

Politics Conversation Questions

Warm-up Task:

How many world leaders can you name? With your group, list as many presidents, prime ministers, and other national leaders as you can.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you follow politics? Why or why not?
2. Is/was politics discussed in your family? Are you aware of your parents' political beliefs?
3. Have you voted before? If so, how did it feel? If not, are you planning on voting in the future? Why or why not?
4. Have you participated in politics in any way? If not, would you consider getting involved with a political party or organization?
5. In what ways do the politicians in your country do a good job? In what ways are they disappointing?
6. Has your country ever had a female leader? Why do men dominate politics in most nations?
7. What things do people usually say about politicians? Do you agree or disagree with those ideas?
8. In many countries there are progressive and conservative political forces. Do people naturally divide between those who want change and those who reject it?
9. What social issues divide people in your country?
10. What economic issues divide people in your country?
11. Is ethnicity or race a factor in the politics in your country? How so?
12. Is environmentalism an important factor in politics in your country? Is there a political party that is focused on green issues?
13. What role does religion play in the politics of your country?
14. In your opinion, what is the most important issue facing your country?
15. Do the politics of another country affect your life in any way?
16. Carl von Clausewitz said, "*war is the continuation of politics by other means.*" Is war a form a politics? Or is politics a form of war?
17. Can you be friends with someone if they have very different political views from you?
18. Do you have a favorite political leader? What did they do?



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