

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview.
Snappy Answers to Government Questions, Part 6 (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.)

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview.

Snappy Answers to Government Questions, Part 6

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. "This Electoral College thing is really dumb. I mean, why can't we just let the person with the most votes be the President?"

2. "Presidents should have the power to declare war. We just don't have enough time for those people in Congress to yak, yak, yak about whether we should go to war, do we?"

3. "Of *course* that action by Congress is constitutional—the Supreme Court ruled that it was, didn't they?"

4. "Yes, that law forcing all kids to go to government schools is legal! The Constitution says that laws the U.S. government makes are the "supreme laws of the land," doesn't it?"

5. "Waddya mean, 'The First and Second Amendments don't *give* Americans the right to free speech and the right to bear arms'?"



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