



Political Culture

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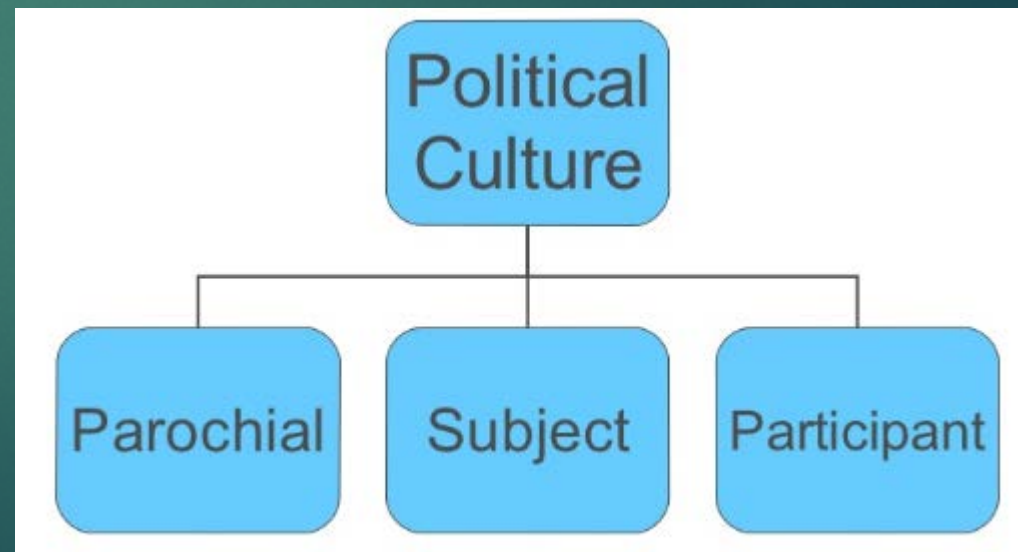
What is Political Culture?

- ▶ Political culture is a set of attitudes and practices held by a people that shapes their political behaviour. It includes moral judgments, political myths, beliefs, and ideas about what makes for a good society.
- ▶ A political culture is a reflection of a government, but it also incorporates elements of history and tradition that may predate the current government.



Types of Political Culture

- ▶ There are three types of Political Cultures:-
 - ▶ 1.Parochial Political Culture
 - ▶ 2.Subject Political Culture
 - ▶ 3.Participant Political Culture



Types of Political Culture-Parochial Political Culture

- ▶ In this type of political culture the citizens are remotely aware of the presence of central government, and live their lives near enough regardless of the decisions taken by the state.
- ▶ People do not possess any tendency to participate in the input processes of national political culture.
- ▶ The government is seen as enforcer of its own laws and rules and realms of politics are avoided.
- ▶ Example:- African tribes and Eskimos fall in the category of this political system.

Types of Political Culture-Subject Political Culture

- ▶ In this type of political culture the citizens focus on output aspects of the government.
- ▶ the people are aware of the governmental system whether they like it or not. They also know the role of the government regarding law making, enforcement of laws and tax collection, etc.
- ▶ In this type of culture people are not taught to participate in the input functions, so the people find it difficult how to influence the working of the political system.

Types of Political Culture-

Participant Political Culture

- ▶ In this type of political culture the citizens focus on both the input and output aspects of the government.
- ▶ Citizens have high expectations of government and personnel participation in politics e.g. voting at the time of elections.
- ▶ It is centralized to the principles of democracy.

Characteristics of Political Culture

- ▶ It is a universal, comprehensive concept.
- ▶ Political culture has a big influence on political system.
- ▶ Political culture is a dynamic concept.
- ▶ Political culture is subjective in nature.
- ▶ Political culture is larger than constitutional structures.
- ▶ Political culture has its own subcultures.



Components of Political Culture

- ▶ **Cognitive Orientation:**-It is implied by the amount and the type of the knowledge which the people possess about political problems and events
- ▶ **Effective Orientation:**-It implies the amount of devotion and interest of the people toward their political system
- ▶ **Evaluative Orientation:**-While evaluating their political system people try to know if the political system has achieved the objective which it had sought to achieve it.

