

# Who Rules?

Forms of Government





# Democracy



Any form of government in which political power is exercised by **all citizens**, either directly or through their elected representatives.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of Democracies...

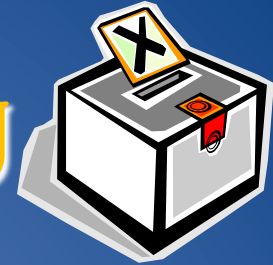
Direct!

Representative!





# Direct Democracy



- ❖ All citizens participate in government.
- ❖ There are no representatives in government: The citizens vote on everything!
- ❖ Example: In ancient Athens, Greece.



# Representative Democracy



- ❖ Like direct democracy, all citizens participate in government
- ❖ People elect representatives who vote on laws for the citizens
- ❖ Representatives answer to the people through regular elections

Fill in the blanks to review  
*DEMOCRACY!*



The two forms of  
democracy are direct  
and representative.



In a democracy, all  
citizens participate in  
government.



All citizens vote on  
everything in a  
direct democracy.





In a direct democracy, there  
are no representatives  
in the government.



In a representative  
democracy, the  
representatives answer to  
the people through  
**regular elections** .

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Now that we've talked about

**DIRECT DEMOCRACY!**

And

**REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY!**

we can move on to  
forms of government  
where only one  
person is in control...



# Autocracy

Government in which political power is controlled by **one** individual.

Two kinds of **autocracy**...



Monarchs!



Dictators!



# Monarchy

- ❖ Rule by kings, queens, princes, and princesses... sometimes by other names.
- ❖ Leaders usually gain their power because their parents were rulers too.
- ❖ Some modern monarchies like Spain and Japan have constitutions.



# Dictatorship

- ❖ In a dictatorship, power is not inherited, but is acquired by force (military or political)
- ❖ Dictators have absolute control over the lives of their citizens and usually people are not allowed to voice their negative opinions
- ❖ North Korea's leader Kim Jong Il is considered a dictator

# What else?

We've talked about **DEMOCRACIES**...

Democracy  
is...

rule by the  
people!



What else?

... and **AUTOCRACIES**...

Autocracy  
is...

... rule by  
one!





# What else?

... but what other forms of government are there?

What if, instead of everyone or just one person, a few people got together to rule a nation?

**Rule by Few!**



# Oligarchy



- ❖ “Rule by few”
- ❖ Power can be based on several things:
  - ✓ Military strength = Military Junta
  - ✓ Family power = Aristocracy
  - ✓ Religious control = Theocratic Oligarchy
- ❖ Oligarchies can often come from or lead to other forms of government (like autocracies)



# Theocracy

- ❖ “Theo” means “god” in Greek... ruled by A god or higher power!
- ❖ Leaders (*autocratic* or *oligarchic*) are usually religious leaders and society uses religious law to settle its disputes
- ❖ Example: The Islamic Republic of Iran is a modern theocracy



# Totalitarian



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- ❖ Only one political party....
- ❖ People are forced to do what the government wants them to do
- ❖ People are sometimes unable to leave the country
- ❖ Control ALL media within the country!
- ❖ Examples: Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy

# Democracy

A

B

Rule by  
everyone

Rule by  
no one

# Direct Democracy

A

B

Citizens  
elect people  
to vote

All citizens  
vote on  
everything

# Representative Democracy

A

B

Representatives  
are  
appointed

Representatives  
are elected

# Autocracy

A

B

Rule by  
one

Rule by  
few



# Monarchy

A

B

Never have  
constitutions

Power is  
inherited

# Dictatorship

A

Have  
total  
control

B

Always  
protect  
freedom  
of speech

# Oligarchy

A

Come in  
many  
forms

B

Power is  
always  
inherited

# Theocracy

A	B
Power taken through force	Power from a higher being

# Anarchy

A

B

Everyone  
does what  
they want

Everyone  
follows the  
laws