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Useful vocabulary – Talking about social issues

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Useful nouns – Social issues

Spanish	English
la acción	action, act
la ayuda	help
el crimen	crime
la discriminación	discrimination
el hambre	hunger
la guerra	war
el paro	unemployment
el desempleado	an unemployed person
el peligro	danger
los 'sin techo'	homeless people
el sueldo	salary
una vergüenza	a shame, disgrace
la violencia	violence

Useful verbs – Social issues

Spanish	English
afectar; afectarse	to affect, be moved
pelear(se)	to fight
aumentar	to increase
causar	to cause
destruir	to destroy
importar	to matter, be important
mejorar	to improve, make better
necesitar	to need
tardar	to take time
igual	equal
pobre	poor

Useful adjectives – Social issues

Spanish	English
igual	equal
pobre	poor

Useful nouns– Social issues and politics

Spanish	English
la comunidad	community
la derecha	right
la economía	economy
la falta	lack, shortage, mistake
la gente	people
el gobierno	government
la izquierda	left

la mayoría	majority
el partido	political party
la población	population
la presión	pressure
la verdad	truth

Useful verbs– Social issues and politics

Spanish	English
apoyar	to support
cambiar	to change
criticar	to criticise

Useful adjectives – Social issues and politics

Spanish	English
civil	civil
equilibrado/a	balanced
grave	serious
justo/a	fair, just
mejor	better
optimista	optimistic

Higher Tier – Useful nouns - Social issues and politics

Spanish	English
la desigualdad	inequality
la igualdad	equality
la paz	peace
la pobreza	poverty
la preocupación	worry, concern
luchar	to fight, struggle
la manifestación	Protest
la medida	measure
la política	politics, policy
la riqueza	wealth, riches
la víctima	victim
actuar	to act
advertir	to warn

Higher Tier – Useful verbs - Social issues and politics

Spanish	English
luchar	to fight, struggle
actuar	to act
advertir	to warn