


# POLITICAL ANALYSIS

## Lesson 4 – Assorted subjects





# Home learning for today – 2<sup>nd</sup> March

- Find a piece of art or literature that is political.
  - Be ready to share it and explain the political link next session.
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## Questions:

What is the subject that unites these images?

How do each of them link to Politics?



BOY	NIÑO	MASCULINE
GIRL	NIÑA	FEMENINE
GROUP OF BOYS AND GIRLS	NIÑOS	MASCULINE



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# Political analysis of Languages

- Franco's Suppression of the Catalan Language in 1939. - YouTube

## Questions:

1. Both Welsh and Catalan political movements are nationalist – what does this mean?
2. Language is one form of national identity, what others are there?
3. Are you a nationalist?





# Political analysis of Languages



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niñas



BOY

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MASCULINE

# Political analysis of Languages

- No matter how big a group of females, as long as it includes one male the plural noun is always male in Spanish.
- Does Language Create our Gender Biases - YouTube
- For the sake of equality, should we change languages to address gender bias? Why/not? If so, how?

A landscape photograph of a dirt road winding through a field of tall grass at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The road is partially covered in snow or ice. The quote "Architecture is politics." is overlaid in white text on a dark rectangular background.

Architecture is politics.

Mitchell Kapor

quote.fancy



# Political analysis of Architecture

Question: How could this this picture link Architecture to Politics?





# Political analysis of Architecture

- Sir Bernard Eder QC is International Judge at the Singapore International Commercial Court, and former High Court Judge of England and Wales.
- He argued that the architecture of some courtrooms compromise the right to a fair trial. The docks where the accused sit at trial can encourage a bias towards conviction with cages, chains, and accompanying police/prison guards.

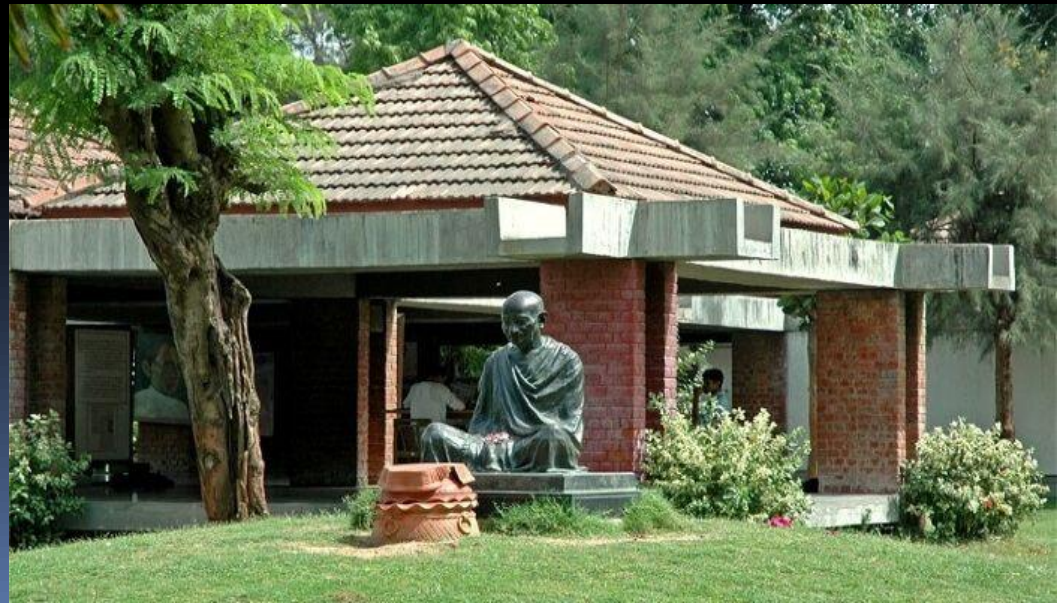


Question: Should political education be a compulsory part of architecture courses?

# Political analysis of Architecture

- When India was fighting for its freedom from Britain, Gandhi was incorporating ideas of sustainable living and use of local materials.
- Self-sustaining architecture prevented dependence on trade with India's coloniser.
- The Gandhi Ashram in Ahmedabad is a functioning example of this ideology.
- This was adopted by various architects such as Charles Correa, Laurie Baker, and Hunnarshala, etc. The time in which this architecture was built coincided with a new identity for India.

Question: How can  
Architecture link to  
nationalism?



# Political analysis of Architecture

## Questions:

1. Where is this?
2. Why is this wall politically significant?
3. What might have been the intention behind this 'Teetertotter Wall' by Ronald Rael, an architectural professor?



