

ACTIVITY 8.1: Voting Survey

Read the questions below and answer them in the right-hand column. Include if your response is a 0 or 1. Explain the reasoning behind your answer. Afterwards, rank the different barriers in order of importance for you (1 = very important, 6 = not important).

<p>Attitudes towards voting</p> <p>People have different views about voting. For some, voting is a CHOICE. They feel free to vote or not vote in an election depending on how they feel about the candidates. For others, voting is a DUTY. They feel that they should vote in every election no matter what.</p> <p>Do you see voting as a choice or a duty?</p> <p><i>Duty=1; Choice=0.</i></p>	
<p>Political interest</p> <p>To what extent would you say you are interested in politics?</p> <p><i>Somewhat or very interested=1; Not very/not at all interested=0.</i></p>	
<p>Issues</p> <p>Politicians or candidates talk about issues that are important to me.</p> <p><i>Agree=1; Disagree=0.</i></p>	
<p>Personal confidence</p> <p>Sometimes politics and government seem so complicated that I can't really understand what's going on.</p> <p><i>Disagree=1; Agree=0.</i></p>	
<p>Attitudes towards politicians and government</p> <p>I do not think politicians or the government care much about what people like me think.</p> <p><i>Disagree=1; Agree=0.</i></p>	
<p>The impact of my vote</p> <p>I feel that by voting I can make a difference.</p> <p><i>Agree=1; Disagree=0.</i></p>	
<p>A key takeaway from this reflection for me is:</p>	