

American Government & Politics: A Christian Worldview.
Snappy Answers to Government Questions, Part 9 (25–30 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 12–15 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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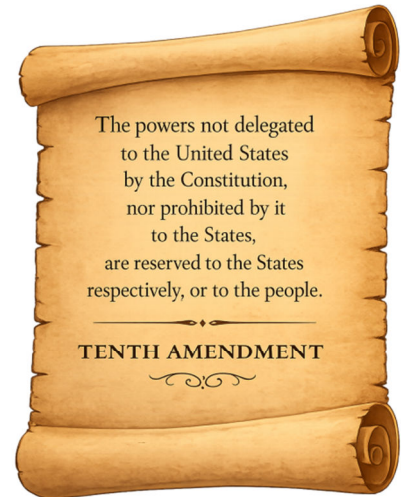
Come up with an answer to these five questions that a friend/acquaintance/critic asks you about American government topics we've discussed. Each answer must be...

- (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 just don't get that whole Tenth Amendment thing—do you?"

2. "Why don't you think the U.S. government should run banks?"



3. "Duuude! I can't *believe* you're against having our military go over there to Kliftonia and taking out their evil dictator, Clifford Scottson. Don't you want other people around the world to have *freedom*?"

4. "Okay, I realize that law that the U.S. Congress passed was unconstitutional, but we just can't let the state governments ignore or nullify it, can we? Isn't that a dangerous thing to do?"

5. "Yeah, the President violated the law, and the U.S. Supreme Court made a bad decision, but there's nothing anybody can do, is there?"

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