



## **AP<sup>®</sup> Comparative Government & Politics 2002 Sample Student Responses**

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9. Absolute or excessive power may contribute to political corruption. If all of a government's power is concentrated in the hands of one or even a few people, the temptation to take advantage of this power is very great. If a leader has the power to do whatever he/she wants, then why wouldn't he/she do what he/she wants. The temptation to use the power for personal gain provides ample opportunity for corruption. Another condition that may contribute to corruption is where there is opportunity for political patronage. If people earn positions from patronage, it may encourage them to do corrupt things in order to obtain that position. And patronage allows corrupt leaders to choose only corrupt followers. In China, the system of *guanxi* has put many of its leaders in place, and corruption especially at the lower levels of government where patronage is most common is widespread.

b. One ~~consequence~~ consequence of political corruption in ~~Russia~~ <sup>Russia</sup> has been the destruction of the Russian economy, when Russia became a market economy, the oligarchs seized the privatization vouchers for valuable industries or companies, leaving the people with little. Not only that, rather than try to use the business to create money in a self-sustaining manner like a normal capitalist system, they sucked the money out of them and took it for themselves. This was a blow to the fledgling Russian economy from which it has not yet recovered.

c. A consequence of political corruption in India has been the <sup>decline</sup> ~~lack~~ of dominance by the Congress party. A system that was once hegemonic ~~the~~ now has many parties. This is largely a reaction ~~to~~ to the corrupt rule of the Gandhis. Indira often established presidential rule, taking power for herself. She seemed more concerned with abusing power to do things her way than actually leading. Rajiv had scores of bribes within his administration. After the Gandhi rule, the public lost faith in the Congress party, and the party lost much of its power to the BJP.

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One condition that may lead to political corruption is <sup>(unaccounted for campaign donations)</sup> bribery. This occurs when an elected official is promised money or in some cases votes (or political backing) if when they get elected they will do something to help the contributing persons. (bribees) Helping them could be not passing certain legislature that would prohibit them from going about their normal daily business.

Another condition that contributes to political corruption is the system in which elections are held. This can cause ~~corruption~~ corruption because if elections are not run properly or votes somehow disappear or are even miscounted there is a great chance of political corruption occurring. If the election process is not closely watched one party could throw away votes for another party & thus win the election. Political corruption can occur also if the voters choice on their ballot is not kept private they could feel bullied into voting for the opposite party than they had originally wished or felt that their lives are endangered if they don't.

One consequence of corruption in

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Russia is that much of the government officials are bribed by the mafia thus enabling total corruption & exploitation of the government by the mafia. This in turn also allows for money policy issues to not directly affect mafia families. This type of political corruption causes many of the ordinary citizens to lose trust in their government in turn causing the legitimacy of the government to fall.

One consequence of corruption in politics in Mexico is that many poor Mexicans keep getting poorer. This occurs because many Drug Lords are very influential on the elected officials & in fact not long ago one of the government's head persons in charge of helping fight the war on drug smuggling across the border to the U.S. This proves that even high govt officials feel pressured by Drug Lords. If the drug lords are a heavy influence on the government & they can get away with smuggling more drugs to the U.S. in turn is not very happy - we may decrease foreign aid & then less money gets out to the poor.

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When the government has control of the media there is a chance that they will be truthful to the people. That is how dictatorship began, by taking control of the mass media. This convolutes the public. They do not know whether or not the information they receive is true. Many times, however, they do not think to question it because the countries that do this have a population that is largely ~~uneducated~~ uneducated. This of course easily opens the door for political corruption.

Another condition that could ~~even~~ produce a climate of corruption is an atmosphere full of interest groups. Further, an atmosphere without regulations on these groups can allow corruption to occur. Bribing of government officials can spawn from this. Of course when bribing occurs, that means the politician involved was not acting on behalf of the people who elected him, but the people or organization that corrupted him.

Corruption in the Russian political arena contributed to the downfall of the Soviet Union. When scandals of enormous magnitudes reach the public ear, the people react. They react by losing faith in their government. Instability can lead to the dissolution of a group, as was the case with the Soviet Union.

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In Nigeria, corruption may even lead to revolution. A revolution spells the end of the government, if successful. If the people being governed are continually dissatisfied by their leaders, they will revolt. Political corruption means the loss of confidence in one's government. That, again, leads to instability in the region.