

Influences on Politics



There are many ways in which members of a society acquire and pass along their attitudes and values about the political system.

The particular values that hold sway, as well as the relative influence and methods of these agents, vary across societies to produce fairly distinctive cultures.

- Key Political Writings
 - Karl Marx
 - Friedrich Engels
 - Mao Tse-Tung

- Ethnicity and Language Composition
 - Aboriginal population
 - home language
 - immigration, citizenship, and national origin
 - mother tongue

- The Family
 - use and abuse of power relations
 - discipline
 - gender roles
 - whom to trust and whom to help
 - what responsibilities one bears to others
 - composition
 - married couples with or without children
 - other families with or without children
 - people living alone

- The Media
 - Noam Chomsky *et al*
 - what gets reported
 - what doesn't get reported
 - unsubstantiated reports
 - concentrated ownership of media outlets

- Religion
 - many different religions
 - varying degrees of separation of church and state
 - atheist effect on politics

- Education
 - varying education levels
 - government controlled curricula
 - ways of educating students
 - filling quotas

- The Workplace
 - management v. unions
 - labour laws (of lack thereof)
 - employment, underemployment, and unemployment

Of particular interest in Canada....

- British Influence
- American Influence
- Feminism
- Environmentalism
- Nationalism



examples?