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Topic: Political Culture (राजनीतिक संस्कृति)
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https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqjGVsseUg72LR5-mE5zORtuFrG1f96K_
Political Culture

Meaning and Definitions:

  - Every political system is embedded in a particular political culture.
  - Political culture describes how culture impacts politics
- Gabriel Almond defines Political culture as "the particular pattern of orientations toward political actions in which every political system is embedded".
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Meaning and Definitions:

- According to an American political scientist, sinologist and comparative politics expert Lucian Pye's definition: "Political culture is the set of attitudes, beliefs, and sentiments, which give order and meaning to a political process and which provide the underlying assumptions and rules that govern behavior in the political system".
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Types of Political culture:

Gabriel Almond and Sidney Verba in their book “The Civic Culture” described three types of political culture based on two following factors:

- level and type of political participation
- the nature of people's attitudes toward politics

According to Gabriel Almond and Sidney Verba 3 types of Political cultures are:

- Parochial
- Subject
- Participant
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Gabriel Abraham Almond (January 12, 1911 – December 25, 2002) was an American political scientist best known for his pioneering work on comparative politics, political development, and political culture.
Sidney Verba (May 26, 1932 – March 4, 2019) was an American political scientist, librarian and library administrator. His academic interests were mainly American and comparative politics.
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Types of Political culture:

- Political scientist Daniel J. Elazar identified three kinds of political culture:
  
  - Individualistic culture
  
  - Moralistic culture
  
  - Traditionalistic culture
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- According to an Indian political psychologist and social theorist Ashis Nandy in his article “Culture, State and the Rediscovery of Indian Politics”:

The relationship between culture and the state may be viewed in two ways-

1) look for the means by which culture can be made to contribute to the sustenance and growth of the state.

2) look from the standpoint of culture. This approach may regard the state as a protector, an internal critic or a thermostat for culture, but not as the ultimate pace-setter for the society's way of life.
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Rajni Kothari (16 August 1928 – 19 January 2015) was an Indian political scientist, political theorist, academic and writer. He was the founder of Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) in 1963.

- Rajni kothari characterised indian political system as One Party Dominance (OPD).
- According to him Caste is very important factor in shaping and creating Indian Political culture.
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