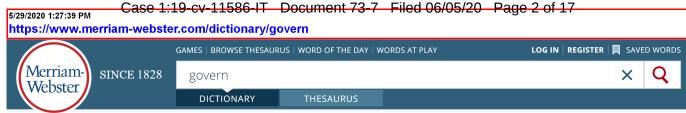
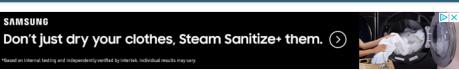
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governed; governing; governs

#### Definition of govern

#### transitive verb

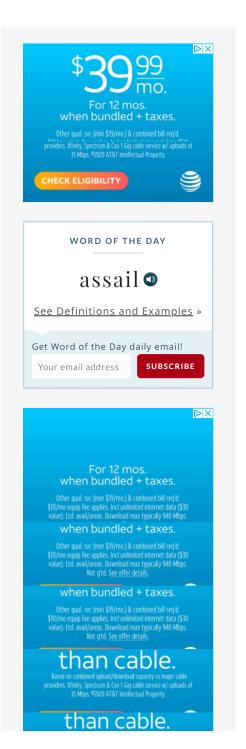
- 1 a : to exercise continuous sovereign authority over especially: to control and direct the making and administration of policy in
  // The country was governed by a king.
  - **b** : to rule without sovereign power and usually without having the authority to determine basic policy
- 2 a archaic: MANIPULATE
  - **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

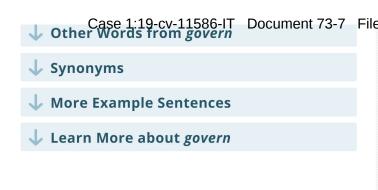
- c : to hold in check : <u>RESTRAIN</u>
  // was told to *govern* her emotions
- 4 : to require (a word) to be in a certain case
- 5 : to serve as a precedent or deciding principle for // customs that *govern* human decisions

#### intransitive verb

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







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

#### Synonyms for govern

#### **Synonyms**

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

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#### Examples of govern in a Sentence

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

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

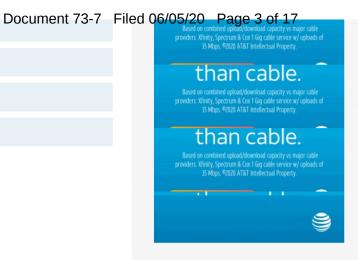


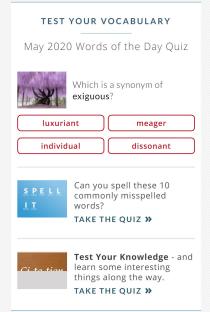
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// An increasingly confident Xi Jinping set the tone earlier in the week, at Monday's virtual meeting of the World Health Assembly, the *governing* body of the World Health Organization.

— 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 'Zoom' meeting on April 9, state election code requires such resignations be given in writing and then approved by the governing body the person was leaving.









Case 1:19-cv-11586-IT Document 73-7 — 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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## 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)

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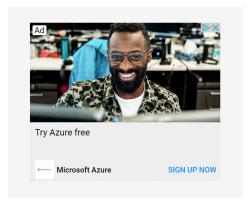
#### govern verb

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governed; governing

#### Kids Definition of govern

- 1 : RULE entry 2 sense 1
- to influence the actions and conduct of: <u>CONTROL</u>
  "... 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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### Legal Definition of govern

1 : to exercise continuous sovereign authority over



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