

FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT

Ensure National Security

- Protect the nation's people and territory from external threats

Maintain Order

- Maintain internal order through police and the legal system

Resolve Conflict

- Provide means to resolve conflicts through politics and the legal system

Provide Services

- Provide a variety of services, ranging from education to public transportation, which are paid for by tax dollars

Provide for the Public Good

- Make decisions and policies that attempt to balance the public good with the needs of smaller segments of the population