

2 vs. 1,000



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Imagine this. You are a leader of a strong nation that has a massive military power.



One day a serious problem occurred.



As a leader of a strong nation, what can you do?

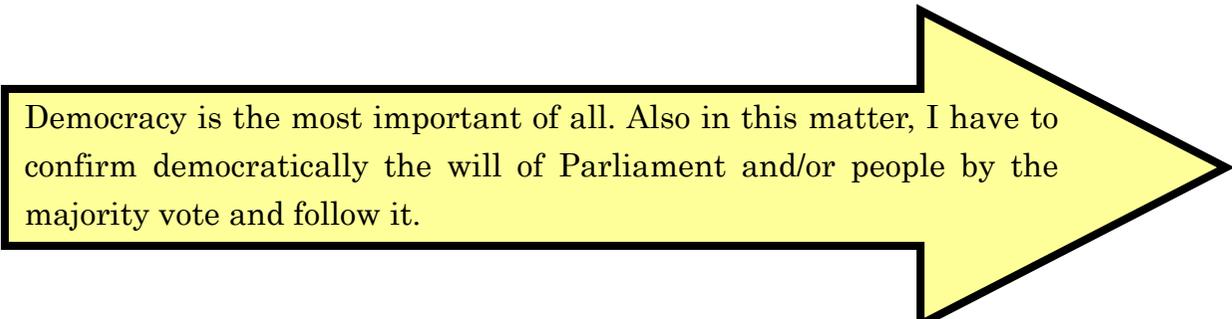
You thought of 50 options regarding this problem immediately, because you are very smart. But none of the choices seems to be able to solve it peacefully without fail.

Countermeasures to the problem that a dictator of Country A oppresses his own people and kills

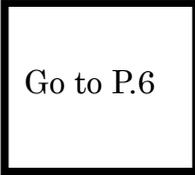
- seek the solution in the frame of the United Nations
- employ a sniper and shoot the dictator dead
- gathering countries who can commit the war and make a multinational force
- offer weapons to the leader of democratisation of Country A gratis
- support leaders of the democratisation of Country A financially
- make an encircling net by the world opinion, using Nobel Peace prize
- Instead of not fighting, each family accepts ten refugees at least.
- take an embargo about all export items
- embargo the oil
- prohibit the import from the country which does not agree to an economic blockade
- freeze a domestic deposit of Country A
- make up the scandal of the dictator and reduce his supporters
- offer a peace plan that can't be accepted, making the country A start the war
- send human shields
- force him to stop killing. If a war is needed, do it.
- talk with the dictator directly and persuade him.
- stabilize the order of Country A with financial support.
- pressure it from Country A which is its friendly nation
- provide food aid and persuade
- provide the missile technologies that he wants and persuade
- freeze the personal deposits of the dictator
- send a spy and let him investigate the reason of the murders
- ask the opinion of the religious group which the dictator believes in
- pray God
- don't move at all
- curse the dictator
- leave the matter to the International Court of Justice
- Nobel Peace prize to the rival of the dictator of Country A
- make up a nuclear weapon development scandal of Country A
- nuclear verification of Country A to find out military secrets
- military exercise with the neighbouring country
- deploy nuclear missiles to the neighbouring friendly nation
- invite the dictator to the own country and let him make a speech
- invite the dictator to the own country and poison his food
- kill the dictator under the pretence of a plane accident
- let the Special Forces make a fierce attack and catch the dictator alive
- a speech for criticism, but do not fight
- state 10,000 of the refugees acceptance to the unused land in our country
- financially support the country which accepts refugees
- the unlimited acceptance of refugees
- accept students from Country A positively and educate them
- radiobroadcast for Country A and call for the exile of the dictator
- handbills from the sky for Country A and publicize how bad he is
- use a biological weapon secretly to the food production of Country A to weaken it
- agitate for democratisation by using the Internet
- try economic control under the pretence of performing finance support to Country A
- instigate the younger brother of the dictator and let him assassinate it and make him a successor
- combine economic sanctions with the scandal of the dictator
- invite the dictator to the own country and give a vivid description of the difference of the armaments
- throw a missile into the palace of the dictator

