

What Is the Role of Government?

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What Is Government, Anyway?

“There are things that a civilized society needs that **we can only do when we do them together**, and when we do them together that’s called government.”

– *Barney Frank*



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A state is a “human community that (successfully) claims the monopoly of the **legitimate use of physical force** within a given territory.”

– *Max Weber*

