

Politics

Conversation Club — Lesson 12

Warm-up Conversation—Politics

1. What different types of governments are there? Which are better than others? Why?
2. What type of political system does your country have?
3. What are the main political parties in your country? Which party is now in power? Do you agree with their policies?
4. How do you decide how you will vote?
5. How has your political views changed during your lifetime?
6. What is your opinion about actors or actresses who run for a position in politics?
7. Should voting be compulsory?
8. Who is the most controversial politician in your country?
9. If you could change one thing about the political system in your country, what would it be?
10. Why do people get into politics?

Politics-related Idioms

1. A two/three/four-horse race
2. Hot air
3. To toe the party line
4. To get on/off your soapbox
5. To throw in the towel
6. Bent/crooked
7. To have the common touch
8. To live/be in an ivory tower

- A. To give up
- B. Corrupt
- C. Conform to the same views as the leaders of your party
- D. To speak passionately about something you believe in
- E. Empty words
- F. To be able to relate to the public
- G. To be detached from reality
- H. A competition/election only a few people can win

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Idiom Practice

1. Are politicians in your country often crooked? What are some ways to fight against this?
2. Which politicians are always spouting hot air? Can you trust anything a politician says? Are there any politicians in your country that you believe in?
3. Are elections in your country normally a two-horse race?
4. What do you get on your soap box about?
5. Which politicians in your country have the common touch? And which don't?
6. Should all politicians have to toe the party line? When should they be allowed to speak out against their leader/policy in their party?
7. Do you think politicians tend to live in an ivory tower? How can this be prevented?
8. Can you think of any times in your own life when you've had to throw in the towel?

Expressions for **office** politics

1. To name drop
2. To curry favor
3. To badmouth
4. Idea snatching
5. To lobby
6. To overstep
7. Groupism
8. To play favorites
9. To be pushy



Practice

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Review

1. Can you think of a time when you threw caution to the wind? Explain.
2. Have you experienced any culture shock in Israel? Explain.
3. Is it hard for you to save up for big purchases? Are you saving up for anything now?
4. Do people say you're the spitting image of your mother or father?
5. What type of things do you stock up on? Why?
6. Do you think you have prejudices against people who are different from you? How can you get rid of stereotypes you may have of others?
7. Do you live it up often or do you prefer to sit and watch the world go by?
8. What type of things do you stock up on? Why?
9. When was the last time you felt under the weather? Why?
10. How do you think we can cure the world from male chauvinism and misogyny?
11. What expenses are you trying to cut back on right now?
12. What school subject do you find to be a breeze?
13. What issues normally cause people to have a falling out?

“Homework”

- Food for class party
- Practice Quizlet sets:
 - <https://quizlet.com/class/10607276/>
- Speak, speak, speak (in English)!
- <https://juanpinto.me/oranim/conversationclub>