

September 2019

Semester - IV - Political Science

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Political Culture in Comparative Politics

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Political culture consists of attitudes, beliefs, emotions and values of society that relate to the political system and to political issues. Even in stable societies it is homogeneous and where difference between one group and the other are marked, there is said to exist a political sub-culture. Almond and Powell are of the view that in political culture can be included attitudes, values,

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beliefs and skills which are common in an

entire population as well as those special responsibilities and patterns which may be found in separate or that population. Political culture can be measured in terms of public opinions, surveys, public statements and writings.

Culture is an accumulation of thoughts, values, knowledge, belief, art, laws, customs.

Culture can be both material as well as non material,

whereas material objects like houses

properties etc. Religion, art objects and literary pieces are included in non-material.

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Culture is social concept and very much concerned with group behaviour. It is communicated from one generation to the other.

### Foundations of Political Culture

Political culture is product of many inter-related factors. Political culture is fashioned both by political and geographical factors.

In so far as political foundations are concerned in England stress has always been laid on continuity where traditional values in England stress

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In France political structures, conflicts, antagonisms of the 19th century and 20th century can be said to be largely determined by attitudes, values and beliefs formed by the Revolution 1789.

In African and Asian states impact of European colonial domination is quite visible. This equally applies to India where

British Parliamentary system of government has more or less been adopted.

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Geography also helps in fashioning political culture. Britain's island insularity has protected the country since times past, from foreign invasions and thus political culture of the country has not been disturbed by the foreigners. West Germans are said to have accepted the existing political structures of the Federal Republic to some extent because of their geographical position between the competing international alliances.

Political culture is always influenced by ethnic group loyalties. A.R. Ball is of the view that not language but religion was used

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by the Irish people to stress their separateness from the British in the long struggle for independence before 1922. He is also of the view that instability in the political system caused by ethnic group loyalties being directed to themselves and not to national government in cases of allegiance are directed towards another state.