

jihad

a Muslim holy war or
spiritual struggle against
non-believers

koran

the sacred writings of
Islam revealed to the
prophet Muhammad

linguistic

related to language

majority rule

the idea that all the people in a
group or society should be held
to the rules and decisions
established by more than half
the people

mandate

the authority granted by
an electorate to act as its
representative

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| mediate | act between parties with a view to reconciling differences |
| multicultural | the existence of many cultures within a state |
| multi-ethnic | a mix of people with distinctive racial, national, religious, linguistic or cultural heritages |
| multilateral | involving more than two sides or nation-states |
| nation | a group of people with a common and distinctive racial, national, religious, linguistic or culture heritage |

nationalism

loyalty and devotion to a nation or ethnic group that places emphasis on promoting the interests, cultural and social values, or religion of one group above all others

pandemic

a situation where a disease affects many people in different regions around the world

persecution

the persistent mistreatment of an individual or group by another group

plebiscite

a general vote or referendum of the population in order to decide on a particular issue

political philosophies
and theories

general ideas about how politics should work; about proper structure and role of political constitutions, institutions and governments; about electoral systems; and about how politics does and should relate to societies, economies and culture

political power

the power to govern states and their peoples and thus control the destinies of states and peoples

pressure group

a group of people with common interests who attempt to influence government policy and decisions in their favour

quasi-federal

having some resemblance to federal

racism

a theory and attitude that leads to the ill-treatment of individuals because they are thought to embody a general, supposedly inferior, category of person entirely determined by race; racism is the opposite of individualism and the upholding of human rights

referendum

a vote of the entire electorate on a law or proposal