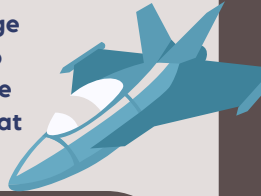




Social Scenario #10

Weapons or Wind Power?



'I'm not sure what choice to make. Can you help?'

Step into the grand office of President Martinez, the leader of a nation, with a huge decision ahead of him. Once you dive into the story, team up with your friends to discuss the best choice for the country. Keep in mind, making decisions for a whole nation is not easy! After an hour of discussion, we'll all come together to share what we've brainstormed.

Read the scenario below and help Mr. Martinez decide.



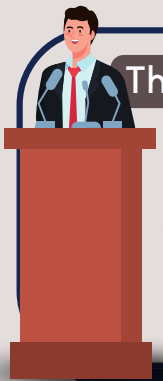
President Martinez sits at his grand desk with a big problem in front of him. He has \$1 billion that he can spend on one big project. There are two main choices he's considering:

Defence: Some of his advisors tell him that it's crucial to strengthen the country's defence. This would make sure everyone is safe in case there are any threats or wars. People would feel secure knowing their nation is strong.

Sustainable Energy: Other advisors believe the future is in sustainable energy, like solar and wind power. Investing in this would help the planet by reducing pollution and could create many jobs. This choice could help ensure a better future for the next generations.

The people in the country have different opinions. Some worry about safety, while others think about the Earth and the environment. President Martinez knows he can't please everyone, but he wants to make the best choice for the long-term future of his nation.

CHOICE is when you have options ahead of you, but you are unsure which one to take.



The President

'I want my people to feel safe, but I also want a clean and healthy planet for the future.'



Military Advisor

'Our nation's safety is top priority and we must protect our borders.'



Environmental Activists

'Our planet is in danger, and we have the power to make a difference, please use the money wisely.'

Here are some questions to help you think:

- Which choice would have a long-lasting impact on the nation?
- Is it possible to find a middle ground, like splitting the funds?
- How might investing in sustainable energy indirectly contribute to the nation's safety?
- Are there other sources where President Martinez could get funding for the second project later?
- How do the citizens of the nation feel, and how can their voices be heard?
- What are the long-term benefits and drawbacks of each option?
- How might global relations play a role in this decision?
- Could partnerships with other countries help in achieving both goals over time?

Key Vocabulary

President	Safety
Defence	Nation
Sustainable energy	Future
Decision	Environment
Funding	Advisors

