

## Higher Politics Paper 1 – Specimen 'C' pass answer

### Answer 1

"Bush's victory was comprehensive and was welcomed by the majority of Americans. On the issues that were important, Bush reflected the mood of the nation."

The Sources mostly reflect the viewpoint expressed. Source B agrees in as much as the statement that Bush's victory was welcomed by the majority of Americans. Source B shows a successful victory for Bush. He won 59.8 million votes compared to Kerry who only won 56.3 million votes, a comprehensive victory. In the electoral college votes Bush won 286 to Kerry's 252. Bush's victory was comprehensive against Ralph Nader. He only won 406880 and no votes in the electoral college.

Source C tells us how people voted based on gender and race. In gender Bush won 55% of male vote and 48% of female vote. Kerry only won 44% of male vote and he won 51% of female vote. Bush is very popular with the white voters. He won 58% to Kerry 41%. He is not so popular with the non-white vote. Afro Americans do not like Bush he won only 11% of their vote. The flooding in New Orleans when poor blacks were left to sink or swim while the whites escaped shows he did not care for Blacks. The Latino vote more for Kerry than Bush.

In Source B we see that the poor support Kerry and the rich Bush. Also urban voters support Kerry and suburban voters support Bush. Source E supports Bush as "he reflected the mood of the nation in all the important issues." Terrorism is a very important issue in USA with many Americans afraid of more acts of terrorism. Over 86% who regarded Terrorism as important voted for Bush and only 14% for Kerry. The other most important issue was Moral values. The Religious Right are very powerful in the USA and they support Bush. Here Bush had 80% of the vote and Kerry only had 20%.

In conclusion the viewpoint is mostly correct. Bush has the majority of American support and it is only the poor and non-whites who do not support him. In the important issues such as Terrorism and Moral values he has the mood of the nation.