2. [only before noun] relating to the ordinary people or things in a country that are not part of military, government, or religious

3. [only before noun] relating to the laws about the private affairs of citizens, such as laws about business or property, rather than

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↑civil rights

They were married in a civil ceremony in May.

Many <u>civil</u> <u>cases</u> can be settled out of court.

laws about crime ⇒ civil law, criminal:

4. polite in a formal but not very friendly way ⇒ **civility**:

Try at least to be civil.

COLLOCATIONS

nouns

- civil war (=fighting between groups of people in the same country) His family fled Spain during the Spanish civil war.
- civil rights (=the right to vote, be treated fairly etc that everyone should have) Black people marched in defence of their civil rights.
- civil liberties/liberty (=the right to be free to do what you want within the law) Detention without trial threatens our civil liberties.
- civil disobedience /unrest (=when people protest or behave violently) Unemployment has provoked widespread civil unrest.
- civil disturbances/strife (=civil unrest) Troops have been called in to deal with civil disturbances.

THESAURUS

- polite behavingor speaking in a way that is correct for the social situation you are in, and showing that you are careful to consider other people's needs and feelings: He was too polite to ask how old she was. | 'Excuse me, sir,' she said in a polite voice.
- well-mannered having good manners and knowing the correct way to behave in social situations: She was beautifully dressed and very well-mannered.
- well-behaved polite and not causing any trouble used about children or animals: The children were very well-behaved.| Well-behaveddogs are welcome at the hotel.
- courteous /'k₃ ties\$ 'k₃ for polite and respectful, and behaving rather formally: The hotel staff were very courteous and helpful. I a courteous reply
- respectful polite and treating someone with respect: He was very respectful towards all my relatives. | 'Thank you,' he said with a respectful bow.
- civil polite in a formal way, especially when you do not feel very friendly towards someone: She'd never liked her father-in-law, but she forced herself to be civil to him. | When you've stopped arguing, you might be able to have a civil conversation.
- **deferential** *formal* polite towards someone, especially because they are in a more important social position: In those days women were expected to be deferential to men.

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