

# "POLITICS"

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**pol'i-tic**, *a.* [L. *politicus*; Gr. *politikos*, relating to a citizen, *polites*, from *polis*, city.]

1. wise; prudent and sagacious in devising and pursuing measures; shrewd; diplomatic; applied to persons; as, a *politic* prince.

2. prudently or artfully contrived; well-devised; adapted to its end; expedient, as a plan, action, remark, etc.

This land was famously enriched  
With *politic* grave counsel. —Shak.

3. crafty; unscrupulous; cunning; artful. I have been *politic* with my friend, smooth with my enemy. —Shak.

4. political; consisting of citizens; constituting the state. [Rare.]

States or bodies *politic* are to be considered as moral persons having a public will, capable and free to do right and wrong.

—Kent.

**Syn.**—prudent, wise, sagacious, provident, diplomatic, judicious, cunning, wary, well-devised, discreet.

**pol'i-tic**, *n.* a politician. [Rare.]

**pō-lit'i-cāl**, *a.* [from L. *politicus*.]

1. of or concerned with government, the state, or politics.

2. having a definite governmental organization.

3. engaged in or taking sides in politics; as, *political* parties.

4. of or characteristic of political parties or politicians; as, *political* pressure.

5. artful; skillful; politic. [Obs.]

## political

**pō-lit'i-cāl**, *n.* a political offender; a political prisoner.

**pō-lit'i-cāl ē-con'ō-my**, economics.

**pō-lit'i-cāl-ism**, *n.* party spirit or zeal; political ardor.

**pō-lit'i-cāl lib'er-ty**, the right to participate in determining the form, choosing the officials, making the laws, and carrying on the functions of one's government.

**pō-lit'i-cāl-ly**, *adv.* 1. with relation to the government of a nation or state.

2. with relation to politics.

3. in a political manner.

4. artfully. [Obs.]

**pō-lit'i-cāl sci'ence** (sī'), the science of political institutions, or of the principles, organization, and methods of government.

**pō-lit'i-cās-tēr**, *n.* a petty politician.

**pō-lit'i-ciān**, *a.* 1. cunning; using artifice. [Rare.]

2. pertaining to politicians or the methods of politics. [Rare.]

**pō-lit'i-ciān**, *n.* [Fr. *politicien*.]

1. a person actively engaged in politics, especially party politics, professionally or otherwise; often, a person holding or seeking political office; frequently used in a derogatory sense, with implications of seeking personal or partisan gain, scheming, opportunism, etc., as distinguished from *statesman*, which suggests able, far-seeing, principled conduct of public affairs.

2. a person skilled or experienced in practical politics or political science. [Now Rare.]

**pō-lit'i-cize**, *v.i.*; politicized, *pt.*, *pp.*; politicizing, *ppr.* 1. to talk politics.

2. to take part in politics.

**pō-lit'i-cize**, *v.t.* 1. to make political.

2. to discuss politically.

**pō-lit'i-cist**, *n.* one who writes on politics. [Rare.]

**pō-lit'i-c-ly**, *adv.* in a politic manner.

**pō-lit'i-cō**, *n.* [Sp. *politico* or It. *politico*.] a politician.

**pō-lit'i-cō**, a combining form meaning *political* and.

**pō-lit'ics**, *n.pl.* [construed as *sing.* except in sense 6.] [Fr. *politique*; Gr. *politike*, from *polis*, city.]

1. the science and art of political government; political science.

2. [P-] a treatise on political science by Aristotle (384-322 B. C.).

3. political affairs.

4. the conducting of or participation in political affairs, often as a profession.

5. political methods, tactics, etc.

6. political opinions, principles, or party connections.