

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview.
Snappy Answers to Government Questions, Part 3 (20–25 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. "Why don't you support that new law that provides cash payments to families with kids in government schools, so they can buy school supplies? That law was legally passed, wasn't it?"

2. "Two years ago there was a similar case like the one happening right now, and the judge ruled for the defendant. Shouldn't the judge in the new case follow that precedent and also rule for the defendant?"

3. "Of *course* we should just lock that guy up in jail! The government said he's a terrorist, so why should he get a trial?"

4. "I think democracy is the best form of government. Isn't it better for society when policies get decided by a majority, so everybody has input?"

5. "Absolutely, Christians should support a revolt against that government. Doesn't that government charge too much in taxes and pass other laws that aren't fair?"

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