

## The Four Major Factions

| Faction                         | Summary  | Goal  |
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| <b>The Minutemen</b>            | A volunteer citizen militia dedicated to protecting settlers. They are the "fail-safe" faction and generally seen as the most morally "good" choice.     | To rebuild the Commonwealth through cooperation and mutual defense of settlements.  |
| <b>The Brotherhood of Steel</b> | A highly advanced, quasi-religious military order. They use heavy firepower (Vertibirds and Power Armor) to enforce their will and secure the wasteland. | To preserve humanity by confiscating dangerous technology and eradicating "abominations" (Synths, Super Mutants, and Ghouls). |
| <b>The Railroad</b>             | An underground movement operating in secret. They utilize espionage and "cloak-and-dagger" tactics rather than brute force.                              | To liberate sentient Synths from the Institute, believing they deserve the same rights as humans.                             |
| <b>The Institute</b>            | A secretive, highly advanced scientific organization living in a high-tech underground facility. Most wastelanders view them as the "boogeyman."         | To advance human knowledge and technology, often at the expense of the surface world, which they view as a lost cause.        |

## Notable Minor Factions

While you cannot "win" the game with these groups, they play significant roles in the world:

- **The Gunners:** A well-equipped, ruthless mercenary organization. They function like an army for hire but are often indistinguishable from raiders in their brutality.
- **Children of Atom:** A religious cult that worships radiation and the "Glow." They range from peaceful monks to hostile fanatics who use radiation-based weaponry.
- **The Atom Cats:** A small, neutral group of "greasers" obsessed with custom Power Armor and pre-war style.
- **Diamond City Security:** The local police force of the Commonwealth's largest settlement, focused solely on protecting their city.