## Citizenship Studies in the News Edition 14

## **About this resource:**

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 into your teaching practice to help contextualise key issues and bring the subject to life!

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Content Warning: the Theme C article is about custodial sentences for women and refers to domestic violence and self-harm.

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Theme A article 1 Theme A article 2	The Supreme Court judgement on the term 'woman' has significant links to Theme A sections 3 and 4. There are a lot of news items on this topic as there has been widespread public reaction to the decision. The BBC article sets out what the judgement means in terms of identity, and the second link examines the practical and legal implications for the Equality Act 2010,	Theme A Living Together in the UK  3. Respect and understanding  4. Identity
Theme B article 1 Theme B article 2	In April the government stepped in to ensure steel can be produced in the UK following problems with the Chinese owners of a steel plant in Scunthorpe. This process was unusual. Parliament was recalled, sitting on a Saturday, and all stages of the bill were passed very speedily. The BBC article shows the wider background to the process. The link with Parliament shows how legislation is passed.	Theme B Democracy in the UK • 5. Making and shaping law
Theme C article	As prisons become ever more over-crowded and with crime levels not falling, many have begun to question how effective prison is. Here this recent article in 'The Justice Gap' they raise the questionable benefits of placing women in prison. It covers the financial cost and hints at the social harm. Although it relates to Theme C section 8, the issue reverberates around section 7 and asks us to consider what strategies can we use to reduce crime.	Theme C: Law and Justice T. Crime and society Sentences and punishment
4	In January 2025 President Trump entered his second term in office. International news has reverberated around the global impact of his actions on Ukraine and migration for example. A more recent move has been the imposition of tariffs on goods which are imported to the USA. This has placed the UK in a difficult position. In this news article Sky discusses tariffs, the impact it will have on the UK and its role with the rest of the world.	Theme D Power and Influence • 7. The UK's role in the rest of the world
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