

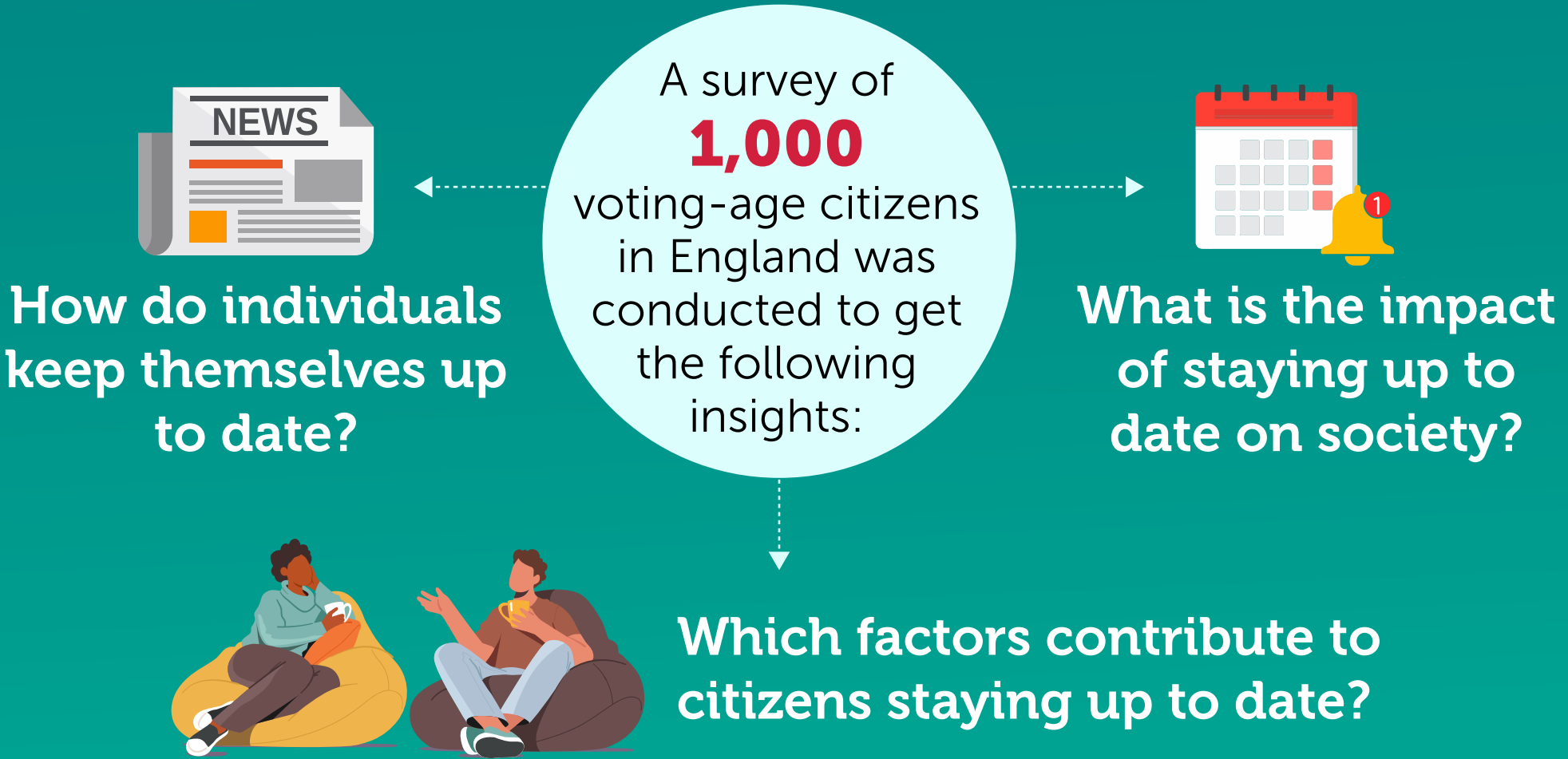
Exploring an "Ideas-Informed" Society in the Modern World

Vibrant democratic societies need citizens that engage with new ideas, developments, debates, and discussions

Faced with a world of environmental, social, and political crises, there appears to be a shift away from this ideal "ideas-informed" society



How do we foster an "ideas-informed" society in the modern world?



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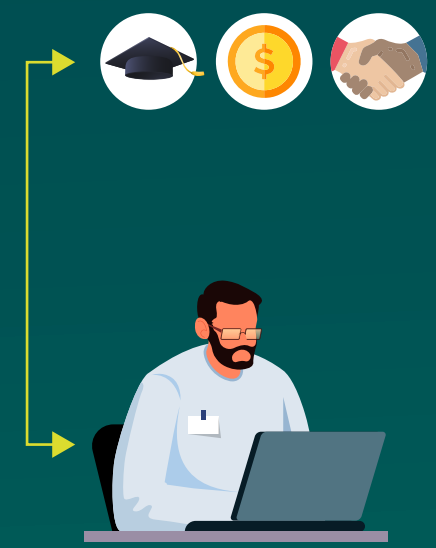
1 Many people keep up to date through news and newspapers, social media and blogs, but also through popular science and current affairs magazines, journals, or books



2 Factors like education and occupation affect the importance that citizens attach to values like diversity and equality fundamental to democratic society

In citizens with a lower level of education or professional skill:
 → Mentality of scarcity could lead to limited focus only to immediate needs

Among citizens with a higher level of education or professional skill:
 → There is a larger likelihood of staying up to date



3 Levels of education and occupation and network of friends influence staying up to date

When less educated individuals get grouped together:
 → They become less likely to seek to stay up to date

Individuals who discuss news and current affairs with friends:
 → Are more likely to value the importance of staying up to date

Individuals with manual occupations but not low education levels:
 → Have a higher propensity to stay up to date



In order to foster an ideas-informed society with up-to-date citizens and an engaging public discourse, we need improved dialogue between all members of society and higher levels of education for all