

Candidate 4 evidence

Research topic/issue:	0 marks
Describe the purpose/aims of your research.	
My hypothesis is Should prisoners be able to vote in elections.	
My first aim is to find out why they should be able to vote	
My second aim is to find out why they shouldn't be able to vote.	
My third aim is to find out what the public think.	

Research methods:	10 marks
For two methods of research you have used to collect information during your assignment, you should comment on:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ why you chose each method for your research◆ strengths and any weaknesses of each research method◆ you may also suggest how you could do things differently	
You should refer to the research evidence you have brought into this assessment for each research method.	
I chose a Instagram Poll as a method because I have a lot of friends on the app, and people who I trust, and I would get a good response rate. The strength of my Instagram Polls is that it is easy to press the yes or no button and take part in my survey. So people more were more likely to participate. The weakness of this method was that	

people might not have read it properly and just put down a random answer and just thinking that it didn't matter what they put as their answer, this could have skewed my results. My Instagram poll mainly asked people my age, to make it more representative I could also ask different genders and ages for their opinion instead of just asking boys or girls or just 14-15 year olds. The thing I could do differently is that I could also ask teachers that are more familiar with the subject so I could get more of an accurate response.

The reason why I chose the UK Parliament Website for my second research method is because it is a reliable resource because people use the website everyday to find out information and it is an official website by the proper people who work at Parliament. They also need to be factual as they are held to account by the public. A strength of the website is that it is updated everyday or after every few days, so it means that it is current correct information, most important information most recent information. Another strength is that some of these documents are primary sources of law, they are legally binding. The political parties want to be careful about what they post on the website because if they

post the wrong thing then they might lose voters for their party which can be bad for them because they will have a disadvantage. A weakness of the website is that it might not be very easy to find the information you are looking for and you might not find the thing that you wanted to find. The thing that I could do differently is that I could just put the specific ~~the~~ thing I want into the search bar, instead of trying to find it on the website

If I would do this again the thing I would do differently is that I would ask ~~for~~ for an MP for an interview so I can get more information and get more detail about the specific thing I was trying to find out, and it would also mean that I would be able to meet an MP.

Research findings:

6 marks

Describe and explain the main findings of your research. You should refer to the research evidence you have brought into this assessment.

The first fact that I found out was that most people think that prisoners shouldn't be able to vote because they are in prison and ~~there~~ they're in there for a punishment.

My second fact that I found out that all prisoners should have human rights even ~~to~~ though they have committed a crime, they are still humans and they still have rights in the world.

The third fact that I found out is that people ^{also} think that ~~they can~~ they can vote or they will lose voters because Scotland there are 95,525 people in prison and there is 7,775 people in prison in the UK.

The fourth fact that I have found out is that the majority of people in prison are not allowed to vote in elections. People convicted and serving a custodial sentence are not allowed to vote whilst detained in custody.

The fifth fact I found out is that if people in prison can vote if they are on remand, convicted but not yet sentenced, a ~~and~~ civil prisoner, serving a default term for non-payment of a fine.

The sixth fact that I found is that European Court of Human Rights case is where that court ruled that a blanket ban on British prisoners.

Research conclusions:

4 marks

What conclusions have you reached about your research topic or issue?

In conclusion prisoners should be able to vote because they have Human Rights.

In conclusion parties might lose voters because in the UK there are 7,775 people in prison ~~serv~~ serving a sentence and that is a lot of voters to lose just because they are in prison.

In conclusion some people think that prisoners shouldn't be able to vote because they are in prison for a punishment.

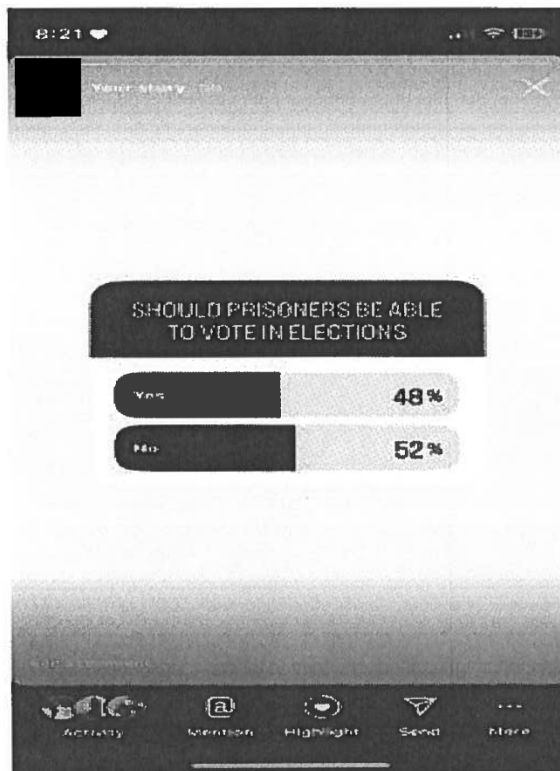
I think that the government should make a law because people are saying that prisoners are able to vote and some are saying that they aren't able to vote.

Research Sheet

National 5 Modern Studies Assignment

- My hypothesis is should prisoners be able to vote in elections.
 1. I aim to find out why they should be able to vote.
 2. I aim to find out why they shouldn't be able to vote in elections.
 3. I aim to find out what the public think.

Source 1- Instagram Poll- I did this poll on the 17th of December 2024, 21 people voted on my Instagram story for their opinions.



Source 2-UK Parliament Website- <https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-7461/> . I went into this website on the 15th of December 2024, the article that I used with publish on Wednesday the 9th of August