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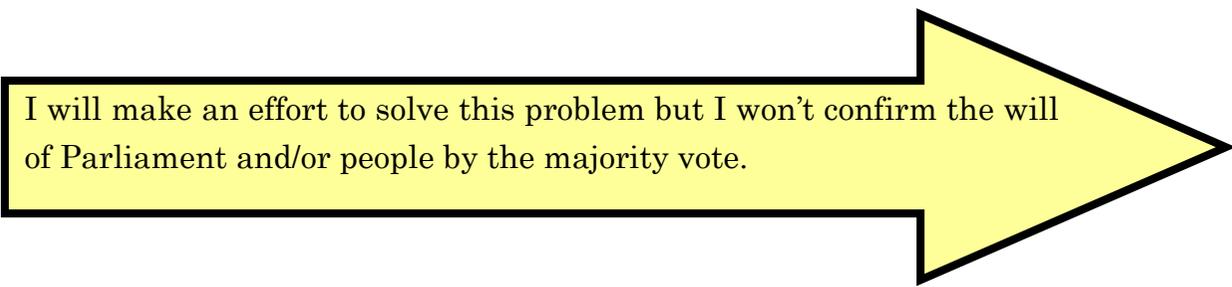
Now you'll make a decision as a leader. Please choose one from the following 2 options. ¹



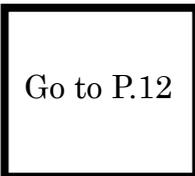
Democracy is the most important of all. Also in this matter, I have to confirm democratically the will of Parliament and/or people by the majority vote and follow it.



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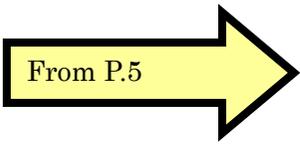


I will make an effort to solve this problem but I won't confirm the will of Parliament and/or people by the majority vote.



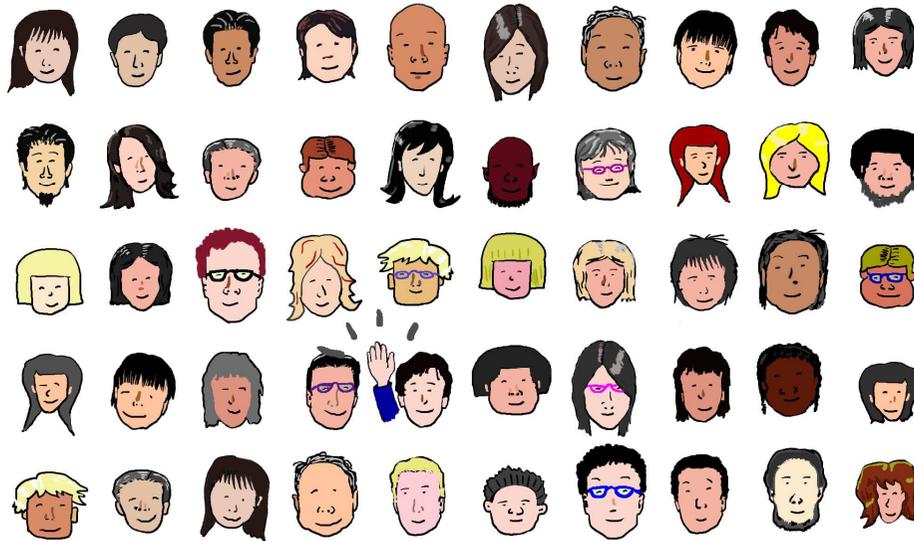
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¹ Different stories will follow. Please compare them.

