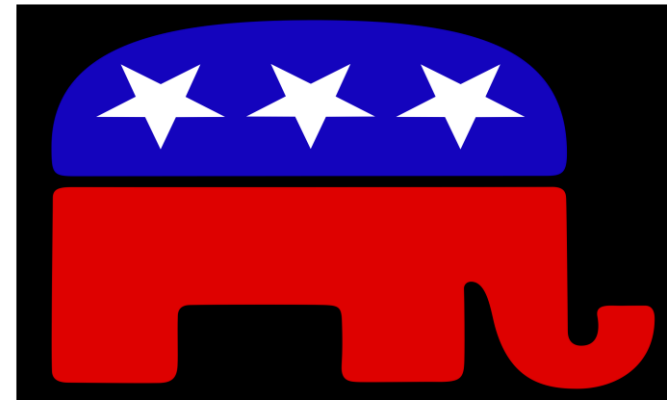


A LEVEL POLITICS



What is Politics?

Topics of Study

- You will study 2 units in Year 12
 - Unit 1: The Politics of the UK
 - Unit 2: Political Ideologies (ideas)
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- You will study 1 further unit in Year 13
 - Unit 3: The Government and Politics of America, including comparing the USA with the UK

UK Politics

3.1.2.5 The European Union

Key concepts and terminology:

- EU institutions

Focus

Students should analyse and evaluate:

- aims of the EU and the extent to which they have been achieved
- the impact of the EU on UK politics and policy making.

UK Politics

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RAMbIz3Y2JA>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRxUhGetEPQ>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s2AWVtwgxow>

Ideologies

3.3.2.2 Feminism

Key concepts and terminology:

- equality of treatment, recognition of gender differences
- human nature, the state, society and the economy
- liberal feminism, radical feminism.

Focus

Students should analyse and evaluate:

- debates about the nature of feminism
- core feminist views and values concerning equality of treatment, recognition of gender differences, affirmative action
- liberal feminism and radical feminism, and more recent developments such as difference feminism and post-feminism
- in their study of the following thinkers students should focus on the aspects indicated after each thinker's name and relate this to feminist thinking on human nature, the state, society and the economy:
 - Charlotte Perkins Gilman – reform Darwinism, role of females in society, androcentric culture
 - Simone de Beauvoir – feminist existentialism, patriarchal society, feminism and socialism
 - Kate Millett – theory of sexual politics, radical feminism
 - Sheila Rowbotham – oppression of women and the working class, socialist feminism
 - bell hooks (Gloria Jean Watkins) – intersectionality, education gap between those lower in the economic scale and the leader of the feminist movement.

US Politics

3.2.1.8 Civil rights

Key concepts and terminology:

- Civil Liberties
- Bill of Rights
- landmark rulings
- Supreme Court
- Civil Rights movement.

Focus

Students should analyse and evaluate:

- protection of civil liberties and rights under:
 - the constitution
 - Bill of Rights
 - subsequent amendments
 - landmark rulings of the Supreme Court
- the role of pressure groups in promoting and supporting rights
- the impact of salient political issues concerning civil rights and liberties on US politics eg in relation to one of:
 - abortion
 - race
 - immigration
 - religion
 - freedom of speech
 - gender
 - sexual orientation
 - privacy
 - disability
 - the right to bear arms

US Politics

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrk4oY7UxpQ>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRu_JcarCDY
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEmOUHxessE>

Why study Politics?

- <https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects/politics>
- <https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/subject-guide/politics>

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