

## Candidate 3 evidence

2a Power is defined as the ability to make someone do something they otherwise wouldn't have done. ~~Steven Lukes~~ a theorist ~~claims~~ Authority is having the right to have and use that power and legitimacy is the acceptance by society of that power.

Steven Lukes a political theorist found there to be three faces of power; Decision making, non decision making and manipulating desires. Decision making is the 'open face' of power, the things the government are open and honest about. An example of this would be in passing legislation it is available for the public to see how far a bill has gone. The second face of power is the non-decision making power face

which keeps certain things away from discussion and those within power can decide whether or not it will be talked about. From 1979 to 1997 a Conservative majority lived in parliament which refused to answer or refer to any devolution of powers to Scotland. It wasn't until 1997 when Tony Blair's Labour government came into power that the question about devolved powers was asked however an independence referendum was refused. It wasn't until 2007 when the Scots elected the SNP to lead the Scottish parliament that they were finally able to ask the question of independence.

The third and final face of power according to Lukes is manipulating desires. This means persuading a group

or an individual that they want what they are being given. A large example for this is feminism. Many feminists claim that throughout history, men in power have manipulated female desires to only want to be housewives and mothers.

There are many types of power including positive and negative, positive power is usually because the power granted is authorised.

Authority is the right to hold the power and according to ~~societ~~ theorist Max Weber there are three different types of authority.

The first is traditional where for instance a monarchy is in charge of the country. The power of the monarchy is accepted making it legitimate but

also when a member, such as a king dies, another one is immediately in line and they are not elected.

Another type of authority is Charismatic. This is where leaders are elected on their charisma and personality rather than bloodline.

Charismatic leaders such as Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela who were not elected but followed by their passion and drive to end injustice within their ~~country~~ respective countries.

The final type of authority is legal rational where power is handed to them by those who hold it. Such as the police. The police have not been elected but are chosen to enforce and maintain the laws put in place by those who have been granted power.

Legitimacy is the link between power and authority and that those in power only have that authority if their power is legitimate and accepted by the public. The UK electoral system of 'First Past the Post' is a good example of legitimacy. The elected power, although maybe not won the most votes but the most seats, is legitimate as the electoral system is democratically accepted by the public.