**Chapter 6**

***A Novel Approach to Politics: Introducing Political Science through Books, Movies, and Popular Culture***

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What is the difference between head of state and head of government?
2. Identify the differences between authoritarian and democratic executives.
3. How did Machiavelli’s the *Prince* influence the perception of the ideal executive**?**
4. Explain the Electoral College system and the role that the system played in George W. Bush’s victory in 2000.
5. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the presidential system and the parliamentary system?
6. Identify one of the main issues of checks and balances? What does a highly polarized legislature cause?
7. What type of foreign policy is a president responsible for?
8. What are the main differences concerning political party control for presidential and parliamentary leaders?