

sov·er·eign·ty

/'säv(ə)rən(t)ē/

noun

1. supreme power or authority.

"how can we hope to wrest sovereignty away from the oligarchy and back to the people?"

synonyms: [jurisdiction](#), [rule](#), [supremacy](#), [dominion](#), [power](#), [ascendancy](#), suzerainty, [hegemony](#), [domination](#), [authority](#), [control](#), [influence](#)

"their sovereignty over the islands"

- the authority of a state to govern itself or another state.

"national sovereignty"

synonyms: [autonomy](#), [independence](#), [self-government](#), [self-rule](#), [home rule](#), [self-determination](#), [freedom](#)

"the colony demanded full sovereignty"

- a self-governing state.

plural noun: **sovereignities**