

Making Connections



Distinguishing Among Spheres of Society

Listed below are some everyday events that might occur in the United States. For each event, identify whether it takes place in the private sphere, civil society, government, or a combination of these.

- **1.** A local school board changes graduation requirements.
 - A. Private sphere
 - **B.** Civil society
 - **c.** Government
 - **D.** Combination of all three
- **2.** Ling becomes a member of the Girl Scouts.
 - A. Private sphere
 - **B.** Civil society
 - **C.** Government
 - **D.** Combination of all three
- **3.** Carmen and her friend go out to dinner and a movie.
 - A. Private sphere
 - **B.** Civil society
 - **C.** Government
 - D. Combination of all three
- **4.** Marco's family and friends have a celebration on July 4.
 - **A.** Private sphere
 - **B.** Civil society
 - **C.** Government
 - **D.** Combination of all three
- **5.** Zahra and her two sisters join a labor union.
 - **A.** Private sphere
 - **B.** Civil society
 - **C.** Government
 - **D.** Combination of all three

- **6.** The Sierra Club lobbies state legislators to pass environmental protection laws.
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 - **B.** Civil society
 - c. Government
 - **D.** Combination of all three
- **7.** The state legislature passes a law limiting the use of cell phones while driving.
 - A. Private sphere
 - **B.** Civil society
 - **C.** Government
 - D. Combination of all three
- **8.** Citizens join a taxpayer's association in an effort to get government to lower taxes.
 - A. Private sphere
 - B. Civil society
 - **C.** Government
 - D. Combination of all three
- **9.** The federal government awards a contract to a private company to repair sections of an interstate highway.
 - A. Private sphere
 - **B.** Civil society
 - **C.** Government
 - **D.** Combination of all three
- **10.** A city council passes a law establishing smoke/vape-free zones in public parks.
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 - **B.** Civil society
 - **C.** Government
 - D. Combination of all three