

Geopolitics "A Key Study in Geography"



Politics: The practice of decision-making by society as a whole, usually formalized at the government level.

Political topics concerned with Geography:

- trade
- military alliances
- foreign aid
- immigration
- emigration
- territorial control
- economic systems
- areas of land suitable to support society and distribution of wealth

Examples of how Politics and Geography are related:

- Geographical factors can cause political changes
 - e.g. When Switzerland restricts immigration because it, as a nation, already has a high enough population.
- Political factors can cause Geographical changes
 - e.g. An increase in oil prices has led to an expanded search for oil in the Arctic and North sea, thus causing Geographical changes.

Geopolitics: The study of the two-way relationship between political beliefs and actions on one side and any of the usual concerns of geography on the other.