“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.**

**The author makes an assertion that it is necessary for political officials to have political information hidden from the public. However, my opinion opposed with that of author’s for the following reasons.**

**First, having serious information hidden from the public would eventually lead to corruption at scale in the country. If serious information is not to be told to people, then people in charge would take advantage of this situation and adverse consequences would be happening, such as corruption and venality. As a result, the government should be willing to reveal any serious information to the public in order to preclude the occurrence of such incidences. For example, Germany put in place a new policy in 2002, according to which political officials are required to report monthly any prominent news and information that were generated in the previous month to the public. Since then, the rate of corruption and misappropriation have been waned by thirty percent.**

**Second, if hiding crucial, important information, in any chance, cause negative economical and societal consequences for the society, people would no longer trust their government. It has been known that scandals make the society become untruthful of their government and no longer would believe in them. As a result, they would not participate in any political elections. For example, when people become aware of the misappropriation of the national bank’s budget in 1998 by its former president in Finland, the number of people participated in the following presidential election declined by thirty percent. Many critics believe that this low number of participations is due to the incidence happened in 1998.**

**However, some people argue that since the majority of the society have lower political maturity than the officials in charge, any seemingly trivial information would stimulate people, so people do not have to be aware of any information by the officials. But what those people tend to ignore is the fact the if politicians keep concealing political information from the public, they will get used to the fact that they should be hiding information from the public, so they would gradually hide more from the public. If this happens, the negative consequences of hiding information from the public that are mentioned in the previous paragraphs would become true.**

**To sum up, officials should tell the public almost everything under any circumstances. That is mainly because if they fail to do so, not only chances of corruption would increase, but people would become untruthful of their government.**