

Civics: A Christian Worldview.
Snappy Answers to Civics Questions (15 minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY

Prep

1. This activity helps students come up with Biblical, informative answers to civics/government questions asked by hypothetical friends/acquaintances/critics.
2. Print this page, and a copy of Page 2 for every student.

Instructions

1. Hand out Page 2 to students, and read the instructions together.
2. Give students 6-8 minutes to answer the questions (**ANSWERS MUST BE 20 WORDS OR FEWER!**).
3. When time's up, collect the answer sheets.
4. Tell students: "You're going to vote for the best, most-accurate, and snappiest-without-being-rude answers to these 10 questions."
5. Read Question #1 out loud, followed by all the answers students wrote to that question.
6. Ask students one at a time to vote for the answer to Question #1 that they thought was the best, and tally up the votes.
7. Announce: "The winner to Question #1 is [answer here], which was written by...[student name here]!"
8. Continue with Questions #2 - #10 until all votes are taken.

Answer Key

1. Only those "subject to the jurisdiction" and born in the U. S. are natural-born citizens.
2. Government-approved theft via taxation and programs. It's wrong because...it's theft.
3. Government should threaten those who would harm/steal from others, and punish those who do.
4. It doesn't violate the Christian faith to do it, and Christians are to obey government ordinances.
5. Christians are not to "speak evil" of rulers.
6. Rulers shouldn't make those decisions: That's outside of their rightful place (and people can make their own decisions on that).
7. Christians should avoid suing each other in secular courts to avoid shaming the church.
8. Majorities are often wrong, and they can violate the rights of minorities.
9. Just because it's harmful doesn't mean government should ban it; its job is fighting harm and theft.
10. The Constitution only grants Presidents a small handful of powers.

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Come up with an answer to these 10 questions that a friend/acquaintance/critic asks you about Civics topics we've discussed. The answer must be...(a) **snappy (20 words or fewer**—feel free to use humor 😊, write a poem, etc.); (b) **correct/accurate**, and (c) **polite**—no rude insults! Here are the questions:

1. “The Fourteenth Amendment says, ‘All persons born and naturalized in the United States’ are citizens. How can you be against ‘anchor babies’ being automatic U. S. citizens?”

2. “What are you talking about when you say ‘legal plunder’? And what’s wrong with it?”

3. “You said the Bible teaches that government is supposed to be a ‘terror’ to ‘evil.’ What’s that mean?”

4. “I think it’s wrong for the government to force people to get a license to open up a dog-grooming business, so I’m not going to do it.”

5. “Our governor is a brain-dead dimwit! What in the world is wrong with saying that?”

6. “The people need strong rulers to help them make buying/selling decisions, don’t they?”

7. “That guy at our church trashed me on social media, so why shouldn’t I sue him for slander?”

8. “Democracy is great, and what’s wrong with using majority rule to decide things?”

9. “Shouldn’t the government should ban smoking; since it’s so harmful to people’s health?”

10. “Of course I think the President’s the most powerful man on earth—why shouldn’t I?”
