
Subject: How closely do you follow politics?
Posted by [EasyE](#) on Thu, 08 Mar 2018 21:14:05 GMT
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Sometimes, I just get nauseous when I'm on social media or news sites because I feel like politics are just getting way too divisive and toxic. I feel bad about avoiding it though. I feel like I'm not supposed to do that as an adult. I also feel like if I'm upset about it, then maybe there's something I should be doing to try and change that. Sadly though, it seems like most people enjoy the caustic dialogues between the two sides. I used to love that kind of sparring . . . then I got too tired to be that angry all the time.

Do you follow politics or do you avoid try and avoid it?

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?
Posted by [Silver](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2018 05:44:38 GMT
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How closely do you follow politics?

I sure don't tailgate, that's for sure.

The only times I really pay attention to political issues is when they are framed into another issue that is trying to find a way around a political solution. Which is the contadiction of terms to end all contradictions of terms.

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2018 14:08:15 GMT
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I follow it, but to call it politics is a mis-nomer... more likley a free for all type of combat.

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?
Posted by [Spidey](#) on Fri, 09 Mar 2018 17:41:32 GMT
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gofar99 wrote on Fri, 09 March 2018 08:08I follow it, but to call it politics is a mis-nomer... more likley a free for all type of combat.

This is so sad, but so true. It's a lot of finger-pointing, name-calling, and it's just, well, explosive. I follow it somewhat. I've had to stop reading comments on articles because that section is usually a trainwreck.

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?
Posted by [J.Jacobs](#) on Mon, 26 Mar 2018 18:55:33 GMT
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It's sad, man. I used to really enjoy following politics. Back in the day, I could get in a political discussion and it was amazing. Now I can only ever find arguments. I still follow politics, but I don't really talk about them anymore. It's not like anyone listens to anyone else anyway.

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?
Posted by [Wren](#) on Wed, 04 Apr 2018 03:08:34 GMT
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I follow politics pretty closely. It used to be a lot more enjoyable though, for all the reasons mentioned above. One thing that has helped me deal with the arguments and hate surrounding political discussions is to never read the comments section on articles. They're out of control.

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?
Posted by [SamW](#) on Thu, 03 May 2018 10:05:37 GMT
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I follow politics less and less. I get the feeling that reporting, whether it be on TV, radio or in the press is much less impartial these days than it used to be. It makes it hard to get simple, unbiased information on almost anything. The nature of reporting, of being a reporter, seems to have changed and I think it has to do with social media. All these reporters now have Twitter and Facebook accounts and glorify in having as many followers as possible. It's bound to have changed the way they report stuff.

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?
Posted by [rarerat](#) on Fri, 04 May 2018 08:36:31 GMT
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I seem to have imposed a boycott on following politics. I used to be quite active and always enjoyed reading the political commentary. But these days I glance at the headlines and not much more. I think the political atmosphere, both nationally and worldwide, is just so self-serving and unpleasant these days that there's nothing in it for John or Jane Doe. Political apathy is a dangerous thing - I need to snap out of it!

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Sun, 17 Jun 2018 01:10:30 GMT
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I follow economics, which is what quite a goodly amount of political policies are based on.

Unfortunately, like politics, prevailing economics are based on the notion of what's good for the few will somehow, someday, make its way down to the masses for their collective good. There is no discussion for alternative economic thinking. Only dogmatic adherence to the status quo.

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?
Posted by [Azuri](#) on Fri, 29 Jun 2018 05:17:36 GMT
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If you want to find a solution to a problem, politics is not the way to go. When was the last time Washington D.C. solved a problem that the common man felt in a good way?

I don't follow politics at all.

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Fri, 29 Jun 2018 14:43:25 GMT
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Oh, maybe Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid. A different time, when people had more influence in the political discourse. Before then, people had nothing.

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?
Posted by [Lennix](#) on Sun, 05 Aug 2018 16:39:41 GMT
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I should follow it more because I know it's important. I just have a hard time doing so because I never feel like I'm getting the full story. Everyone seems to have an agenda, including the media. It's a lot of work and my friends never seem to care or notice biases in the stories they share.

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Tue, 07 Aug 2018 15:25:36 GMT
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I think you're right. You have to work at trying to get a full-fledged feel for the news. There's a lot of agenda's shaping what and how news is disseminated. I think the old adage, "follow the money" is a big part of the big picture. Also, I think people tend to take democracy for granted and are just making ends meet and don't have time or energy to root out what's going on. I think it's worth the effort though, if any worthwhile ideas can make its way into the body politics.

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?

Posted by [JazzHog](#) on Tue, 07 Aug 2018 17:27:24 GMT

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I follow politics fairly closely. I read the Guardian newspaper, (the website, or the app on my phone), and I watch BBC News 24 and Channel 4 News.

I also follow some current events on Twitter.

At the moment in Britain the news at the moment is very much about Brexit.

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?

Posted by [Rusty](#) on Tue, 07 Aug 2018 18:11:28 GMT

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Here's something to pad your perspective by an Australian economist that has an informative blog, if interested. The Billy Blog, Bill Mitchell. Here are his comments under the heading Britain, (including Brexit):

<http://bilbo.economicoutlook.net/blog/?cat=29>

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?

Posted by [Lennix](#) on Wed, 08 Aug 2018 04:04:48 GMT

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Exactly. Everything is just so politically charged and reduces things to an "us vs them" level and have no issues with presenting only part of a story. One of the reasons I like the magazine The Week is that they lay out the news of the week and talk about the views of each side.

Yeah, a lot of people don't have that time and energy. Like I said, I struggle with that. However, I don't go around vocalizing my opinions or sharing stories unless I do my homework.

It really is something I need to put more effort in. I like knowing what's going on in the world. I just hate everyone being at each other's throats. I wish we could override the two-party system.

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?

Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Mon, 03 Sep 2018 20:24:33 GMT

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I follow politics as closely as I follow a hornets nest.

If I want to know what's going on in the higher levels of America and the world, just listen to political talking heads and know that it's the opposite of what they say.

Subject: Re: How closely do you follow politics?
Posted by [Rusty](#) on Sat, 22 Sep 2018 22:14:19 GMT
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Quote:I follow politics as closely as I follow a hornets nest.
It does get tedious, especially around now with midterm elections getting close. It seems that ad agencies are the only means to choose candidates. Our country has only one party really. It's called neoliberalism. Wall street, (the banks), insurance co's., and the real estate sector run the country.
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neoliberalism>
