

# What are the sources of Legitimacy?

*Which sources of legitimacy are the most significant?*

**Key Concept:**

**Legitimacy:** The idea that a government or authority has the *right* to rule. People accept its power, because they believe it is fair, lawful, or properly chosen.

Take a look at the sources of legitimacy below. Explain in your own words how each one can contribute to the legitimacy of government.

History	
Ideology	
National Identity	
Government Effectiveness	
Free and Fair Elections	
Transparency	
Citizen Welfare	
Protection of Law and Order	
Economic Development	
International Recognition	
Sustained Quality of Governance	

Now, consider your own country. Which three sources of legitimacy are the most significant in your country, and which are the least significant?

Most Significant	
<b>Source 1:</b>	
Explain Why:	
<b>Source 2:</b>	
Explain Why:	
<b>Source 3:</b>	
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