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Political Participation

Please read and précis pages 104-127 of 'AS Citizenship' by Holden-Rowley and Blewitt before you attend class.

Take these notes with you.

Be a good Citizen ...

Turn off your mobile
Raise your hand if you wish to ask a question.
Please do not chat in class

What motivates a person to get involved?

Consider for example those who get involved in ...

Pro-life and/or Pro-choice
Neighbourhood Watch
PTA's
RSPCA

Types of political action

- Voting
- Demonstrating
- Letters to the Press
- Letters to MP's, MEP's, AMs and Councillors
- Contact with Pressure Groups

Types of political action

- Petitioning
- Boycotting
- Seeking election (Dr Richard Taylor)
- Strikes (Fire fighters)
- Are strikes justified? – should train drivers, firefighters, nurses, policemen be allowed to strike?

New Movements

- What is cyber-politics?
- Discuss the logic behind the ideas of Jordan and Lent (1999) – '*Storming the Millennium – The New Politics of Change*'.
- Do these groups often take 'direct forms of action'?

Types of political organisation

- Pressure Groups (very important for the exam) – Each student should name a pressure group and explain to class what the group does (prepare before class)?
- Analyse the table on page 111 of 'AS Citizenship' what are the implications? Does it make sense? Why does it happen?

What do these pressure groups do?

- Electoral Reform Society
- Greenpeace
- Charter 88 (look up on the net)
- Trade Unions

Name some Political Parties

- Each student should name a political party (there are 12 political parties mentioned in 'AS Citizenship' - think of others)?
- What do political parties do (see page 115)?
- Do members of political parties influence government policy (local and/or national)?

Political affiliations

- Should there be political affiliations between parties of different countries?
- What happens at a Party Political Conference?
- What is a 'fringe meeting'?

Models of Voting Behaviour

- Class position – social class, gender, religion, ethnicity and region.
- Read the 'Changes in Class Voting' data table on page 117 of 'AS Citizenship'. What does the table show?
 - Do you think the Labour Party was right to abandon the working class?

Trends in Party Identification

- Can you show data that relates to trends in party identification?
- Which do you (as students) think are the most important issues? Do you think your parents share your view?

What is tactical voting?

Break into groups to plan/present the following:

- 1. Tactical Voting.
- 2. Voter Turnout.
- 3. How voter turnout could be improved.

The media and politics

- For the next lesson, every student must bring in a copy of a newspaper (you should be reading them anyway!)
- You will be assigned a newspaper to bring in (i.e a broadsheet, tabloid, or 'freesheet')
- In class we will analyse the newspapers content and discuss if it confirms either the 'consensus' or 'pluralist' model

What next?

- Revise so that you can answer the exam questions on page 128 of 'AS Citizenship'.
- Read and précis the next subject area.