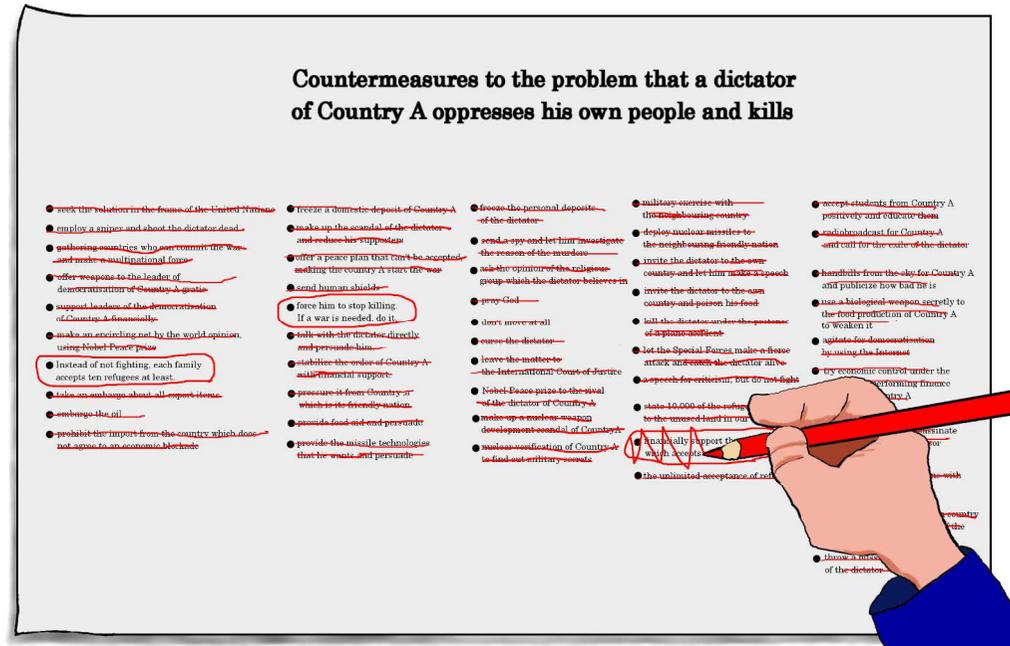


Maybe you have to start a war.

It is your belief that democracy is the most important, so that you decided to ask the majority of people's will by vote. If you start a war, lives of many people would be lost. About such an important issue, you need to get the agreement from the majority of the people, who are the sovereign, regardless of the conclusion. The number of choices should not exceed 2 to form the majority. If it exceeds 2, it would be difficult to make the majority, as the vote may be split.



Therefore you thought hard to reduce the number of options from 50 to 2.



Finally, you have narrowed it down to the following 2 options.

Leave the murder.
No war to be waged

Stop the murder, even if
we cannot avoid war.

Then you asked people which the majority of them would choose between the 2 options.

