TOPIC OF THE WEEK

POLITICS, PEOPLE AND PERCEPTIONS

Politics is about power. The power to make yourself heard. To vote.
It's easy to say, "Politics, I don't listen to them. I don't vote. DON'T VOTE, FOOLISH PERSON! By doing nothing, you cast (or didn't cast) a vote for the status quo; the result is the same.

Yes. Political is an adjective.
An adjective describes or qualifies a noun. The word *political* describes something relating to politics, government, power, or public affairs.
Examples:

- Political change — describes a kind of change.
- Political beliefs — describes a kind of belief.
- Political system — describes a kind of system.
- Political behaviour — describes a kind of behaviour.

The related words have different grammatical functions:

Word	Part of speech	Meaning
Politics	Noun	The activity or process of governing and exercising power
Political	Adjective	Relating to politics
Politically	Adverb	In a political manner or context
Politician	Noun	A person involved in politics

A philosophical question
If *political* is an adjective, it describes something else. This raises an interesting question:

Is politics something we do, something we believe in, or something that describes the way we live together?
Perhaps the distinction between *politics* and *political* is a useful starting point for exploring what politics actually is.

politics and political

The difference between politics and political begins with grammar, but it leads to a deeper question about what politics is.

Politics vs Political

Politics	Political
A noun	An adjective
Names an activity, process, or field	Describes something related to politics
Politics involves power.	Political power
Politics involves beliefs.	Political beliefs
Politics involves change.	Political change
Politics involves people.	Political behaviour