

# United Nations

- 1945 San Francisco
- Response to WW II
- 50 Nations
- 193 Nations
- Unique organization



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- **What exactly is it?**
  - **World Government**
  - **Club of Nations**
  - **Forum of Nations**

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## **Structure and Powers**

- **Represents all Member States**
- **Does ONLY what Member States want it to do.**
- **Consequently, agreement is nearly impossible**

# **United Nations Four Main Purposes**

- To keep peace throughout the world**
- To develop friendly relations among nations.**
- To improve the lives of poor people, to eradicate hunger, disease and illitracy and to encourage respect for each other's rights and freedoms.**
- To be a centre for helping nations achieve these goals.**

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## Principal Organs

- **General Assembly**
- **Security Council**
- **Economic and Social Council**
- **International Court of Justice**
- **Secretariat**

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## Security Council

- **Fifteen Members**
  - **Five Permanent Members**
    - **China**
    - **France**
    - **Russia**
    - **United Kingdom**
    - **United States**

## United Nations: 15 Specialized Agencies and 24 Programmes

- **Civil Aviation**
- **Labour Organization**
- **Maritime Organization**
- **Monetary Fund**
- **Telecommunications Union**
- **Universal Postal Union**
- **World Bank**
- **World Health Organization**

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## **Programmes**

- **UNICEF**
- **UNDP**
- **Environment**
- **Refugees**
- **Population**
- **World Food**
- **Drugs and Crime**



**Reform or Replace?**

# **World Government**

## **Dream, Nightmare, or Necessity?**

- **World Parliament**
- **World Executive**
- **World Tribunal**
- **World Peace Keeping Force**
  - **World Language**
  - **World Currency**
  - **World Culture**