

...and how does it affect you?

WHAT IS GOVERNMENT?

What is Government?

- ◉ What is government?
 - Government is the ***institution*** that societies use to make and enforce public policies (all the things a government decides to do).
- ◉ Are there different types of governments?
- ◉ What is politics?
 - Politics is the ***process*** of how the government decides things: who, what, how, when....

The “Guvmint” and you....

- On a scale of 1 to 7...
 - 1 is “not at all”
 - 7 is “everything, all the time”
- ...how much is the government involved in your daily life?

- PollEverywhere

A Typical Day

- In your group, list everything you do from the minute you wake up until the minute you go to sleep.
- Now look at the list. Can you find any ways that government is involved in your day-to-day life?



A Typical Day with Government

- Are you surprised at this level of involvement?
- Are you ok with this level of involvement?
- Should there be more or less involvement?

The State

- What is a state?
- A state has FOUR key things that make it a state:



Population

- People who live there



Territory



- Defined borders



Government



- Someone is in charge to make public policy



Sovereignty



- Answers only to itself
- Has supreme power within its territory, makes its own policies

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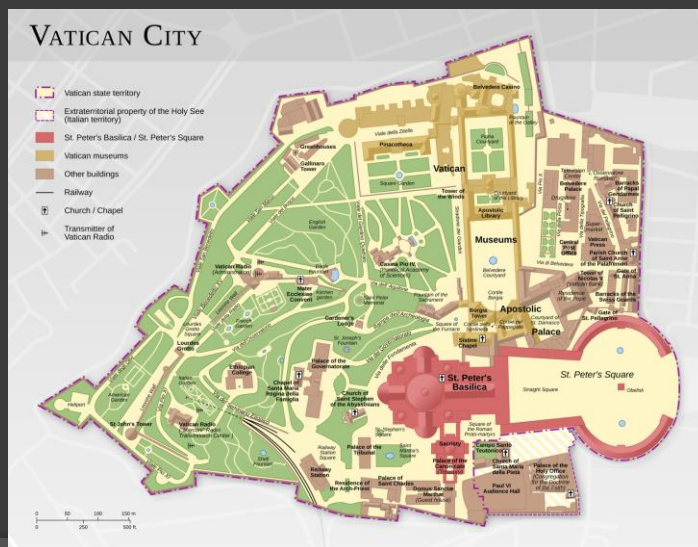
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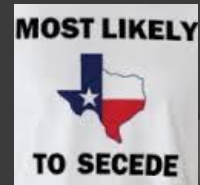
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