“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.**

**Divulging information to the public is a controversial issue. There are some who believe that people should be informed about any news that happen, whereas there are some others believe that information should be kept secret. In my opinion, politician do not have the right to hide information from the people. The information should be made public for two basic reasons.**

**The first reason is keeping information transparently help people to observe the works of politicians and stop from probably deviations. The power of masses is based on transparent information. Populace can flip leaders to avoid making a wrong decision. For example a few weeks ago Tehran mayor declared that they wanted to destroy some old buildings in the downtown for making new street. After that the news is published in social media, urban activists accumulated in that area and prevented the destruction. Because they knew that, despite of the bad condition of those buildings, there many households that are settled down in it. Finally the mayor reversed his decision and promised to first think of alternative housing for residents, then implement his plan.**

**The other reason is that it is the right of people to know everything, because they have to elect best authorities in the elections. So if they don’t have complete and correct information they couldn’t make the best choice. For instance, in Sweden every each presidential candidate should reveals all his past actions. The woks of candidates and their consequences should be judged by the conscience of the people. In this way peoples make sure that electing appropriate person as their president. But in contrast in closed countries in terms of access to information such as Iran, candidates try to hide their past. Therefore people cannot able to choose right person.**

**On the other hand, there are some information that should be withhold from public. Security and military information are among the information that must be kept secret. For example when a country is facing a terrorist group, plans and information of captivating operation should be undercover from public. Otherwise they can not bring out successful.**

**In conclude, most of the time people have to access to information freely. They have a strong responsibility in order to their country and authorities. People can stop wrong decisions that their leaders probably made, and if they have right information, they can make best choice in the elections. But some type of information such as security and military should be withhold from public.**

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