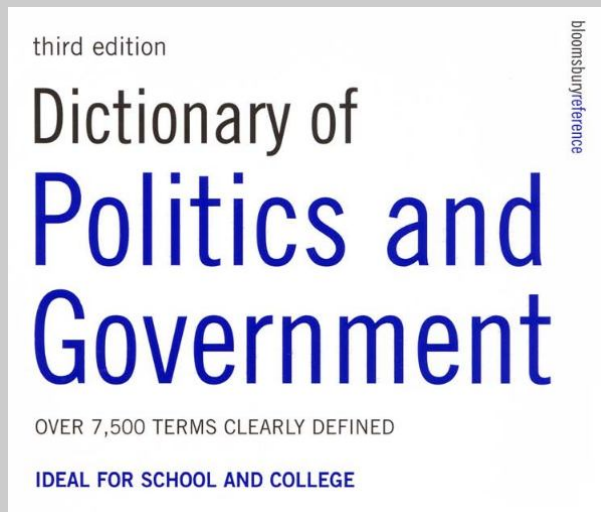


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### Scope and Coverage

It contains more than 7500 entries. This dictionary provides various terms in the fields of government and politics, especially in the United Kingdom, the European Union and the United States. It also contains some more informal terms used in the media. The dictionary covers national legislatures, elections, local government, parliamentary and council procedure, international affairs and political parties and theories. At the end of the book there are additional information about the political and legislative systems in the United Kingdom, the European Union and the United States also available.

### Kind of Information

Terms are available with one or more than one definitions and explanation in this dictionary. Pronunciation, part of speech etc. are also available with each term in this dictionary. The encyclopedic information about procedures and institutions also present. Some examples are given below for clear understanding.

**authority** /ɔ:'θɔ:rti/ *noun* **1.** the official power given to someone to do something, the legal right to do something ◦ *He has no authority to act on our behalf.* ◦ *She was acting on the authority of the Borough Treasurer.* ◦ *On whose authority were these computers ordered?* **2.** the person or book which has the best information ◦ *She is an authority on the benefit system.* ◦ *Erskine May is the authority on parliamentary procedure.* **3.** ◦ **the authorities** the government or people who have legal power over something ◦ *The authorities are trying to put down the riots.* ◦ *The prison authorities have complained about the lack of funding.*

**ballot** /'bælət/ *noun* **1.** an election where people vote for someone by marking a cross on a paper with a list of names **2.** an act of choosing someone by putting names in a box and then taking one name out at random ◦ *In the House of Commons, private members Bills are placed in order of precedence by ballot.* ■ **verb** **1.** to take a vote by ballot ◦ *The company is balloting for the post of president.* **2.** to choose by ballot ◦ *MPs balloted for Private Member's Bills.*

**ballot box** /'bælət bɒks/ *noun* the box into which voting papers are put

**ballot paper** /'bælət ,peɪpəl/ *noun* a paper on which the voter marks a cross to show for whom he or she wants to vote

Some abbreviations are also present here. e.g.:

**DOD** *abbreviation* US Department of Defense

**DOE** *abbreviation* US Department of Energy

There are some information about famous personalities also present. e.g.:

**Churchill** /'tʃɜ:tʃɪl/, **Sir Winston** (1874–1965) prime minister (1940–45, 1951–55) of Britain during World War II. He wrote *The Second World War* (1948–53) and won the Nobel Prize in literature (1953).

***Special Features***

- Various additional or supplemental information present here. Examples are given below.
  - Legislative Procedure in the United Kingdom
  - Legislative Procedure in the European Union
  - Legislative Procedure in the United States of America
  - United Kingdom Court Structure
  - United States of America Federal Court Structure
  - The United Kingdom: Members of the Cabinet
  - List of Prime Ministers of Great Britain
  - Structure of A British Government Department
  - The Department of Trade and Industry
  - List of Kings and Queens of England
  - The United States of America: Members of the Cabinet
  - List of Presidents of the United States of America

***Arrangement Pattern***

In this dictionary terms are arranged in alphabetic order. For example under the alphabet 'A' the terms like abandon, abdicate, abdication, abide by, abjuration etc. are arranged alphabetically.

***Remarks***

In this dictionary each entry is explained in clear easy English. Examples are given to show how the words and phrases are used in normal contexts. But this dictionary basically based on USA, UK and European areas.

***Comparable Tools***

- The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Politics (<http://www.oxfordreference.com/view/10.1093/acref/9780199207800.001.0001/acref-9780199207800>)
- Glossary of Political Terms (<http://democracy.org.au/glossary.html>)

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