

What Representation Means

Political Science

Different things a representative can be doing.

Model and its claim.

Model	The representative
Delegate	Follows constituents' instructions
Trustee	Exercises independent judgement
Mandate	Enacts the party's manifesto
Descriptive	Resembles those represented
Substantive	Advances their interests, however composed

Educational reference. Descriptive and substantive representation can diverge: resembling a group does not guarantee advancing its interests.