

Democracy – Glossary

base on phrasal verb

to use particular ideas or facts to make a decision, do a calculation, or develop a theory
Green politics are based on the belief that the resources of the planet are finite.

candidate noun [countable]

one of the people competing in an election
the Labour/Liberal/Conservative candidate

consumption noun [uncountable]

the use of something such as fuel or energy, or the amount that people use
The government is determined to reduce the UK's total energy consumption.

excuse noun [countable]

a reason that you give to explain why you have done something bad, or why you have not done something that you should have done
a reasonable/valid/legitimate excuse

influence noun [countable/uncountable]

the effect that a person or thing has on someone's decisions, opinions, or behaviour or on the way something happens
The decision-making process will be free from outside influence.

lifestyle noun [countable]/uncountable]

the type of life that you have, for example the type of job or house you have or the type of activity you like doing
a healthy, outdoor lifestyle

media plural

a way of communicating information and ideas, especially to a lot of people, for example newspapers or television
Both broadcast and print media are carrying the story.

party noun [countable]

an organized group of people who have similar ideas about the way in which a country should be governed, and who work together to try to persuade people to vote for them in elections: can be followed by a singular or plural verb
the two main political parties

pay attention phrase

to listen to, watch, or consider something or someone very carefully

point noun [singular]

the reason for something
I see no point in discussing this any further.

power noun [countable/uncountable]

political control of a country or government
The plan aims to strengthen governmental powers.

the environment noun [countable]

the natural world, including the land, water, air, plants, and animals, especially considered as something that is affected by human activity
Industrial development is causing widespread damage to the environment.

value noun [uncountable]

the degree to which someone or something is important or useful

voter noun [countable]

someone who votes in an election
a move that was popular among Labour voters