Determinants of Political Culture

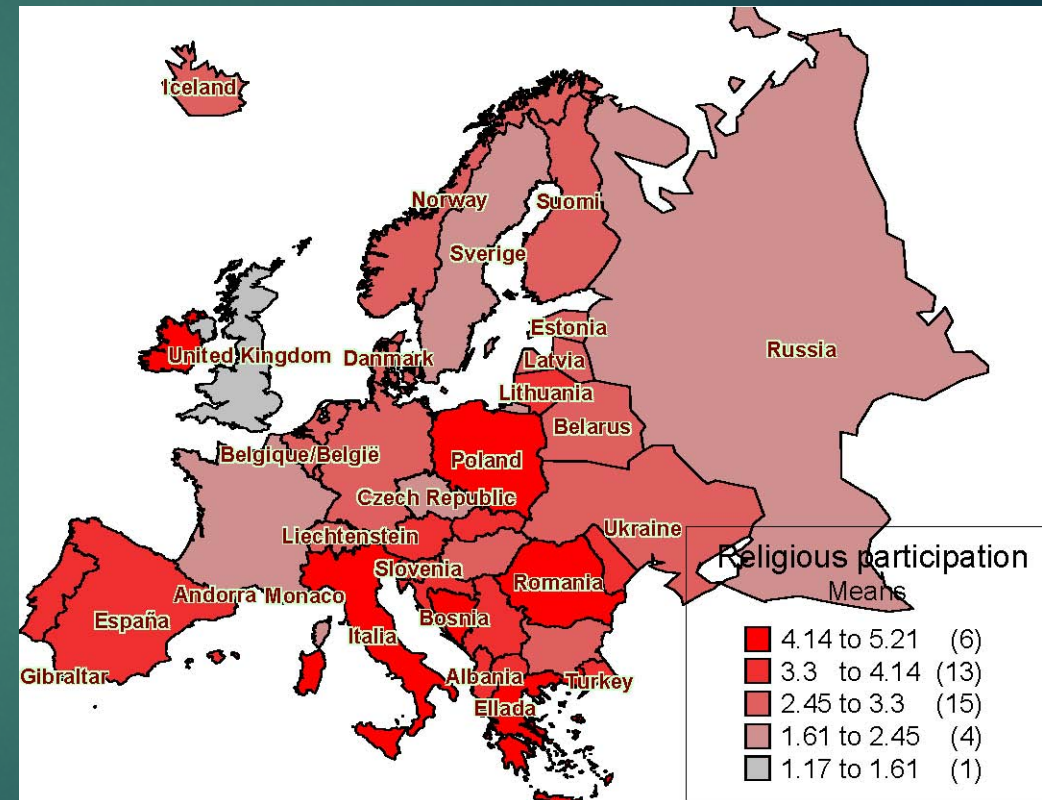
- ▶ Historical factors
- ▶ Geographical factors
- ▶ Social factors
- ▶ Economic factors
- ▶ Spread of education
- ▶ Radio and Television
- ▶ Newspapers and Televisions
- ▶ Political parties
- ▶ Ideological basis of political system

What is Secularization of Political Culture?

- ▶ With the passage of time, the political culture, also changes and if as a result of this change people become more rational, logical, wiser, analytical and empirical in their political attitudes, to this we can call the secularization of political culture.
- ▶ The *secularization thesis* refers to the belief that as societies progress, particularly through [modernization](#) and [rationalization](#), religion loses its authority in all aspects of social life and governance.

Factors affecting the Secularization of Political Culture

- ▶ Education
- ▶ Radio and Television
- ▶ Secular Press
- ▶ Type of Political System
- ▶ Secular State
- ▶ Social and Economic equality
- ▶ Scientific and Technical progress
- ▶ Political Parties
- ▶ Pressure Groups
- ▶ Industrialization and Urbanization



Relevance of Political Culture in Politics

- ▶ It has made the study of Political Science practical.
- ▶ It increases the scope of Political Science.
- ▶ It acts as measuring rod to judge the success and failure of Political System prevalent in the country.
- ▶ It helps in giving distinctive characteristic to the Political System.
- ▶ It helps in bringing progressive political change.
- ▶ It is a combination of macro and micro study.
- ▶ It helps in knowing the diversities of human nature.

Criticism of Political Culture

- ▶ It is an ambiguous concept.
- ▶ It is not a perfect barometer to measure the correctness of political system.
- ▶ It is not a new concept.
- ▶ It is difficult to draw a line between general culture and political culture.



Conclusion

- ▶ The study of this concept helps us to understand the political beliefs and attitudes of the people living under various political systems. The concept of political system is an attempt to gain the rigor and comprehensiveness which these other concepts lack.

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