

Participation Beyond Voting

Political Science

The other ways people act politically.

Forms and patterns.

Forms

Contacting representatives

Petitions and campaigns

Protest and demonstration

Party or union membership

Consumer boycotts

Community organising

Patterns

Participation rises with education and income

Non-electoral forms have grown

Party membership has fallen in most democracies

Episodic issue mobilisation is common

Educational reference. The participation gap by income means the politically active population is unrepresentative.