

Politics Interview Questions

1. Why has there not been a war between major world powers since WW2, when such wars throughout history have occurred much more frequently?
2. Why don't democracies go to war with each other?
3. What is democracy? Why do we value it?
4. Is democracy a continuum or dichotomy?
5. Why are US presidents not allowed to be elected for a third term? Should they be?
6. Who should be allowed to vote? Should prisoners be allowed to vote? Should children?
7. Is there a trade-off between liberty and security?
8. Is the obesity of a population the responsibility of the government to solve?
9. Is reducing wealth inequality always a good thing?
10. Should the majority be allowed to impose its will upon the minority in a democracy?
11. Does the welfare state trap people in poverty?
12. Should smokers have a right to smoke in public spaces?
13. What is freedom? How could you measure it?
14. If introducing the death penalty for littering meant that no littering occurred, and thus the death penalty was never used, would it be morally right?
15. Should religious requirements concerning headwear exempt someone from cycle helmet laws?
16. What does it mean to be a successful politician? Is Putin a successful politician?
17. Why do we need governments?
18. Is tactical voting to keep out extremist parties democratic?
19. If a far-left/far-right party receives 40% of the vote, can they still be called far-left/far-right?
20. Is voting a form of tacit consent to the eventual government, even if you didn't vote for them?
21. Is it more important for a successful leader to be loved or feared?
22. Do we have a right to privacy? Does this conflict with our right to security?
23. What is a right? Where does it come from?
24. Should people be free to live in any country they wish to?
25. Is it democratic for one candidate to spend ten times as much money as another candidate in an election campaign?
26. Do people vote in line with their economic interests?