



## A Review of National Power its Meaning and main features

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**Abstract :** National Power is the ability or capability of a nation to secure the goals and objectives of its national interests in relation with other nations. It involves the capacity to use force or threat of use of force or influence over others for securing the goals of national interest.



### Meaning of National Power:

We can understand the meaning of National Power by first analyzing the meaning and nature of power:

It is not easy to explain the meaning of 'Power', more particularly in the context of human relations. We are encountered with many different explanations in various disciplines. Even within a single social discipline, Power is defined in several different ways.

Some social scientists define it as the use of force whereas many others explain it as the capacity to secure the desired goals through the use of force or threat of use of force or even by exercising influence.

1. "Power is the power of man on others" and as a "man's control over the minds and actions of other men." —Morgenthau
2. "Power is the capacity to impose one's will on others by reliance on effective sanctions in case of non-compliance." —Schwarzenberger
3. "Power is the ability to exercise such control as to make others do what they otherwise would not do by rewarding or promising to reward them, or by depriving or threatening to deprive them of something they value." —Charles P. Schleicher

On the basis of these definitions we can say that power in the context of human relations is the capacity and ability to secure a desired and intended effect or gain by means of use of force, influence or control.

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