

Political Culture

Lesson plan



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Meaning And Definition



- Culture is a way of life, when it is translated into political action it is called political culture.
- It is the outcome of the socialization process.
- Socialization is a life long process.
- Political culture is defined as the set of attitude, faith, orientation and belief towards political system, political events, political issues and political ideology.

Foundations of Political Culture



- 1) **EMOTIONAL ADHERENCE**
- 2) **GEOGRAPHICAL ATTRIBUTES**
- 3) **RELIGIOUS ORIENTATION**
- 4) **SOCIO ECONOMIC STATUS**
- 5) **EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS**

Symbols of Political Culture



- Emotional Adherence
- Myths
- National Flag and Song
- Tolerance level
- Critical thinking

Orientation of Political Culture



- Cognitive
- Affective and
- Evaluative

Cognitive means awareness of the political system

Affective refers to the feeling of attachment or detachment towards the political system and

Evaluative is to make assessment of the political system based on a comparative analysis of different systems.

Society

Political system

Demands

Policy

Input

Output



Feedback



Negative

Positive



Types of Political Culture



- Subject political Culture - Orientation towards output process
- Participant political Culture- Orientation towards input process
- Parochial political Culture- No orientation

Binary theory

Input

output

Political system

part	0	0	0
sub	1	0	1
part	1	1	1

Mixed Political Culture



- Parochial-Subject Political Culture
- Subject- Participant political Culture
- Parochial- participant Political Culture
- Political Sub culture
- Role Culture
- Civic culture

Goal of political Culture



- To study political systems of the world
- To assess the impact of political culture in Political development of the political systems
- To create space for policy making
- To bring about national integration

Indian political culture



- Indian parliamentary Democracy is following mainly west minster model.
- Sovereignty is not found absolutely in any of the three organs
- Constitution and people of India are not sovereign in the true sense of the term
- Indian political culture is called tolerant political culture.

Types of Indian Political culture



- Civic culture which is the mixture of all the three ideal types of culture, i.e. participant, parochial and subject culture
- Indian sub Culture
- Role Culture or elite culture

Comparison of political culture



- Developed Society

1. Participant culture

2. High level of voluntary participation

3. National spirit

4. Development goals

- Developing society

1. Subject political culture

2. Hired participation

3. Sectional interests

4. survival goals

Critical estimate



- This theory cannot be applied universally
- Developed and developing society have different problems and strategies
- Mixed culture is confusing and is not uniformly practised

Conclusion



- It is an heuristic concept
- It is a variable and cannot remain static
- It is the parameter to assess the role of a political system in the world affairs.
- Political culture varies from continent to continent, country to country, region to region
- In fine it can be safely asserted that political culture is not a part of subject but a subject itself.

Modular Questions



- Write an essay on Political culture.
- Define political culture and Discuss its various kinds.
- Discuss the meaning of Political Culture and examine its role.
- Classify political systems on the basis of political Culture.
- Draw the critical estimate of the concept of political Culture

Suggested readings



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