

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview.
Snappy Answers to Government Questions, Part 4 (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!

1. Read the instructions together.
2. Give students 10-12 minutes to answer the questions INDIVIDUALLY (**reminder: students' answers must be 20 words or fewer!**). You can go a few minutes over the suggested time limit if the students are really getting into their answers, of course!
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. "Whaddya mean, 'The 13 colonies were sovereign states/nations? Weren't they just like *counties* of the big United States of America?'"

2. "We should make sure that all elected or appointed officials profess to be Christians. Wouldn't that make our government more moral and effective?"

3. "Of *course* we needed to replace the Articles of Confederation with the U.S. Constitution! Wasn't the AOC too weak to get anything done?"

4. "And another thing: We couldn't keep operating under the AOC, since only one state could veto a proposed new law—wouldn't that ruin things for all the other states who *did* want that new law?"

5. "I don't like hearing you question the writing of our U.S. Constitution. Doesn't that make you just like all those other groups who violently protest and hate America and our freedoms?"



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