

Political knowledge

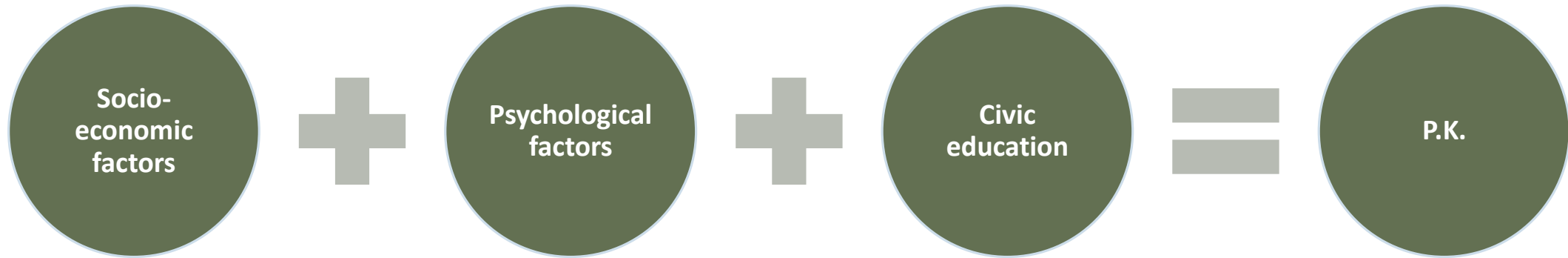
HELPING THE HELPERS: NEW TRENDS
ON CIVIC EDUCATION

Concept



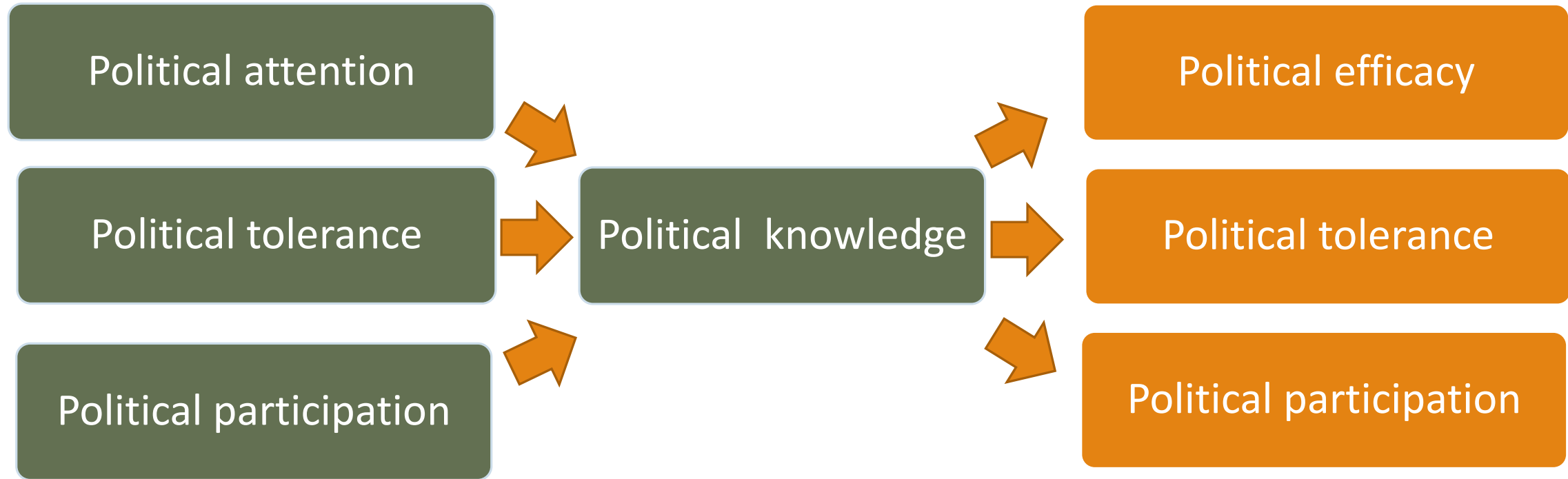
Factors promoting political knowledge

Personal political salience
Authoritarian personalities



**Race, sex, age and
level of education**

Relationship between political knowledge and other civic competences



Virtuous circle

Consequences of political knowledge

Political knowledge

Self-placement (ideology)

Stable political attitudes

Links with moral ideas

Capability of resolving personal and social problems

**Less
Influenciable
people**

Peaks of political knowledge

- ❖ Pre-electoral campaigns periods
- ❖ Post-electoral campaigns periods

Measurement of political knowledge

❖ Questions about:

- ❖ **Politicians:** *Do you know who is the Chief of State of your country?*
- ❖ **Political figures or numbers:** *Do you know which is the rate of unemployment of your society?*
- ❖ **Public policies:** *Do you know which is the Department or Ministry in charge of the policies of Environment?*
- ❖ **Political institutions:** *Do you know which government agency you have to visit to denounce abuses in the prices of products and services?*
- ❖ **Electoral processes:** *Do you know who is the candidate of the Labour Party?*

❖ Example (US):

- ❖ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44Kjt2wkND0>