1. What can you conclude from this graph?
2. How could this graph be used to link to Politics?

Weighted average household electricity price\* (per kWh, €)

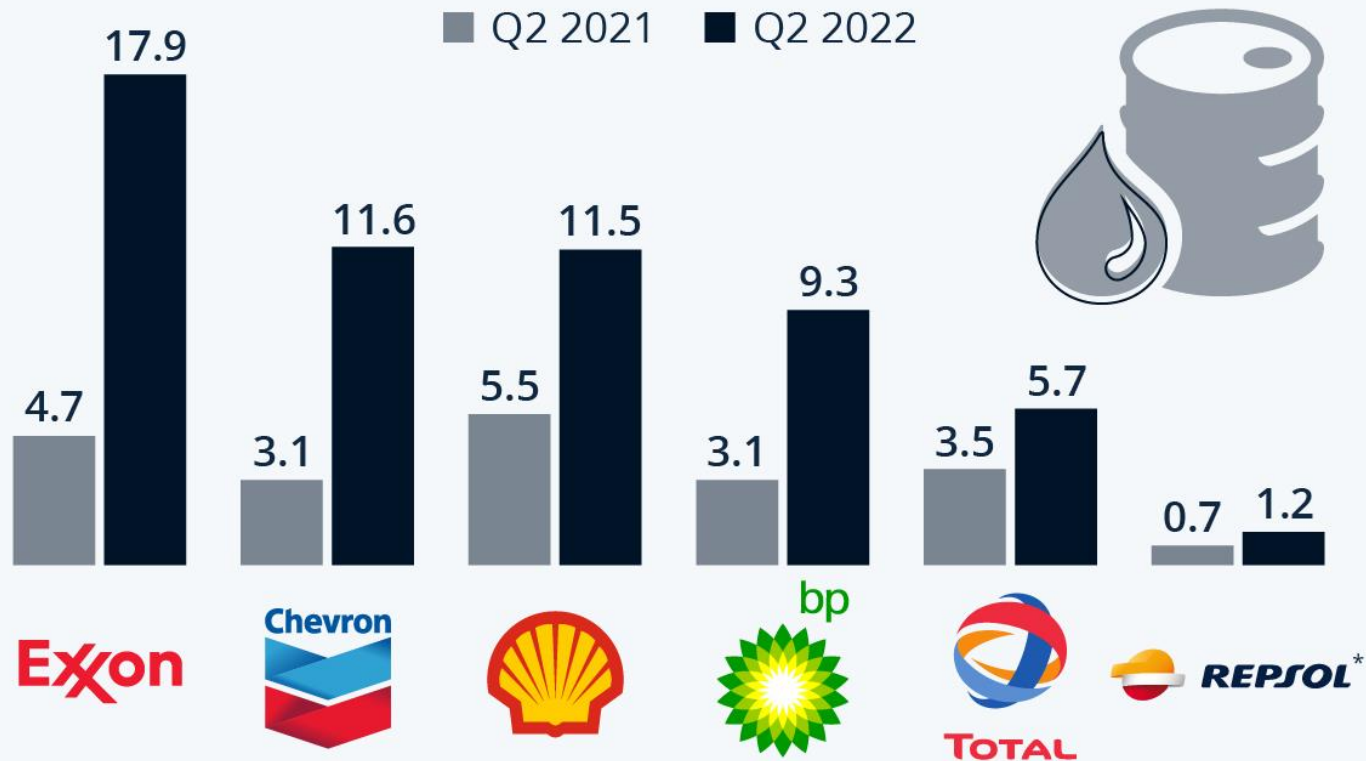


Source: Energy Prices - energy.eu • \* Weighted average end-user price including distribution and taxes



# Oil Companies Profit as Fuel Prices Soar

Net income of oil and gas companies (in billion U.S. dollars)



\* Converted from euros to U.S. dollars at the average exchange rate for the respective 2nd quarter.

Source: Company reports

# Political analysis of the energy industry

- Britain peak power demand (from BBC TV series: Britain from Above) – YouTube

## Questions:

1. What happens to metal when there are multiple drastic temperature changes?
2. What is direct action in Politics?
3. How might the previous two answers be related?



# Political analysis of the Energy Industry

- An energy strike could be a way for the public to take direct action against the profiteering of energy companies.
- This would involve coordinating to create a surge in energy demand by turning off, then on, all electrical home appliances at the same time.
- Even if the national grid could withstand this fluctuation, repeated strikes would cause creep in metal components of power plants.
- While these parts are replaced, the disruption would mean other sources of energy would have to replace the current energy suppliers.

# Political analysis of the Energy Industry

- ‘We should use energy strikes to ensure energy companies reduce their prices.’

Agree or disagree? Why?

End





# Should you use this cream?

Politics and Numbers - Numberphile



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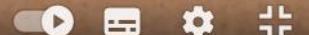
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# Political Analysis of Maths

- Politics and Numbers - Numberphile – YouTube

Question: “Rishi Sunak’s proposal to make Maths compulsory until age 18 is wise.” Agree/disagree?



# Home learning

- Student takeover for final session (30<sup>th</sup> March)
  - Be ready to present for one minute on how Politics links to another subject.
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