



GOVERNMENT

Discussion

Basic Questions

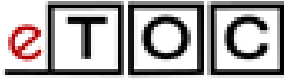
1. What does a government actually do and what should it do?
Government....
2. Are you happy with the government of your country?
Yes... / No...
3. Would you like to work for the government?
Yes... / No....
4. Do you think there is a world government that is not corrupt?
Yes, i think... / No, I don't think....
5. Should government leaders be paid more than company CEOs?
Yes.... / No....

Extended Questions

1. What successes has your government made?
I think....
2. What would you like to change about your government?
I'd like to change the....
3. Do you think a government can ever make everyone happy?
Yes, I think... / No, I don't think...
4. Would you prefer to work in local or national government?
Yes, I'd prefer... No, I don't...
5. What do you think of the governments in America and China?
I think....

VOCABULARIES

1. **Politics** /'pɒl·əˌtɪks/
(noun) the activities of the government, politicians, or political parties, or the study of these activities
Ex.: She got involved in local politics.
2. **Autonomous** /ɑː'tɔːnə.məs/
(adjective) an autonomous organization, country, or region is independent and has the freedom to govern itself
Ex.: Mindanao has an autonomous region.
3. **Bureaucracy** /bjʊ'rɒk·rə·si/
(noun) Any organization in which action is obstructed by insistence on unnecessary procedures and red tape
Ex.: The city's bureaucracy is almost unmanageable.



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4. Autocracy /ɔˈtɑk-rə-si/

(noun) government by a single person or small group that has unlimited power or authority, or a country or society that has this form of government

Ex.: In some islands hereditary autocracy prevailed.

5. Aristocracy /ˌær-əˈstɑk-rə-si/

(noun) a government ruled by or consisting of people of a high social class.

Ex.: They were ruled by an aristocracy.

6. Stratocracy /strəˈtɑkrəsē/

(noun) a military government

Ex.: Philippines had a stratocracy government in the history.

7. Revolution /rev-əˈluʃən/

(noun) a sudden and great change, esp. the violent change of a system of government

Ex.: The country seems to be heading toward revolution.

8. Federal /ˈfed-ər-əl/

(adjective) connected with the central government of some countries.

Ex.: Federal law regulates trade with other countries.

9. Imperial /ɪmˈpiər-i-əl/

(adjective) relating to a government or country that controls or rules other countries

Ex.: The royal family lives in the Imperial Palace.

10. Nationalist /ˈnæʃ-ə-nəl-ɪst/

(adjective) supporting political independence for a group within a nation

Ex.: His views were those of the nationalist Quebec government.

Useful Expressions

1. **close enough for government work** - sufficiently close; done just well enough. (Alludes to the notion that work for the government is not done with care or pride.)

Ex.: I didn't do the best job of mending your shirt, but it's close enough for government work.

2. **Kings have long arms** - Those who are in power can always catch and punish people who have opposed them, no matter how far away those opponents may go.

Ex.: No matter how difficult to punish the criminals, the police knows the kings have long arms.

3. **Corridors of power** - This term refers to the higher levels of government or administration where important decisions are made.

Ex.: The matter is the subject of much discussion in the corridors of power at the present time.

4. **Crack the whip** - If you *crack the whip*, you use your authority to make someone obey you or work more efficiently, usually by threatening them.

Ex.: Every so often I'll crack the whip to make sure we meet the deadline.

5. **big fish in a small pond** - This term refers to an important or highly-ranked person in a small group or organisation.

Ex.: He could get a job with a big company but he enjoys being a big fish in a small pond.