

Citizenship in the News – Edition 20

Citizenship Studies in the news aims to stimulate discussion for GCSE Citizenship Studies by considering contemporary issues and their relevance to our lives. We have compiled a range of current news articles* and linked these to the key questions, explored in themes A–D of the specification. You may wish to investigate and integrate these into your teaching practice to help contextualise key issues and bring the subject to life!



Link	Details	Links to Specification
Theme A Article link Article link	<p>This month the US decided to remove its aircraft from RAF Fairford in the UK due to suspected terrorist activity. Sky News takes us through the process.</p> <p>In addition, a view of how the UK government views the threat of terrorism, and the different threat levels published by MI5.</p>	Theme A: Living together in the UK 5. Rights, duties and values that underpin democracy
Theme B Article link Article link	<p>In July this year, Andy Burnham replaced Keir Starmer as prime minister (PM). The monarch approved the process. Once appointed, the PM then forms a new government or administration, choosing who they will work with. Here, the BBC identifies the changes that Andy Burnham made in his cabinet.</p> <p>A second BBC video explores what Andy Burnham says about his own appointment and plans for Britain.</p>	Theme B: Democracy at work in the UK 3. Forming and organising the work of government
Theme C Article link	<p>As well as organising a trial in court, judges have the power to carry out a ‘judicial review’ and decide if public bodies – such as local or central government – have abided by the rules.</p> <p>The Guardian reports on Thames Valley Police’s actions in searching the properties of Andrew Mountbatten–Windsor when he was arrested.</p>	Theme C: Law and justice 4. The justice system in England and Wales
Theme D Article link Article link	<p>In past editions of Citizenship in the News, we looked at UK groups such as ‘Take Back Power’ and ‘Just Stop Oil’, and how they protested their cause. In the past few weeks, young people in France have risen up and voiced concerns about the state of their education system. It is worth contrasting how police forces in France and the UK have tried to control these protests. How far can protests go in challenging state authority?</p> <p>Here, the Daily Mirror and independent news platform ‘Democracy Now!’ consider the events in France and the questions French people are asking about their right to protest, and the legal challenges.</p>	Theme D: Power and influence, Theme A: Living together in the UK Paper 1 covers human rights which encompass freedom of speech and association Paper 2 Looks at the roles of groups in providing a voice

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