

POLITICS

Discuss or debate the questions below. Remember to support your answers!

- Is voting important? On a scale of one to ten, with ten the highest, how would you rate the right to vote? Why/not?
- Do you think voting is a right everyone should have? If no, who should be barred from voting? Please explain.
- Have you ever voted in your country's national elections before? If yes, when? If no, why haven't you?
- Have you ever voted in your country's local elections before? If yes, when? If no, why haven't you?

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- What adjectives come to mind when you hear the word "politician?" How about "politics?" Brainstorm some adjectives with a partner, then explain your reasons for selecting these words.
 - What is a professional politician? Is your image a positive or negative one?
 - What kind of person do you think is drawn into the political arena? Please explain.
 - What does "conservative" mean? With regards to politics, what issues would a conservative person support? Please explain.
 - What does "liberal" mean? With regards to politics, what issues would a liberal person support? Please explain.
 - Based on your definitions of "liberal" and "conservative," which one are you? Why?
 - What political parties are there in your home country? Which one do you support or think is best? Please explain your answer.

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- Would you ever want to run for office? Why/not?
 - Would you ever encourage a friend or family member to run for office? Why/not?
 - Is every adult in your country able to vote? If yes, that's great! If no, who is barred from voting in the elections?
 - How old must you be to vote in your country? How about to run for and hold office?

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- What are elections generally like in your home country?
 - Who is the current leader of your country? How would you describe him/her?
 - Who is the best remembered leader in your country's history? Why is he/she famous?
 - Who is the most infamous leader in your country's history? Why was he/she terrible?
 - How many people vote in your country's national elections? Has that number been increasing or decreasing in recent years?

