

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview.
Snappy Answers to Government Questions, Part 7 (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. "I know there's a First Amendment, but shouldn't we change the Constitution so dangerous 'hate speech' isn't allowed?"

2. "No, the *people* don't have the right to have guns—the Second Amendment says it's all about "a well-regulated *militia*, doesn't it?"

3. "Of *course* that newspaper editor should be arrested! He shouldn't be allowed to print *lies*, should he?"

4. "Yes, the Second Amendment says the right to bear arms "shall not be infringed," but people who have been found guilty of felonies shouldn't be allowed to have guns, should they?"

5. "How can that radio show host be allowed to cut me off when I was in the middle of making my point? Isn't that a violation of my First Amendment right to free speech?"



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