**50) Government officials should rely on their own judgment rather than unquestioningly carry out the will of the people they serve.**

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the recommendation and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, describe specific circumstances in which adopting the recommendation would or would not be advantageous and explain how these examples shape your position.

1. 对于比较专业领域的政策，听自己的判断好过服从大众的。政府部门有经验知识意见相对准确， 对于纯研究领域来说，政府部门的意见才有价值，别人无法理解。拿探索外空来说，它的正确与否是需要领域内的科学家来证实的。这需要很专业的知识 professional knowledge，来自其他领域的学者专家或者老百姓根本就 搞不懂它是什么，谈何去评论它呢
2. 政府的意见可能受限制。比如北京的胡同，占据市中心，政府为了一时经济利益拆迁掉很多，失去了建筑的设计有建筑学(architectural)美学(aesthetic)考古学 dynasty(archaeological)价值，和可以开发旅游，有经济价值。当初如果听从百姓意见就不会这样了。
3. 政府是为百姓服务的，考虑影响大多数人利益的问题，自然要关注百姓意见。举例，

Is that true that the primary goal of government officials is to serve their people?... that they should be inspired to hearken when they are considering any nation issue?... ‘people’ ‘comprehensive consideration’…regard the benefits of mass as the first and foremost thing government should consider, hence they need to listen to their opinions…assert that not all people are professional enough to involve in nation issue…consider public opinions.

…if deficient in fundamental knowledge, individuals’ opinions will lead to total simplicity and naivety. Take Big Data, a term for data sets that are so large or complex that traditional data processing application software is inadequate to deal with them, as example. Most ordinary people might not understand what it is. Some of them might question why government spent great amount of budget on it when they could spend it to stop people dying of starvation or disease. In sum, not all issue need to be confirmed by people and government officials should rely on their professional judgment.

… the restriction of government officials. Since the mid-20th century, a large number of Beijing hutongs were demolished to make way for new roads and buildings. All that history simply gone, and with it the remaining vestiges of charm once associated with Old Beijing. Those hutongs are beautiful, and that aesthetic value is a reason to keep it, just as we preserve artistic masterpieces like the Mona Lisa or Angkor Wat. Moreover, even if government do not yet know the direct benefits hutong offers, it is important to preserve them to allow for further archaeological and architectural research. If they care about the demotic opinions, those old buildings would be gone. To sum up, government inevitably have some restriction and it’s consequential to listen people they serve.

… government is established to serve. If government officials don’t care about public opinion and decide only by his or her own judgment, it might cause the abuse of power. Elected representatives have held themselves as special interests, seeking to have the taxpayers fund them and their personal desires. While they pretend to represent the people, self-serving has often been the name of their game. If men of bad conscience come to power, government will become more and more powerful. In short, government should listen to their people.

**115) Government officials should rely on their own judgment rather than unquestioningly carry out the will of the people whom they serve.**

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement and explain your reasoning for the position you take. In developing and supporting your position, you should consider ways in which the statement might or might not hold true and explain how these considerations shape your position.

**86) Some people believe that government officials must carry out the will of the people they serve. Others believe that officials should base their decisions on their own judgment.**

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.

**139) Claim: Major policy decisions should always be left to politicians and other government experts.**

**Reason: Politicians and other government experts are more informed and thus have better judgment and perspective than do members of the general public.**

Write a response in which you discuss the extent to which you agree or disagree with the claim and the reason on which that claim is based.