

junta

When a government is overthrown, the coalition or group that forms and takes control is called a **junta**. If the military has seized control, as so often happens, then the group is called a military *junta*.

Junta is pronounced with an initial *h* sound, which gives you a clue to its origins. It's from the Spanish *junta*, for a military or political group ruling the country after it has been taken over. Spanish got *junta* from the Latin *jungere*, to join. Remember, all the players in the junta must join together to overthrow the government.

Definitions of

junta

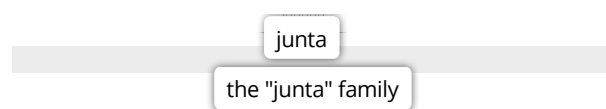
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n a group of military officers who rule a country after seizing power

Synonyms: [military junta](#)

Type of: [camp](#), [clique](#), [coterie](#), [ingroup](#), [inner circle](#), [pack](#)

Word Family



Usage Examples

After a nationalist military **junta** seized power in 1932, Thailand passed the “National Culture Act” to press a uniform culture on the country.

Seattle Times Jan 22, 2017

Analysts worry that the **junta's** effort to

an exclusive circle of people with a common purpose

re-centralise government will deprive good schools of independence.

Economist Jan 18, 2017

He ordered the six tiny houses from Sprout Tiny Homes of La **Junta**, Colorado.

Washington Times Jan 7, 2017

Those divisions are being held in check by a military **junta** that seized power in 2014.

New York Times Dec 19, 2016

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