

politics['pɒlɪtɪks] *n*

1. 1) политика, политические события, политическая жизнь
imperial [foreign, domestic, municipal, world] politics - имперская [внешняя, внутренняя, муниципальная, мировая] политика
a matter of high politics - вопрос высокой политики
to talk politics - говорить /рассуждать/ о политике /о политических событиях/
- 2) политическая деятельность, политика
to be engaged in politics - заниматься политикой
to go into politics - посвятить себя политической деятельности
2. политические взгляды, убеждения
party politics - партийная политика
the politics of a newspaper - политика, проводимая газетой, политическая линия газеты
what are your politics? - каковы ваши политические убеждения /воззрения/?
3. *амер.* политические махинации, политические интриги
ward /peanut/ politics - мелкое политиканство
to play politics - вести политическую игру
4. политические методы
we do not approve of his politics in winning passage of the bill - мы не одобряем того, как /те средства, с помощью которых/ он добился принятия законопроекта
◇ lunar politics - вопросы, не имеющие практического значения; нереальная, оторванная от жизни политика

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pol-itics [politics] *BrE* ['pɒlɪtɪks] ^m *NAmE* ['pɑːlətɪks] ^s **noun**

1. **uncountable + singular or plural verb** the activities involved in getting and using power in public life, and being able to influence decisions that affect a country or a society
 - party politics
 - local politics
 - He's thinking of **going into politics** (= trying to become a Member of Parliament, Congress, etc.)
 - a major figure in British politics
2. **uncountable + singular or plural verb (disapproving)** matters concerned with getting or using power within a particular group or organization
 - I don't want to get involved in office politics.
 - the internal politics of the legal profession
 - sexual politics (= concerning relationships of power between the sexes)
3. **plural** a person's political views or beliefs
 - His politics are extreme.
4. **uncountable = ↑political science**
 - a degree in Politics
5. **singular** a system of political beliefs; a state of political affairs
 - A politics of the future has to engage with new ideas.

Collocations:**Politics***Power*

create/form/be the leader of a political party
gain/take/win/lose/regain control of Congress
start/spark/lead/be on the brink of a revolution
be engaged/locked in an internal power struggle
lead/form a rival/breakaway faction
seize/take control of the government/power
bring down/overthrow/topple the government/president/regime
abolish/overthrow/restore the monarchy
establish/install a military dictatorship/a stable government
be forced/removed/driven from office/power
resign/step down as party leader/an MP/president/prime minister
enter/retire from/return to political life

Political debate

spark/provoke a heated/hot/intense/lively debate
engage in/participate in/contribute to (the) political/public debate (on/over sth)
get involved in/feel excluded from the political process
launch/start/lead/spearhead a campaign/movement
join/be linked with the peace/anti-war/feminist/civil rights movement
criticize/speak out against/challenge/support the government
lobby/put pressure on the government (to do sth)
come under fire/pressure from opposition parties

Policy

call for/demand/propose/push for/advocate democratic/political/land reform(s)
formulate/implement domestic economic policy
change/influence/shape/have an impact on government/economic/public policy

be consistent with/be in line with/go against/be opposed to government policy
 reform/restructure/modernize the tax system
 privatize/improve/deliver/make cuts in public services
 invest (heavily) in/spend sth on schools/education/public services/(the) infrastructure
 nationalize the banks/the oil industry
 promise/propose/deliver/give (\$80 billion in/significant/substantial/massive) tax cuts
 a/the budget is approved/ (especially NAmE) passed by parliament/congress

Making laws

have a majority in/have seats in Parliament/Congress/the Senate
 propose/sponsor a bill/legislation/a resolution
 introduce/bring in/draw up/draft/adopt/pass a bill/a law/legislation/measures
 amend/repeal an act/a law/legislation
 veto/vote against/oppose a bill/legislation/a measure/a proposal/a resolution
 get/require/be decided by a majority vote
 more collocations at ↑economy, ↑voting

Example Bank:

