ESU TEACHING RESOURCE

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Should we give more votes to citizens according to their performance on a current affairs test?

Overview:

Anyone aged 18 and over is allowed to vote. Inevitably, this means that some people who don't know a lot about politics get just as much say as people who do know a lot. A simple current affairs test might work out who knew more about politics, and give them a greater voice. Do you think more knowledgeable people should get a greater say in elections?

Starter questions:

"What is the value of knowledge about current affairs? How does it help people to vote more effectively?

Would this test favour particular groups of people (such as those who have the time to read up on current affairs)? Which groups of people? Would that change how politics operates? Would better or worse decisions be made?

Voting is a fundamental right. Does giving some people more votes than others undermine that? Or is making the best decision more important?"