

## WHAT IS VOTE TRADING IN POLITICS?

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This refers to any manner of voting where people agree to vote in certain ways in which they would not have voted otherwise in exchange for immediate or future benefits. A certain political party that is in Opposition, for instance, may decide to support a certain legislation that it would not have supported otherwise in exchange for favours it expects to receive from the ruling party. Vote trading is considered to be unethical by some political observers who have a problem with the purely transactional nature of such voting. While common in the political arena, vote trading is also present in other places like big businesses and other large organisations.

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