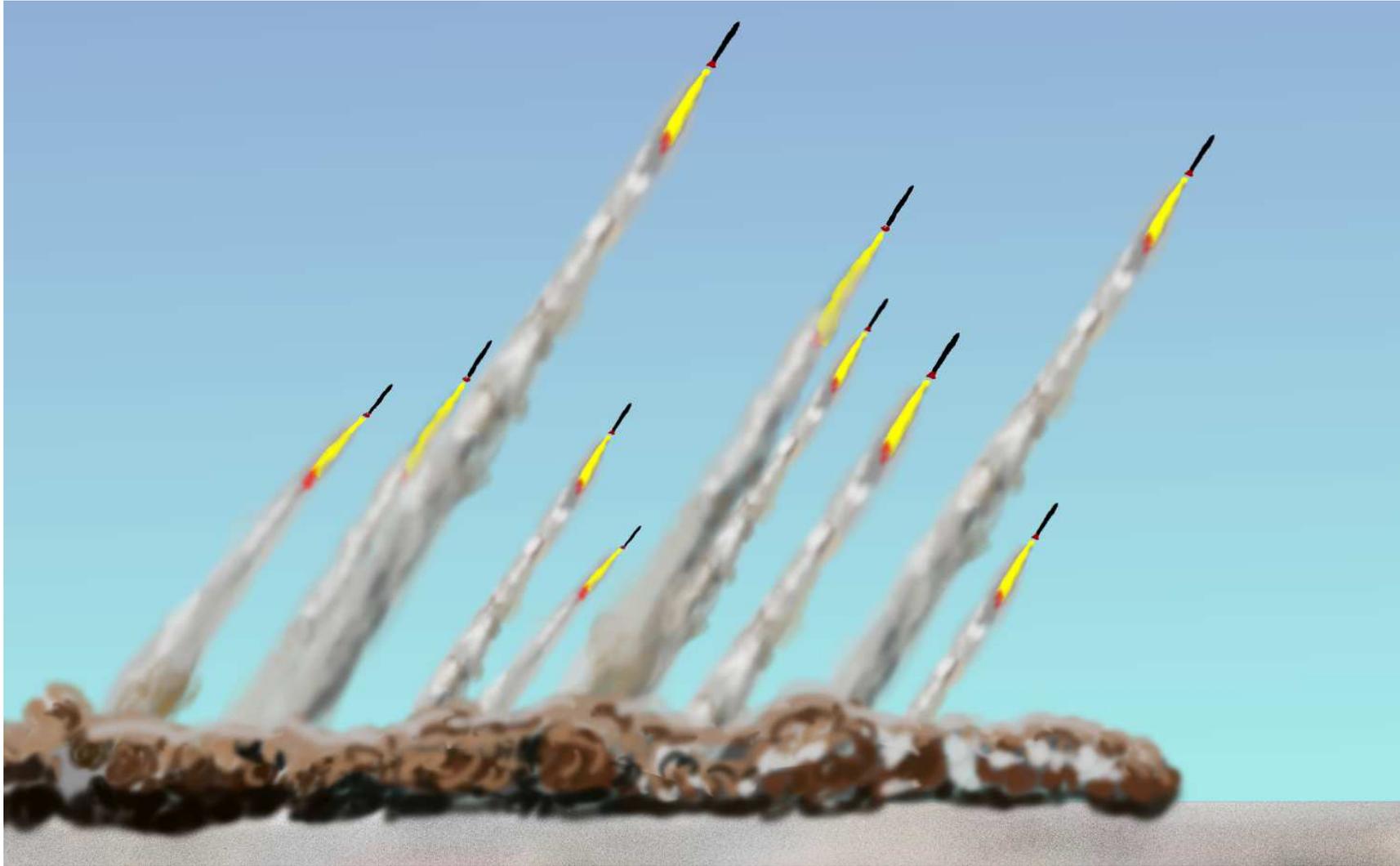


The result of the vote was "Stop the murders, even if we cannot avoid war".

Fight against the dictator!
Cheers for democracy!

**I'm proud of our people
who love justice.**

Then your country started a war. It is the people who have chosen the war so that they are united and support the fight. All you need to do now is to make every effort to ensure victory.



The reason you could do this was because you thought hard to **reduce the number of options to 2.**



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Maybe you have to start war.

