*“Some people believe it is often necessary, even desirable, for political leaders to withhold information from the public. Others believe that the public has a right to be fully informed.”*

***Write a response in which you discuss which view more closely aligns with your own position and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should address both of the views presented.***

Some societies believe that their politicians have the right to conceal information from them, but people do not have the same idea. Some people think that refusing to give information to the public by politicians is requisite, whereas there are some others come to the conclusion that all information must be announced to the public. In my opinion, giving all information to the public by leaders is an obligatory for politicians for two dominant reasons.

The first reason is that the political leaders are chosen by direct vote of people; therefore, the appointed politicians should give information to people as their representatives. People have the right to know what is going on in their living country so that they can arrange their lives with incidents which is happening in their surroundings. For instance, the government determines that taxes should be increased, when this news is given to the people in advance and is not hidden from them, the people can plan for their expenses and incomes so that paying additional taxes will be less difficult for them.

Another equally important reason is when all information is made available to the public in a transparent manner, the trust of people in politicians will be increased. Information transfer also reduces corruption, since the politicians are careful in their own and their party’s behavior. In Japan, when a corruption occurs in the government by the politicians and this information give to the people, the political leader and his/her cabinet resign as soon as possible, because he/she has not that previous reputation among the public. But if this information is not made available to the people, corruption will not matter to the political leader and he/she will continue to work. In addition, when the people are informed about the problems of the country, they will no longer have unreasonable expectations from their political leaders.

However, the belief of the other group is that refusing to give information to the public by politicians is requisite. I think it can be true in some situations but not always. The details of military plans must be kept secret so that foreign countries can not misuse that information. So in matters of security, giving information not only does not improve the situation of the people, but also causes stress in the public and endangers the top secret information.

In sum, as I mentioned before, there are two main ideas about giving information to the public, both of which are correct but I agree with a group which wants political leaders to provide information to the public.