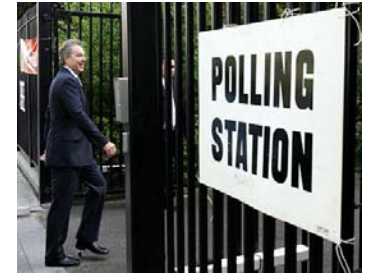


POLITICAL CULTURE AND IDEOLOGY



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I. POLITICAL CULTURE – DEFINITIONS AND SOURCES

- POLITICAL CULTURE: widely shared beliefs, values and norms concerning the relationship of citizens to government and to one another.
 - Political Culture v. Public Opinion
- POLITICAL SOCIALIZATION: The process by which we are taught and develop our individual and collective political beliefs.
 - Socialization occurs through family, education, church, peers, media, etc.
- Stability and Change in Political Culture
 - ‘Tectonic events’ and political culture



II. COMMONALITIES AND CLEAVAGES IN BRITISH POLITICAL CULTURE

- COMMONALITIES: Key orientations toward –
- (A) Problem Solving: Empirical v. Rationalist
 - UK pragmatic ('what works'), incremental, asymmetric
- (B) Political System: allegiant orientation
 - Strong support for institutions of system (including the monarchy); more contingent support for those who occupy high office
- (C) Cooperation: cooperative/conciliatory orientation
 - Northern Ireland as exception
- (D) Orientation towards Other People: generally trusting of others



II. COMMONALITIES AND CLEAVAGES IN BRITISH POLITICAL CULTURE

- CLEAVAGES:
- Social Class
 - Objective v. Subjective
 - Cultural/Social as well as economic
- National/Regional
 - Scotland/Wales v. England
 - North-South divide
- Ethnicity
 - Immigration largely from south Asia and Caribbean
 - Concentrated in certain urban areas

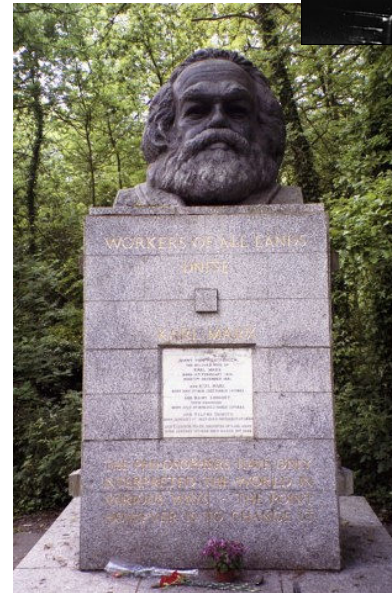


The 'North-South Divide'



II. THE BRITISH IDEOLOGICAL SPECTRUM

- Understanding Ideology
- Liberalism
 - Gladstonian Liberalism
 - Progressive Liberalism
 - Thatcherite Neoliberalism
- Conservatism
 - Traditional Conservatism
 - One-Nation Tories
- Socialism
 - Fabian Socialism
 - Old Labour Socialism
 - New Labour's Third Way



And their ideas never really took root...

TOP: Sir Oswald Mosley, head of the British Union of Fascists;
BOTTOM: Karl Marx's grave in Highgate Cemetery, London

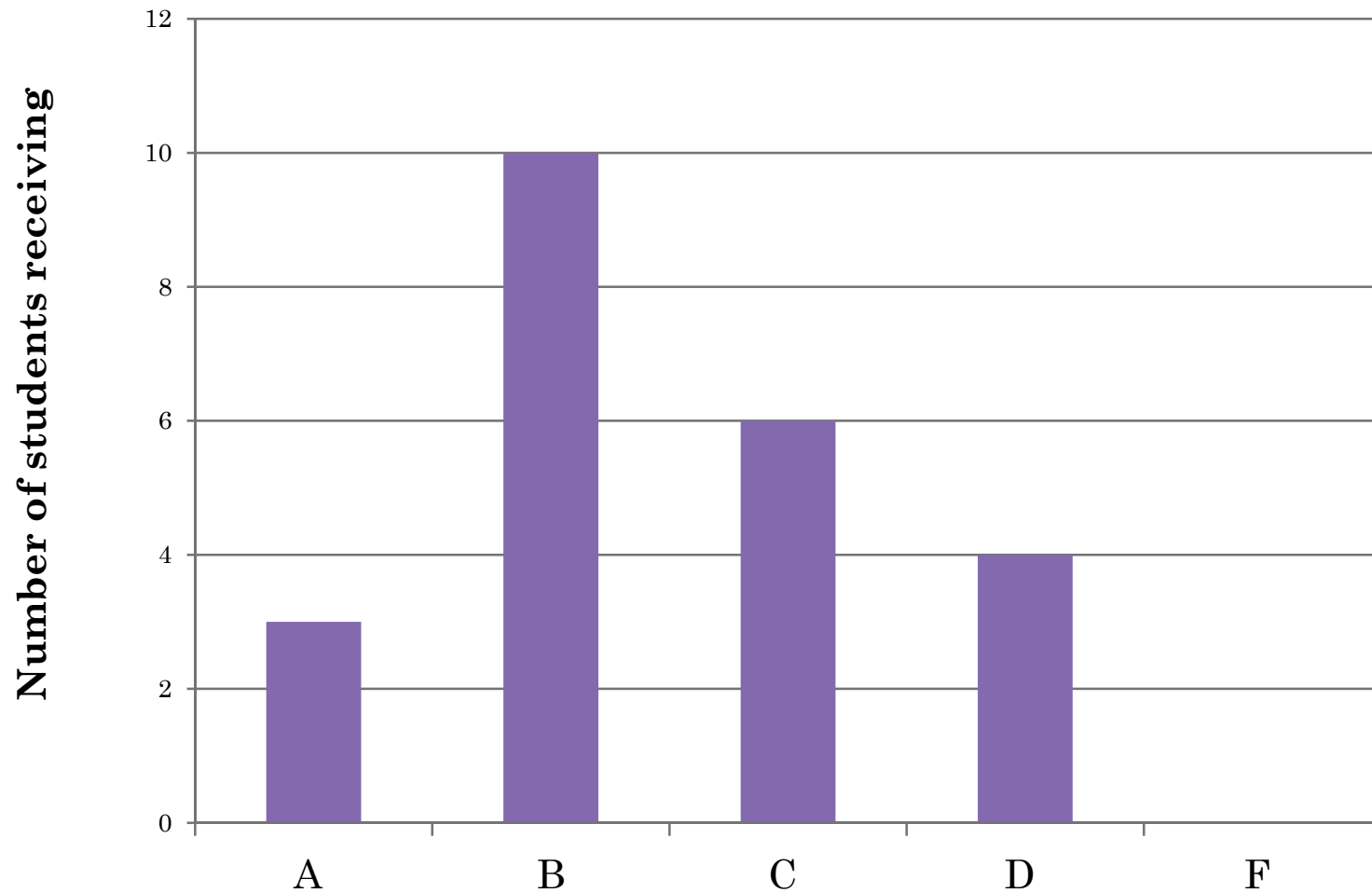
IV. THE BOUNDS OF BRITISH POLITICS

- Public Services
- Taxation
- The Economy
- Personal Freedom
- Institutional Reform
- The British Union
- The European Union



“Don’t take our NHS...”

British Politics Exam #1



Average = 80; Median = 81

