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# govern verb

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**governed; governing; governs**

## Definition of govern

### transitive verb

- 1 **a** : to exercise continuous sovereign authority over  
*especially* : to control and direct the making and administration of policy in  
*//* The country was *governed* by a king.
- b** : to rule without sovereign power and usually without having the authority to determine basic policy
- 2 **a** *archaic* : MANIPULATE
- b** : to control the speed of (a machine) especially by automatic means
- 3 **a** : to control, direct, or strongly influence the actions and conduct of
- b** : to exert a determining or guiding influence in or over  
*//* income must *govern* expenditure
- c** : to hold in check : RESTRAIN  
*//* was told to *govern* her emotions
- 4 : to require (a word) to be in a certain case
- 5 : to serve as a precedent or deciding principle for  
*//* customs that *govern* human decisions

### intransitive verb

- 1 : to prevail or have decisive influence : CONTROL  
*//* In all situations allow reason to *govern*.
- 2 : to exercise authority

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### Other Words from *govern*

**governable** \ 'gə-vər-nə-bəl  \ *adjective*

### Synonyms for *govern*

#### Synonyms

boss, captain, command, control, preside (over), rule, sway [*archaic*]

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// The tribe is *governed* by a 10-member council.

// They want to form their own country and *govern* themselves.

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// An increasingly confident Xi Jinping set the tone earlier in the week, at Monday's virtual meeting of the World Health Assembly, the *governing* body of the World Health Organization.

— Barbara Demick, *The New Yorker*, "China Declares Victory Over Both the Coronavirus and Critics of the Communist Party at the Biggest Political Event of the Year," 22 May 2020

// Although Boniface read his resignation letter during a 17-hour meeting on April 9, state legislators and news anchors


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**meager**

**individual**

**dissonant**

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— Jeff Forward, *Houston Chronicle*, "Woodlands board takes actions to make Boniface resignation and later votes official," 15 May 2020

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### First Known Use of *govern*

14th century, in the meaning defined at [transitive sense 1a](#)

### History and Etymology for *govern*

Middle English, from Anglo-French *governer*, from Latin *gubernare* to steer, govern, from Greek *kybernan*

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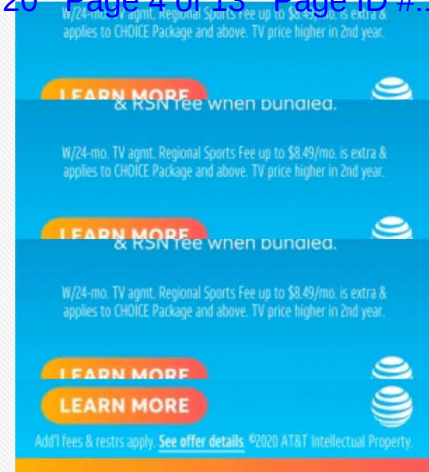
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### **govern** verb



#### English Language Learners Definition of *govern*

: to officially control and lead (a group of people) : to make decisions about laws, taxes, social programs, etc., for (a country, state, etc.)

: to control the way that (something) is done

: to control or guide the actions of (someone or something)

See the full definition for *govern* in the English Language Learners Dictionary

### **govern** verb

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**governed; governing**

#### Kids Definition of *govern*

- 1 : RULE entry 2 sense 1
- 2 : to influence the actions and conduct of : CONTROL  
// "... a kind word will *govern* me ..."  
— Louisa May Alcott, *Little Women*
- 3 : to serve as a rule for  
// Laws *governing* the Internet are changing.

### **govern** transitive verb

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