

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview.
Snappy Answers to Government Questions, Part 2 (15-20 Minutes)

TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS

Goal

This activity helps students come up with Biblical, informative answers to government questions asked by hypothetical friends/acquaintances/critics/random strangers who accost them on street corners.

Instructions – Follow Carefully!

1. Read the instructions together.
2. Give students 8-10 minutes to answer the questions INDIVIDUALLY (**students' answers must be 20 words or fewer!**).
3. Tell students: **“Don’t let anyone see your answers!”**
4. When time’s up, collect the answer sheets.
5. Tell students: “You’re going to vote for the best, most-accurate, and snappiest-without-being-rude answers to these five questions. **DO NOT VOTE FOR YOUR OWN ANSWERS.**”
6. Read Question #1 out loud, followed by all the answers students wrote to that question.
7. 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.
8. Announce: “The winner to Question #1 is [answer here], which was written by [student name here]!”
9. Continue with Questions #2 – #5 until all votes are taken.
10. (If you want, you can award bonus points to winners.)

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Come up with an answer to these five questions that a friend/acquaintance/critic asks you about American government topics we've discussed. Each answer must be...

- (a) snappy (**20 words or fewer**),
- (b) correct/accurate, and
- (c) polite—no rude insults (but feel free to use humor to make your point ☺).

The Questions:

1. "We need to support laws against smoking and drunkenness. Shouldn't we support those kinds of laws, since things like smoking and drunkenness are harmful to society?"

2. "Sure, I'm a Christian, but there's no way I'm paying that tax! Why should we have to pay taxes that are too high and unfair?"

3. "Our governor? Pray for *him*? Why should I, given that he's a complete *idiot*?"

4. "You Christians are such hypocrites! Why should I want to follow a God who doesn't support the rights of women and foreigners?"

5. "We need to put into place a *Christian* government. Wouldn't that help society improve?"

Now, go back and make sure your answers are all 20 words or fewer!