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“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 states that there are two opposing and agreeing views on whether or not political leaders should withhold information from the public. I agree with two reasons that government should inform the public in most situations, of course, except for security and sensitive situations

On the one hand, political leaders play an important role in the decisions of countries. Transparency and providing information by the leaders of countries will lead to progress because if political leaders know that they must provide reports and information to the people, they will make fewer mistakes such as embezzlement or theft. For example, if bank managers are ordered to publish a list of people who have received loans, banking crime rates will decrease.

One the other hand, these days in most countries, political leaders are elected by a popular vote. In a democratic system, the public has the right to be informed about general government decisions about their basic rights, such as health care and education. For example, if a person with an infectious disease such as Coronavirus is identified in a country, the government must provide information to citizens immediately and completely and prevent the infection and death of other citizens. In addition, political leaders, as the decision-making representatives of the people in a democratic society, must inform them of their decisions, because the information that the people obtain through this will be the best indicator to check the performance of these representatives and can be very helpful in the next election.

Despite the advantages I mentioned above, there are some sensitive circumstances that information should be private. Because radio, newspapers, the internet, and television are the main sources of news and it is impossible to control their viewers in today's world, it is impossible for political leaders to disclose information about the country's security issues. For example, during a war, spies can obtain secret and important information in this way and lead to the defeat of the country. Furthermore, sharing all information is risky and dangerous for the citizens, especially in the field of security information. For example, if the security guards of an intercity train find out that there is a bomb on the train, sharing this information will not only cause anxiety and fear among the train passengers, but can also help carry out the plan of the bombers.

As a result, I think that sharing information by political leaders will build trust and empathy between the government and the people, and it is very good that people are fully aware of information in most areas except security issues.