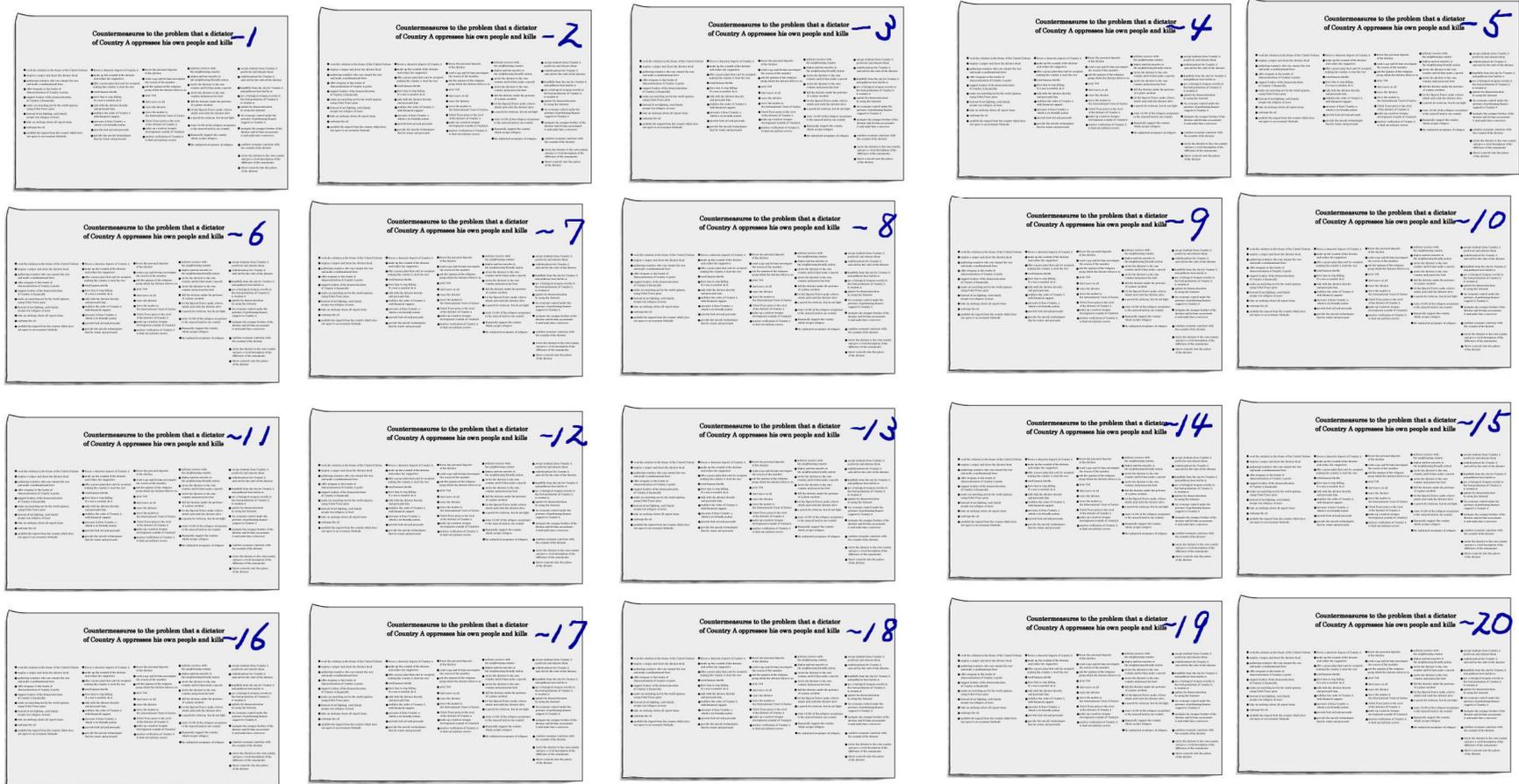
However you don't want to wage war. You don't want to leave the dictator's killing, either. So you thought even harder to solve the matter peacefully without fail.



Seeking more choices and ideas, you listened to the opinions of many people. You worked hard to understand the dictator's mind. As a result you understood the cause of the oppression little by little. The cause included complicated, historic, social and religious background.



