

# Pre Task Questions - Politics



Students given preparation task to then discuss during live meeting

## Preparing for the Live Meeting - Politics

On Tuesday, during our live get together, I would like us to discuss and reflect on the British government's response to Covid-19 and consider how effective or not you believe their actions and responses have been to the pandemic.

To prepare for the discussion, you may wish to watch the Channel 4 dispatches programme. It is now available here:

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/coronavirus-did-the-government-get-it-wrong>.

You could also look at some YouGov polls,

eg: <https://yougov.co.uk/topics/politics/articles-reports/2020/06/03/approval-government-handling-coronavirus-sinks-low>

The Government response is also quite

interesting: <https://healthmedia.blog.gov.uk/2020/06/03/response-to-channel-4-dispatches-britains-coronavirus-catastrophe-did-the-government-get-it-wrong/>

## Questions for discussion:

1. What do you think were the government's greatest mistakes when dealing with coronavirus?
2. Do you think that the government ever considered a policy of 'herd immunity'?
3. Should the government have issued an apology over the actions of Dominic Cummings?
4. Is it fair to place blame on the government for the significant death toll in the UK?
5. What impact do you think that the coronavirus will have on government and politics?