**Section 1 – People and Government**

**Principles of Government**

* American’s attitudes toward government – A paradox

A. American Attitudes

* Attitudes toward **Institutions & Individuals:**
* Attitudes regarding **system & constitutional design**
* **88% -**
* **90% -**
* **94% -**

B. In General Americans

1)

2)

3)

C. The State

* **Aristotle –**
* Many government concepts derive from Greek and Rome
* **State –**

D. Four Characteristics

1) **Population**

* 2)**Territory** –
* 3) **Sovereignty** –
* 4) **Government** –

E. Origins of Government

1) Evolutionary Theory

2) Force Theory

3) Divine Right Theory

* 4) Social Contract Theory
* **Thomas Hobbes**
* **Social Contract Theory –**
* **John Locke -**
* **Natural Rights –**
* If government failed to protect these rights, people had the right to overthrow their government