**69) 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.

1. 涉及国家安全，国家机密 state secrets;如国防 national defense，抓捕犯人 culprit 等；信息造成社会恐慌(socialpanic)，公开工作复杂，花费时间精力，比如有\*\*。

2. 政府向民 众隐瞒信息是 不明智的，因为 只有保持信息 的交流才能做 出正确的科 学决策。经常地从人民大众那儿进行信息沟通的领导者容易得到大众的理解和支持。例 如中国的非典，初期没有通知群众，从而使得浪费最佳时机。通知 以后，得到了人们的 大力支持，克服了非典。 过度的隐瞒 信息会使得政府 难以和群众取得沟 通，向群众 隐瞒容易引起不信任 distrust，进而失去威信 prestige。并可能最终破坏民主

3. 交汇:所以，在涉及到人民生活与利益方面，政府应该办公透明化。A)利于社会稳定， 公众了解了政府才能信任政府 B)利于领导者与公众的交流，听取民众的意见和建议使 政府接受监督，防止腐败 a、国家利益重要并最终造福人民;b、政治透明度不断提高是 趋势

4. 结论:尽管国家如何开放和开放哪些信息仍需讨论，full informed 是不明智的。由于优 点和缺点已被部分知道，要采取合适手段，才能削弱弊端并最大获益。

Transparency comprehensive consideration

In politics, complete forthrightness lead to total simplicity and naivety. A good case in hand is state secrets like national defense. Sensitive information can’t be fully disclosed. Besides, concerning the issue about terrorists, political leaders may withhold information from the public to ensure that the public are calm, otherwise might cause social panic. In sum, not all information should be totally exposed.

Citizens have a basic right to know what their government is doing. People’s taxes pay for activities, thus some argue that information about activities is rightfully theirs and so they should have access to it. A good case in hand is during the SARS period, China government didn’t inform the mass and someone began to rumors. The public couldn’t find out the truth and gradually question the government and even cause the social unrest. Besides, it is now a truism that these principles are essential to the development of governance, which is responsible, accountable, and responsive to citizens. The European Union has indicated in its policy documents that the Internet is to be used to increase its transparency by providing more information to citizens. The EU’s main portal is the ‘European Union On-Line’ or ‘Gateway to the European Union’ (europa.eu.int). This website is allegedly “the largest website in the world”, contains 6 million pages and receives 50 million consultations per month. In short, aside from anything else, an open government regime is potentially challenging to established modes of government.

… Once government’ corruption is exposed by media, it would not be able to win the public's trust and respect. Transparency initiatives led by citizens, advocacy organizations, and even officials themselves have benefited dramatically from the widespread adoption of Facebook, blog, BBS and etc. Here is an example, South Korean political scandal demonstrate the power of media. Local media reported that Choi, who has no official government position, had access to confidential documents and information for the president, and acted as a very close confidant for the president. President Park Geun-hye has become the country's first democratically elected leader to be forced from office. In sum, Media is helping to bolster a crucial movement that has found many strong advocates in common people.