

**POLITICAL CULTURE, SOCIALIZATION & PARTICIPATION**  
**Class Notes**

**I. Political Culture**

A. ***Political culture*** – commonly shared attitudes, beliefs and core values about how government should operate

B. FIVE important elements of pol. cult.

1. *Liberty* - preoccupation w/ rights
2. *Equality* - equal vote, equal opportunity, but not equal wealth
3. *Democracy* - politicians accountable to the people
4. *Civic Duty* - serve community
5. *Individual Responsibility* - barring disability, individuals are responsible for own actions and well being

**II. Political Socialization**

A. ***Political socialization*** - process by which parents and others teach children about values, beliefs and attitudes of political culture

B. Agents of Socialization or Influencing Factors

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| 1. family = #1                    | 7. religion           |
| 2. sectional differences (N v. S) | 8. social class       |
| 3. rural v. urban                 | 9. occupation         |
| 4. race & ethnicity               | 10. age               |
| 5. gender                         | 11. education         |
| 6. sexual orientation             | 12. national identity |