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I agree with the author that is sometimes essential, and even beneficial, for authoritative politicians to withhold the information from the public. On the contrary, some are believed that the information should be disclosed to the public. They argue if we allow our politicians to withhold information, we sanction demagoguery and violate the philosophical assumptions of a democratic society.

One reason for my agreement with the author is that in order to be a powerful politician, one should not be perfectly undisguised and frank. Complete forthrightness is a sign of vulnerability and weakness in the political context. For example, a presidential candidate should not reveal his objectives for the military and nuclear programs of the country in a public speech. Since these issues are very controversial and argumentative for other countries. As proof, although Iran claims its nuclear program is exclusively for peaceful purposes, the program has generated considerable concerns for many countries. Therefore, some degree of conservativeness is always necessary.

Another reason why I completely agree with the author's utterance is that disclosing the information would be a threat for the public safety and security. It is crucially important to hide information with respect to the defense oriented maneuvers. For example, if a president divulges all the military information of one district of the country in a public speech, he creates significant vulnerabilities for that country national defense. Moreover, withholding information might also be necessary to avoid public panic. For example, public health politicians are highly conservative in revealing information about the infectious disease to prevent public fear.

However, disclosing some information to the public, keeps politicians away from indulgence and corruption. For example, people are willing to know that how the government spends the collected taxes? Additionally, for instance, based on a survey conducted in England, politicians are highly expected to be clear and responsive about the foreign economic contracts.

To sum up, having some degrees of disingenuousness is essential to be an effective and successful politician. As it is illustrated, complete forthrightness can be a threat for the community safety and security. However, an honest and responsive government should disclose the information that people want to know.