

What ideas do each of the following sources communicate to you about the role(s) of government in society?

AND

Considering the sources, what do you think should be the role(s) of government in society?

Sources are at the end of the response

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Source 1 is illustrating that in a democracy, a government has the role of protecting all rights and freedoms. In a modern liberal democracy a government must make sure that rights and freedoms are protected. The role of a government is to protect these rights and freedoms so all protesting remain peaceful. Citizens who live under a democracy are able to live in a safe environment. However, without the protection of such rights and freedoms protesting may become deadly. The role of a government is to ensure that all protesting does not go against a citizen's safety. Securing the safety of the citizen allows for peaceful discussions. I believe the role of the government is to keep citizens who protest controlled. I agree with the role of a democratic government because it allows people to express themselves freely and securely.

Source 2 is illustrating that in a democracy, a government has the role of guaranteeing security with individual rights and freedoms. In a modern liberal democracy a government must make sure that all rights and freedoms protect security. The role of a government is to ensure that all rights and freedoms do not destroy the safety of citizens. However, providing safety and security challenges the rights of a citizen. Security is a way of controlling how far a citizen's freedom goes. The ideas that create a modern liberal democracy are useless to citizens without security. Thus, citizens must be willing to remove total freedom from the law to protect individual security. I believe the role of a government is to maintain the security of rights and freedoms. I agree the role of a government allows for citizens to live under the freedom that security protects.

Source 3 is illustrating that in a dictatorship, a government must make sure that all citizens obey the rules under the dictator. In a modern liberal democracy a government must make sure that all citizens are not controlled under a dictator. The role of a government in a dictatorship is to remove the rights and freedoms of citizens. This forces the civil liberties to be taken away by all citizens. I believe the role of a dictator deprives people of their civil rights. I disagree with this type of government because it removes the rights and freedoms of a citizen.

The importance of the roles of a democracy:

First, I believe that in a modern liberal democracy citizens are able to be free while being secured by the law. Citizens do not go above the law, allowing for everyone to have the protection of their own rights and freedoms. Second, I believe that in a modern liberal democracy, citizens are protected by the law. Finally, in a modern liberal democracy, it is important that rights and freedoms protect individual security. Without the security that controls the rights and freedoms of a citizen, protesting may become a deadly situation. In conclusion, security is the basic characteristic for a successful democracy to work.

The roles I have picked are important because they preserve an individual's freedom and rights. Security is aimed towards the citizens because it promotes a safer environment. When citizens are living under a safer environment it is much easier to protect their own rights and freedoms as an individual. Without rights and freedoms along with security, the values of a democracy could not exist peacefully. The whole idea behind a democracy is to have rights and freedoms while being protected. In conclusion, the requirement of a democracy is nothing without security.



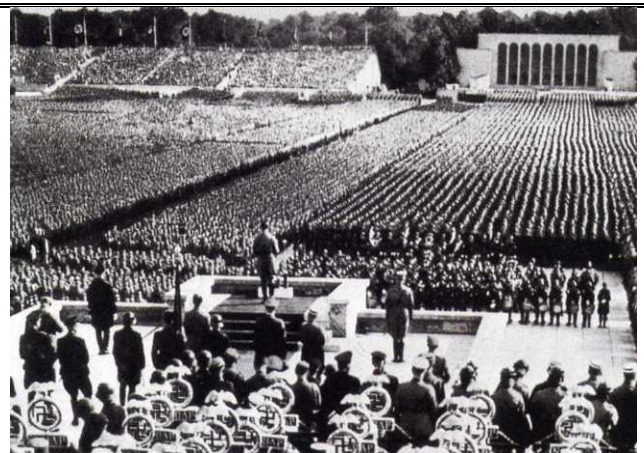
Source 1

Demonstrators protesting against the World Trade Organization and free trade at the 2001 Quebec Summit.

Source 2



Source 3



Hitler speaks at a mass rally