

THE WELFARE STATE

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DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STATE AND GOVERNMENT

- **The state** is a form of political entity by which a society is organized under an agency of **government** which claims legitimate sovereignty over specified geographical area.
- The state is the sovereign political organization of the individuals occupying a definite territory.
- Government is the formal organization that has the legal and political authority to regulate relationships among members of a society and between the society and those outside its borders.

STRUCTURE OF POLITICAL INSTITUTION

- The state:
 1. Executive:
 - The Prime minister and advisors
 - The cabinet
 2. Legislative:
 - The senate and the parliament
 3. Judicial
 - Supreme Court
 - High Courts
 4. Military:
 - The armed forces
 5. National security: Police Force, ISI, FIA

WHAT IS A WELFARE STATE?

- Every country call herself a welfare state but the level of welfare services vary from society to society.
- Welfare states are as varied as the nations in which they exist. e.g:
- The expansive and comprehensive social welfare system of Sweden differs from that of minimal and need-based provision of services of the USA.
- Traditionally, Germany has always had a much more generous type of welfare benefits to its people. Now it wants to cut welfare benefits but there is a problem; how to avoid the response of its angry citizens

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- A welfare state is a state which provides for its citizens a wide range of social services in such areas as unemployment, medicine, education and housing.
- The term refers to those societies where the government has assumed the responsibility for the wellbeing of the citizens and that this cannot be entrusted to the individual, private corporations, or local community.

WELFARE STATE?

- The form of government in which the state plays a key role in the protection and promotion of the economic and social well-being of its citizens.
- It is based on the principles of equality of opportunity, equitable distribution of wealth, and public responsibility for those unable to attain minimal provisions for a good life.

(Encyclopedia Britannica)

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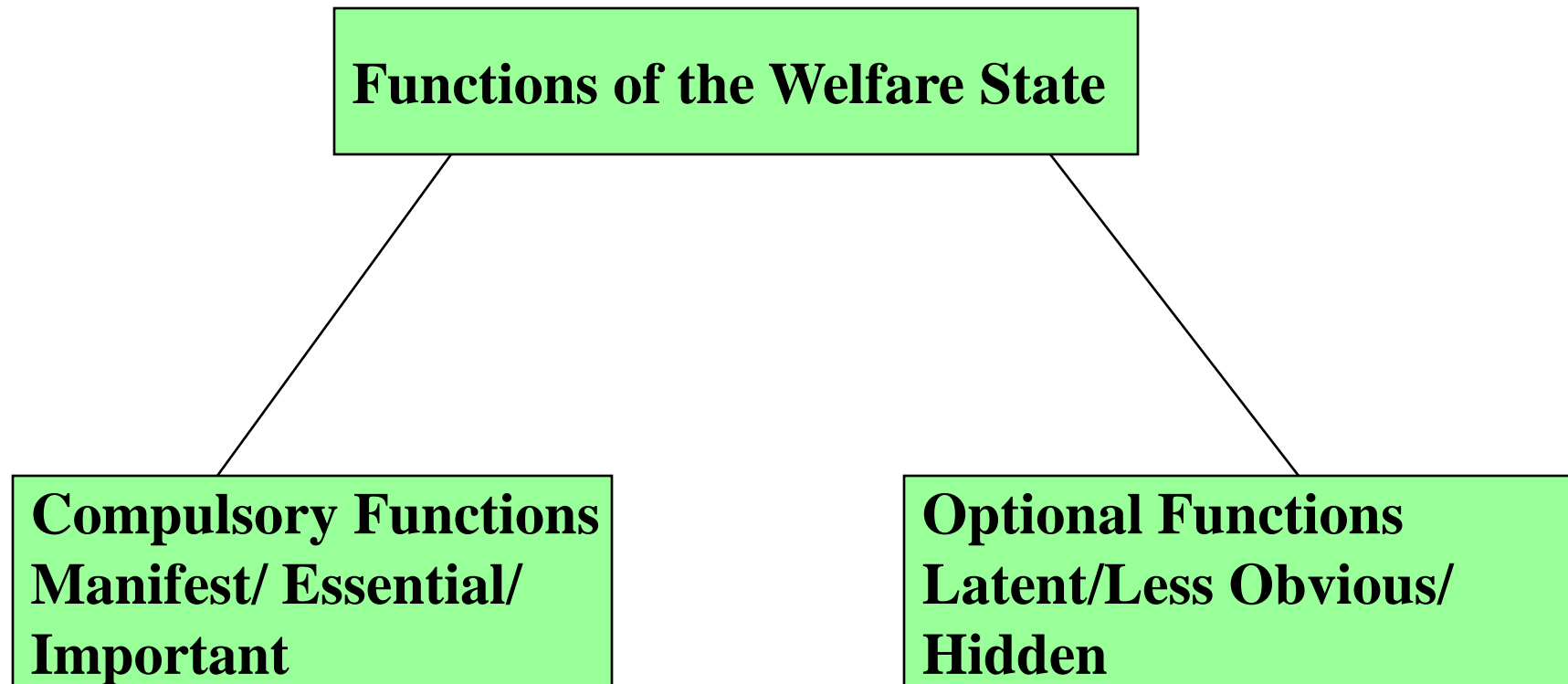
- A political system in which the government pays for health care and other social benefits for its citizens...

(*Cambridge Dictionary*)

- The "welfare state" often refers to an ideal model of provision, where the state accepts responsibility for the provision of comprehensive and universal welfare for its citizens.
- A state which actively participates in securing and promoting the economic welfare of its citizens.

Functions of the Welfare State

Though it is very difficult to prepare a fixed list of the functions of the Welfare State, yet the functions of the state can be divided into two categories such as:



Compulsory Functions

- ✓ Protection of life and property
- ✓ Maintenance of Law and Order
- ✓ Welfare; The state initiates policies and programmes for the welfare of its citizens.
- ✓ Protection from Foreign Invasions
- ✓ Establishment of Diplomatic Relations with other States
- ✓ Providing Justice to the People

Optional Functions

- ✓ Socialization
- ✓ Evaluation of other institutions
- ✓ To Make Regulations Regarding Trade and Industries
- ✓ To Make Regulations regarding Export and Import
- ✓ Imposition and Collection of Taxes
- ✓ Protection of Environment and Development of natural resources
- ✓ Protection of the Interests of Labourers
- ✓ To Provide Recreational Facilities