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**English language**1

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**The second axis: brief definitions**

1. Politics /Policy (السياسة): the art of governing.
2. Political Science (علم السياسة): the science that focuses on the study of theory and practice of government, and politics at the local, national, and international levels.
3. **State (الدولة):** A territory controlled by a government or ruler with the aid of institutions such as the police, armed forces, the civil service and the courts.
4. **Constitution(الدستور)** : A set of governing principles used by an organisation, including a country or a state; or the document setting out those principles.
5. **Election(لانتخابات) :** Choosing a person or a government by voting.
6. **Head of state/president (رئيس الدولة)** : The chief public representative of a country.
7. **Legislative power(سلطة تشريعة)**: The power to make and change laws.
8. **Independence(الاستقلال):** Freedom from the influence or rule of another person, group or country.
9. **Freedom of speech(حرية التعبير)** : A right to speak freely on social and political matters without censorship or fear of forced silence.
10. **Representative democracy(الديمقراطية النيابية/التمثيلية)**: system of government where voters elect representatives to make decisions for them.
11. **Revolution(الثورة):** A complete overthrow of a government or political system.
12. **Territory(إقليم):** The land and waters under the control of a state or ruler.