- As a churchman, he was accused of interfering in politics.
- Consensus politics places a high value on existing political institutions.
- He abandoned politics and went into business.
- He argued that it was not practical politics to abolish private schools.
- He used dirty politics to trash his opponent's record.
- His manners were as mild as his politics were extreme.
- I don't understand the politics of it all.
- I have always followed politics closely.
- In their world politics dominates everything.
- Let's not talk politics now.
- My personal politics are pretty simple.
- She was active in local politics for many years.
- The Democrats are simply engaging in partisan politics.
- The legislation has been driven by populist politics.
- They took the view that Casper was playing power politics with their jobs at stake.
- They went into politics in the hope of changing society.
- multiculturalism and the rise of identity politics
- reforms that are intended to reshape Italian politics
- the country's internal politics
- the issues which have dominated Irish politics
- the politics surrounding reproduction and fertility
- the role politics played in daily life

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politics **S2 W2** /'pɒlətiks, 'pɒlɪtiks \$ 'pɑː-/ BrE " AmE " noun

[Word Family: noun: ↑politician, ↑politics, ↑politicization, ↑politicking, ↑politico; adjective: ↑political, ↑politicized, ↑apolitical, ↑politic; verb: ↑politicize; adverb: ↑politically]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Greek; Origin: politika (plural), from politikos; ⇨ ↑politic]

1. [U also + plural verb British English] ideas and activities relating to gaining and using power in a country, city etc ⇨ **political**, **politician**:

- a good understanding of politics in China
- modern American politics
- Politics have always interested Anita.

national/local etc politics

- Brooke's been involved in city politics since college.
- The president should stand above party politics (=working only for your political ↑party).

2. [uncountable] the profession of being a politician:

- Flynn retired from politics in 1986.
- Her father's trying to enter politics.
- Smith went into politics in his early twenties.

3. [plural] the activities of people who are concerned with gaining personal advantage within a group, organization etc:

- I'm tired of dealing with all of the office politics.
- Her art examines sexual politics (=how power is shared between men and women).

politics of

- the politics of race and class at American universities

4. [plural] someone's political beliefs and opinions:

- I assume her politics must be fairly conservative.

5. [uncountable] especially British English the study of political power and systems of government **SYN political science**:

- Tom is studying for a degree in politics.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + politics**

- **national politics** Mark had always been keen to have a career in national politics.
- **local politics** Ann is very active in local politics.
- **international politics** The two superpowers that dominated international politics.
- **world/global politics** There was much going on in world politics at the time.
- **domestic politics** (=within a country) The war had a major impact on the country's domestic politics.
- **party politics** (=trying to make your party successful) He believes that party politics has no place in local government.
- **power politics** (=attempting to get power by using or threatening to use force) The party argued that power politics would always lead to war.

phrases

- **be involved in politics** After university, he became involved in local politics.
- **take part in politics** Young people should be encouraged to take part in politics.
- **be active in politics** (=be involved in) I was very active in politics before I retired.
- **interfere/meddle in politics** He warned the army against interfering in politics.

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- **right-wing adjective** a right-wing person or group wants low taxes, a strong army and police force, and the individual to be free from government interference as much as possible: right-wing political parties | Some of his supporters are very right-wing. | right-wing policies on gun control
- **left-wing adjective** a left-wing person or group wants the government to make society more equal by increasing taxes for rich people, and taking control of important industries and services: a left-wing newspaper | His views are very left-wing.
- **green adjective** [usually before noun] supporting policies and principles which will protect the environment: green politicians | the Green Party | The government is under pressure to improve its green credentials (=to seem more like it wants to protect the environment).
- **radical adjective** supporting political ideas that will involve great change: radical politicians | a radical economic reform programme
- **liberal adjective** supporting political ideas that will allow people to have greater freedom: They want the government to have a more liberal policy on drugs.
- **moderate adjective** having political opinions which are not extreme: People generally become more moderate as they get older. | The bill is supported by moderate Republicans.
- **extreme adjective** having political opinions which are considered to be very unreasonable by many people: His views on immigration are very extreme. | an extreme right-wing organization

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