

Apathy and participation - mass politics in Western societies.

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| Participation | Exclusionism |
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| Conception of politics: contribution of organized ideas | Conception of politics: need to make society work by rejecting external ideas and external influences |
| Vision of political representation: practical engagement for the general interest | Vision of political representation: personal identification of themselves from the mass by their competence and qualities |
| Vision of the political process: institutions should promote inclusiveness, participation, and transparency | Vision of the political process: need to encourage efficiency and stability |
| Vision of policy subjects: Politics as an instrument of social progress and equality | Vision of policy subjects: State as a guarantor of citizens' well-being |
| Characteristics of the citizenry: higher education, intense and diverse forms of political participation, left-wing orientation | Characteristics of the citizenry: interest in politics, right-wing orientation, political participation limited to the act of voting |
| Identification | Control & reaction |
| Conception of politics: aim, analysis easily visible to lay public | Conception of politics: abstract and separate sphere with its own technical language |
| Vision of political representation: interchangeable and identical figures that most of the population cannot relate to | Vision of political representation: privileged, out of the world, and complex language |
| Vision of the political process: need to diversify the recruitment of representatives to enable the emergence of diverse interests | Vision of the political process: need to cut the privileges and to directly control political representatives through social |
| Vision of policy subjects: State that does not represent the interests of certain groups | Vision of policy subjects: results of public money that stay down "the pocket" of certain groups |
| Characteristics of the citizenry: young, educated, laid of political participation, and the interest in politics | Characteristics of the citizenry: low level of education, low interest in politics, interest in social participation, and no interest in politics |

Description: -

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Apathy.

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Why is There so Much Voter Apathy in U.S. Elections?

We know that 122 million Americans voted in the 2004 Presidential Election which was the greatest turnout since 1968 and the single largest jump since 1952. They should be reminded that all horrible dictators of last 100 years were duly elected and reelected multiple times after the rest was intimidated propagandized to crawl to voting booths while those with different political opinions imprisoned or murdered.

Why elections are bad for democracy

If a certain property is available we move on to the next property—if a property is not found, the phenomenon under consideration is not a specimen of political participation. The generation immediately following World War I was so apolitical that some former suffragists did not even vote. Since 2007, labor disputes are back, despite legislative reforms from the early 2000s that make strikes almost impossible to organize legally.

Rebooting Democracy: Youth Participation in Politics in the UK1

New York: The Free Press.

Libya and Apathy

Significant data variation of general public opinion was noted for and against what was hypothesized. After all, the west has not always had a set of coherent and established nation-states that kept wars as clean as they could.

Libya and Apathy

Commercial mass media emerged as the most important builders of social consensus, and organised civil society lost ground. Such a strong government is very difficult to attain through democracy, as we in Canada have been infinitely aware of in the last 10 years, and America has been aware of for the duration of their history, as their governments have often been so confused and mired in the politics of pork-barrelling that very little has been accomplished during certain eras of their political history.

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