of them". They could not rise for the Prince without "a body of troops to support them", but they "would join the Prince if His Highness could force his way to them". The government decided not to prosecute them. A nineteenth-century historian who had examined many collections such as these, claimed that it was "the custom in Jacobite days to destroy all letters with any hint of political or religious feeling in them". However, they refused to pledge themselves to a coalition with Whigs. This effectively ended opposition in Parliament for the rest of the session. Hitherto it might be said that the two parties of Whig and Tory still subsisted; though Jacobitism, the concealed mother of the latter, was extinct. The subsequent contests were rather a struggle for power than the settled animosity of two parties, though the body of Opposition still called itself Whig, an appellation rather dropped than disclaimed by the Court; and though the real Tories still adhered to their own distinctions while they secretly favoured, sometimes opposed, the Court, and fluctuated accordingly as they esteemed particular chiefs not of their connection or had the more agreeable opportunity of distressing those who supported the cause of freedom. As their whole conduct was comprised in silent votes, and never was considerable enough to turn a single scale in the political changes, I shall seldom mention them anymore. All historians are agreed that the Tory party declined sharply in the late 1700s and 1790s and that it ceased to be an organized party by 1800. The research of Sir Lewis Namier and his disciples Even the Whigs ceased to be an identifiable party, and Parliament was dominated by competing political connections, which all proclaimed Whiggish political views, or by independent backbenchers unattached to any particular group. The proscription on the employment of Tories in government offices ended, which resulted in the Tories dividing into several factions and ceasing to function as a coherent political party. Sentimental Toryism remained, as in the writings of Samuel Johnson, but in politics "Tory" was little more than an unfriendly epithet for politicians closely identified with George III. The label "Tory" was in this sense applied to the Prime Ministers Lord Bute and Lord North, but these politicians considered themselves Whigs. In his study of the debates in Parliament for 1790, P. Thomas discovered that not a single politician labelled themselves a Tory. Clark similarly argues that "[t]he history of the Tory party in parliament between the early 1700s and the late 1700s may be simply written:

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Two letters on the conduct of our domestick parties, with regard to French politicks: It may be our duty to review, perhaps to remodel, our very principles. He who has broken with all his publick and private friends, may have been uniformly right. He declined taking [Page xx] [He regarded them but as ordinary acts of duty. He repeatedly proclaimed to the world, that he knew the road which he had taken, was not the way to preferment. The only office which he ever did hold, he took with the intention of reforming. He had, from his childhood, been acquainted with Mr. In this manner he certainly did prepare the mind of Mr. Fox to join the party, and the minds of the party to receive Mr. The principles on which Mr. It certainly does not contain any tenets of democracy. Burke, but who appears to be well read in his works, drawing a parallel between his conduct and that of Mr. Burke from this charge. He was, however, repeatedly interrupted. Adair at the Court of St. He had therefore no opportunity of checking the account which he had received. With him, it was Mr. Fox, looked forward to the motion with alarm. It was not their inclination, it was not their policy, to precipitate a breach. The two noble [Page lii] chiefs of the party, who were convinced, with Mr. Burke, how much depended on gaining Mr. Fox to the approbation of his principles and arguments. Burke vacated his Seat. Burke would never enter. Whatever others may think of the matter, that alarm, in my mind, is by no means quieted. In my journey with them through life, I met Mr. Until lately the breach between us appeared reparable. To come to particulars: This proceeding of Mr. The policy of this declaration was obvious.

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For more information, please see the full notice. The Revolution precipitated a series of European wars, forcing the United States to articulate a clear policy of neutrality in order to avoid being embroiled in these European conflicts. The French Revolution also influenced U. Americans hoped for democratic reforms that would solidify the existing Franco-American alliance and transform France into a republican ally against aristocratic and monarchical Britain. However, with revolutionary change also came political instability, violence, and calls for radical social change in France that frightened many Americans. American political debate over the nature of the French Revolution exacerbated pre-existing political divisions and resulted in the alignment of the political elite along pro-French and pro-British lines. Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton led the Federalist Party, which viewed the Revolution with skepticism and sought to preserve existing commercial ties with Great Britain. With the two most powerful members of his cabinet locked in opposition, President George Washington tried to strike a balance between the two. From to , the French Revolution became increasingly radical. These two powers joined Austria and other European nations in the war against Revolutionary France that had already started in . The United States remained neutral, as both Federalists and Democratic-Republicans saw that war would lead to economic disaster and the possibility of invasion. This policy was made difficult by heavy-handed British and French actions. Under foreign invasion, the French Government declared a state of emergency, and many foreigners residing in France were arrested, including American revolutionary pamphleteer Thomas Paine, owing to his British birth. Once the Terror ended in late July of , the arrests ended, and Paine, who had been scheduled to be executed, was released. Although the French Revolution had ended its radical phase, Federalists in the United States remained wary of revolutionary ideology infiltrating the United States. Many French citizens, refugees from the French and Haitian revolutions, had settled in American cities and remained politically active, setting up newspapers and agitating for their political causes. A French spy, Victor Collot, traveled through the United States in , noting the weaknesses in its western border. When a breakdown in diplomatic negotiations resulted in the Quasi-War with France, the Federalist-controlled Congress passed a series of laws known as the Alien and Sedition Acts, intended to curb political dissent and limit the political participation of immigrants by easing deportation and lengthening the time required for citizenship. A number of political radicals were arrested for sedition, including Congressman Matthew Lyon and newspaper editors James Thompson Callendar and William Duane. Many refugees, sensing American hostility, chose to return to France and Haiti since the political situation had temporarily calmed in both places. The Alien and Sedition Acts, originally intended to prevent a growth in pro-French sentiment, actually backfired for the Federalists. Taken aback by such extreme measures, swing voters in the presidential election of instead backed the pro-French Thomas Jefferson and his Democratic-Republican Party, instead of the Federalist John Adams, who was running for re-election as President. Adams had also alienated the anti-Revolutionary wing of his party by seeking peace with France, whose revolution had already been brought to a close by General Napoleon Bonaparte. Despite Federalist warnings that electing Jefferson would bring revolution to the United States, Jefferson instead chose to distance himself from political radicals and win over political moderates.