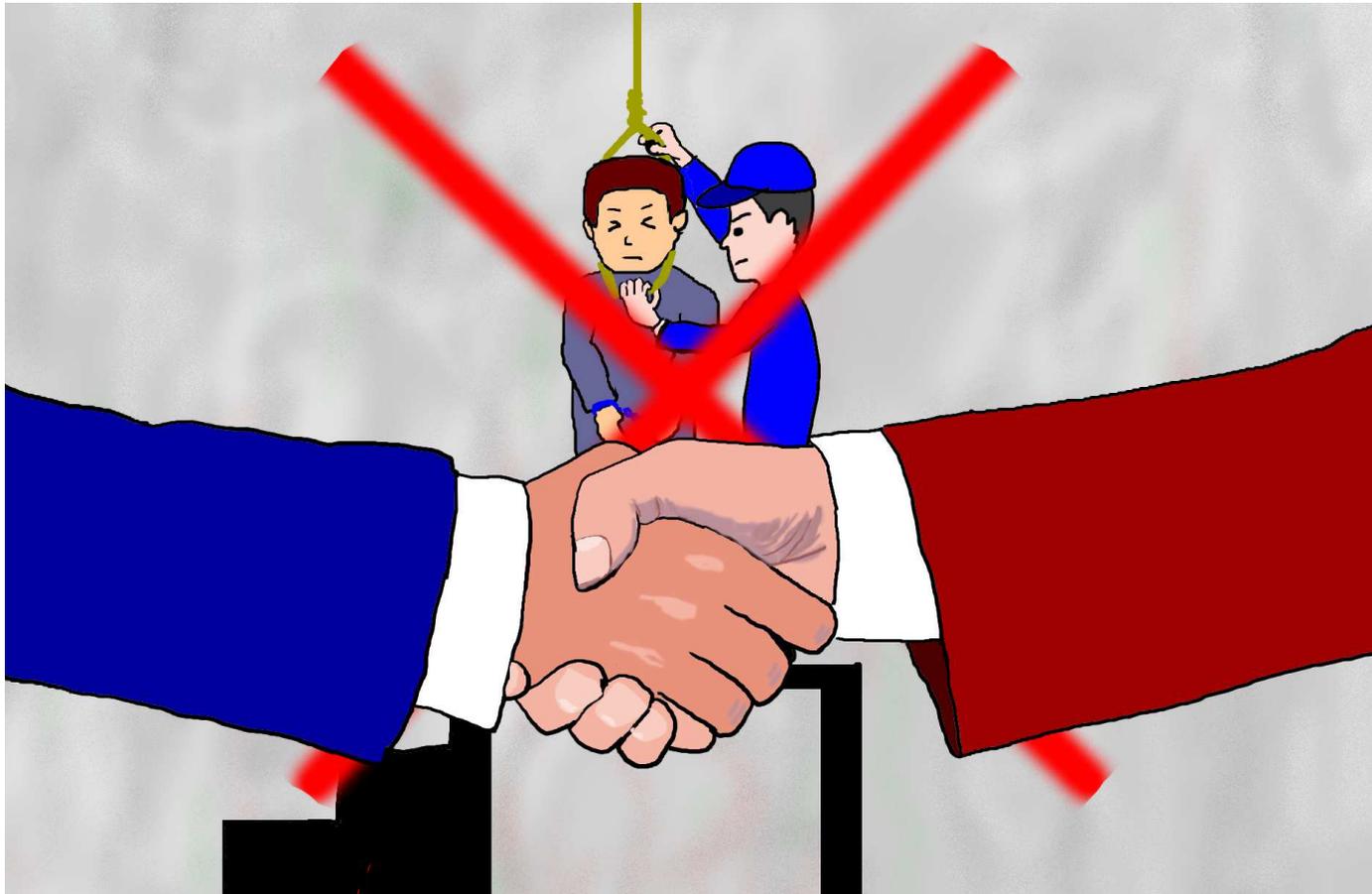
At last, the number of options you could choose was increased to even 1,000.



If there are such enormous ideas and choices, surely you can solve the problem peacefully.

Time has passed.

It was a hard challenge to solve the problem. Understandings, patience, efforts and even more ideas were needed. Nevertheless, you have finally solved the cause of the problem without a war. The dictator won't oppress/kill people any more.



The reason you could accomplish this was because you thought hard to **increase the number of options to 1,000.**



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