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Democracy

‘Democracy as the world’s dominant form of government is under greater threat than at any point in the last 25 years’ (Freedom House, 2015).

- What makes a country democratic?
- Is there more to democracy than voting?
- Should Western countries promote democracy around the world?

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Devolution

Reflecting the rise of regional government across Europe, the UK has devolved governments in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

- What effects has devolution had on key policy areas?
- Why are there calls for devolving further powers to Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales?
- Is a more federal system the answer for the UK?

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**Brexit**

On the 23 June 2016 the UK public voted to leave the European Union (EU).

- What are the implications of this decision for the United Kingdom?
- Does this suggest the end of the EU?
- What are the consequences for the UK on the world stage?

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Migration

65 million people were forcibly displaced in 2015.
- What causes people to flee their homes?
- What responsibilities does the developed world have in reducing global inequalities?
- Why is migration such a politically and socially sensitive issue?

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Security

The UK spends £35bn on defence, £12bn on development aid and £3bn on counter terrorism annually.

- Should the UK military intervene in conflicts around the world?
- What are the most effective methods to tackle terrorism? What are the risks for civil liberties?
- Should development aid be linked to UK foreign and security policy?

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Intelligence

The UK spends £2.5 billion on its intelligence agencies.

- Should countries spy on other countries?
- Should governments spy on their own citizens?
- What limits should there be on the methods used to gather intelligence?

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Security & Intelligence

The UK spends over £40bn on defence, counter terrorism and intelligence per year.

- Should the UK military intervene in conflicts around the world?

- How do we tackle terrorism without risking civil liberties?

- Should governments spy on their own citizens?

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