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# **What is Politics ?**

# Defining Politics

- 1. politics as the art of government.
- 2. politics as public affair.
- 3. politics as compromise and consensus.
- 4. politics as power and the distribution of resource.

## politics as public affair

- public life or public affairs

Political ---- non political

Public ---- Private

Aristotle --- politics “man is by nature a political animal” → good life



## politics as power and the distribution of resource

- Adrian Leftwich – politics is the heart of all collective social activity , farmal and informal, public and private , on all human groups , Institutions and society.



## Politics as power

- 1. decision making
- 2. agenda setting
- 3. thought control