

The Political Process

Vocabulary Builder

DIRECTIONS Choose six of the vocabulary terms from the word bank. Look them up in a dictionary. Use these terms to write a summary of what you learned in the section.

public opinion	objectivity	sample
propaganda	public policy	exit poll
bias	sampling error	poll
mass media	political socialization	

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence and fill in the blank with the correct word or phrase.

1. The government’s response to a particular issue or problem is called _____ . **(public opinion/public policy)**
2. Getting information from a variety of reliable media sources helps you to avoid _____ . **(propaganda/political socialization)**
3. The way in which poll questions are phrased can introduce _____ and increase sampling error. **(bias/objectivity)**

4. _____ are used to gauge public opinion on an issue.

(Polls/Samples)

5. School, work, and personal experiences all contribute to an individual's

_____. **(political socialization/public opinion)**