

What Does Government Do?

What is the function of a government? One of the most important functions of a government is to focus on power. A government relies on the following of its people and citizens to prove its legitimacy in these areas. This may be done by communicating with and following an understanding of the peoples' various customs and cultures and a shared hope for the future. Or, a government may focus on fear of a common enemy. Most governments will strive to focus their power on the world.

Another function of a government that is about the people is to protect and to serve. A democratic government is one where the people ARE the government. Citizens are elected by citizens from their own states and teams. Other governments have leaders that are themselves royal positions. And, in some other countries, government positions are taken by force.

Our US government protects us protection from other institutions who may wish to harm us. Our government also provides services for many people so that there can be more safety and security. However, unlike many countries, our government does not own all of the institutions it protects. Our freedom of commerce and right to choose gives us options. Some other countries do not have.

Discussion: Discuss and record examples of services our government provides for its citizens. Are there any new ideas you'd like the government to consider?

