

# Notions of Government

For the next seven minutes, write your thoughts about the following questions (your answers can either be part of one long continuous paragraph or can be split up into sections):

1. Are people at their core basically good or bad?

2. What is government?

3. What are 3 things government should do? Why?

4. What are 3 things government should not do?  
Why?

Are people basically  
good



Or bad?



# What is government?

Government = the institution through which a society makes + enforces public policies.

What things should  
government do?

# What things should government not do?

- Listen in on phone conversations?

# The Tradeoff

Effectiveness v. Liberty

# Montreal Story—City Without Cops

- Were you surprised by any of the events in the article?
- So are people good or bad?

How does government  
affect our daily lives?