

⊛ Television:

- "the media" means the television.
- in US. $\frac{2}{3}$ people still get their news from television.
- After WWII, election campaign was broadcast through television.
 - winners are those who raise the most money to hire the best media consultants.

⊛ Social Media:

- political impact of the internet and social media is growing.
 - revolution in Tunisia.
 - revolution in Bangladesh.
- Howard Dean's 2004 bid for the Democratic presidential nomination featured online fund-raising for the first time.
- limitation exist:
 - false news, without solid evidence
 - most of the time it spread out rumour.

⊛ Elite Media:

- pursue "investigating reporting" looking for government and partisan wrongdoing.
- "The New York Times"
 - published "Pentagon Papers" on Vietnam war in 1971.

- Washington Post

- published Watergate burglary - 1972

- brought down the Nixon administration. - 1974

- Elite Media:

- The New York Times

- The Washington Post

- The Wall Street Journal

- The Financial Times

Mostly read by
decision makers.

⊗ Media & Government:

⊗ Are Adversarial media necessary for democracy?

⇒ The role of the press as critic in a democracy has been significant.

⊗ Thomas Jefferson:

- stressed the importance of newspaper.

⊗ In ~~Rash~~ Russia, Ukraine, Mexico

- Journalist who investigate crime, corruption, and abuse of power are routinely killed.

- few suspects are caught.

⇒ News organization now practice "self-censorship" to stay open and alive.

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⊗ Significance of Public Opinion:

⇒ What is public opinion?

- Public opinion is citizen's reactions to current, specific issues and events.

- sending troops overseas.

⊗ A woman's opinion of her neighbor's religion ⇒ IO

Her feeling on prayer in public schools ⇒ PO

A coal plant near Sundarban ⇒ Public reaction in BD.

⊗ Limits of Public Opinion:

⊗ Anecdotal:

- Anecdotal evidence is a poor indication of public opinion, as we have no way of knowing if it representative or not.

- Anecdotal means recounting the views of few rep respondents.

⊗ Public opinion does not necessarily imply that citizens have strong or united convictions. It often involves several small, conflicting groups, and many undecided on the issues.

⊗ Limits of public opinion

⇒ showing widespread ignorance.

⊗ Public opinion in democracy:

⇒ should elected leaders always bow to public opinion?

⇒ No, not all the cases.

⊗ President Truman shrugged off public opinion and was vilified for it.

Significance of

Non-violence Movements

in Politics.

⊗ After WW2, there have been on average about 30 armed conflicts ongoing every year.

- around 90% casualties are civilians.

⊗ What is non-violent movement?

- It is a peaceful method which clearly denies any conflict to occur to gain one's interests and goals. It is a philosophy as well as a technique that rejects the use of physical violence.

⊗ Practice of non-violence → a culture of peace in a society.

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⊗ Edward Azar:

- Conflict is an inseparable part of all human social relations.

⊗ Non-violence from Religious Perspectives:

⇒ Imam Zayn el-Abidin:

- "On the Day of Judgment, Allah the Almighty assembles all the people in one location and then it is announced, "Where are the noble people?" A group of people rise, who are then asked, "What distinguishes you from the rest?"
- In reply they say: "We used to make bonds with he who broke off with us, we used to give to he who deprived us, we used to forgive he who used to oppress us." They are then told, "You have said the truth, so enter the heaven."

⑧ Conceptual Analysis of Non-Violence:

- ⇒ Prophet of Islam many times beg and cry to Almighty to forgive his enemy who persecuted him.
- ⇒ Jesus said that "love thine enemy."
- ⇒ Sage Vyasa defines Ahimsa as "the absence of injuriousness toward all living beings (sarvabhuta) in all respects (sarvatha) and for all times (sarvada)."
- ⇒ Lord Buddha said enmity cannot be appeased by enmity.

⑨ Nonviolence is a technique, denies the use of violence to secure ones interests and rights.

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| - persuasion | | - civil disobedience |
| - peaceful campaigns | | - purposeful agitation. |
| - boycotts | | |
| - strike | | |

⑩ Definitions of Non-violence:

⇒ Gandhi noted that,

- Non-violent resistance implies the very opposite of weakness. Defiance combined with non-retaliatory acceptance of repression from ones opponents is active, not passive.

⇒ Wally Nelson:

- Nonviolence is the constant awareness of the dignity and the humanity of ~~me~~ oneself and others; it seeks truth and justice; it renounces violence both in method and in attitude; It is the willingness to undergo suffering rather

than inflict it. It excludes retaliation."

Dr Martin Luther King:

- Non-violence has some basic elements:

- (i) nonviolence is a resistance to evil and oppression;
- (ii) it does not seek to defeat or humiliate the opponent, but to win her/his understanding.
- (iii) the non-violent method is an attack on the forces of evil rather than against persons doing the evil.
- (iv) it is the willingness to accept suffering without retaliation;
- (v) it avoids both external physical and internal spiritual violence - not only refuses to shoot, but also to hate an opponent.

Principles of Non-violence:

(i) Ahimsa:

- Gandhi believed is the most effective principle for social action. Himsa (violence) corrupts man, whereas Ahimsa heals man's nature to restore justice.

② Truth:

- is one of the essence of non-violence.

- Those who have adopted non-violence should not base their demands or movements on falsehood or injustice, they should hold on what is rightful, equal and just.

③ Love:

- love for enemy and God's creation is significant principle of non-violence. Jesus said that 'love thine ~~em~~ enemy', establishing natural harmony in a society.

⊗ Turkish scholar Nursi:

- all humans are the supreme creations of God; the simple but fundamental fact is that they are created by God and thus possess a sacred nature, which does not permit any violence against humans, not even ~~wh~~ those who deny God.

⊗ Violence against humans would ultimately mean a denial and rejection of God's beautiful art.

④ Forgiveness:

- is a supreme virtue essential for those following non-violence.
- Tolerance and compassion are the qualities without which a non-violent movement can't be sustained and ~~exit~~ will become violent.

✓ Justice:

⇒ Nursi:

- "No soul shall bear the burden of another soul."

* Ghaffar Khan:

- Pashtun political and spiritual leader.
- Frontier Gandhi
- raised history's first non-violent army ⇒ 100,000 men
- after crossing of tolerance level, established the ~~khudai~~ Khudai Khidmatgar (Kk) movement.
- told its members:
 - "I am going to give you such a weapon that the police and the army will not be able to stand against it. It is the weapon of the Prophet, but you are not aware of it. That weapon is patience and righteousness. No power on earth can stand against it."

⊗ Definition of Non-violence is important for final short & questions.

⊗ Mass Media is important for MCQ & short questions.
No Broad questions.

Final

- Political Party
- Elections
- Civil Society
- Mass media
- Non-violence movement

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Questions:

- MCQ
- Short Questions
- Broad Questions