

CLASS: SS3

SUBJECT: GOVIC

TOPIC: POLITICAL APATHY

WEEK: 5

TERM: FIRST

MEANNIG OF POLITICAL APATHY

Political apathy is the lack of interest of the citizen of a state or country toward political activities. It can also be defined as the lack of love and devotion to a state or lack of interest in or concern for socio –Political activities.

CAUSE OF POLITICAL APATHY

- 1: Fear of insecurity
- 2: Bad governance
- 3: Emergence of incompetent candidates
- 4: Unfulfilled political promises.
- 5: Religious reasons.
- 6: Non-commitment of political leader to the welfare of the people.
- 7: Illiteracy of the electorate.
- 8: The nature of politics played in the country.

CONSEQUENCES OF POLITICAL APATHY

1. The country will not develop because the people are indifferent to government affair.
2. Political apathy gives room to the election of bad leaders who have nothing to offer the people.
3. It allows selfish politicians to place their own interest above those of the masses.
4. When there is nobody checking the excesses of those in power, there is bound to be corruption.
5. It negates one's constitutional right to political participation.
6. It make political leader unaccountable to the people since they (leader) know that they can rig their way to power and not though people's mandate.

WAY TO FIGHT POLITICAL APATHY

1. People should understand that is their responsibility or duty to participate in the government of their community and nation as a whole.
2. Citizens should join political party whose ideology is people oriented.
3. People should participate in political discussions that will bring development to the nation.
4. People must know their right and be ready to defend it.
5. Citizens should join popular organization that fight again violation of human rights
6. Citizen should exercise their civic right during election without fear of intimidation.
7. All cases of electoral malpractices or violation should be reported to the appropriate authorities.

ASSIGNMENT

- 1) Which of the political parties do you hope to join, and why?