

Politics

Busy with work, child rearing, and managing their households, Americans have little spare time or energy for following what government and politicians do.

There are exceptions, especially those who are passionately concerned about global warming or Social Security or any other burning issue.

**The term for them is "issue publics."
But most people are quite understandably politically inattentive most of the time.**

Richard M. Valelly, *American Politics*