

Government



**How governments determine
citizen participation
(role in government/power):**

1. AUTOCRACY

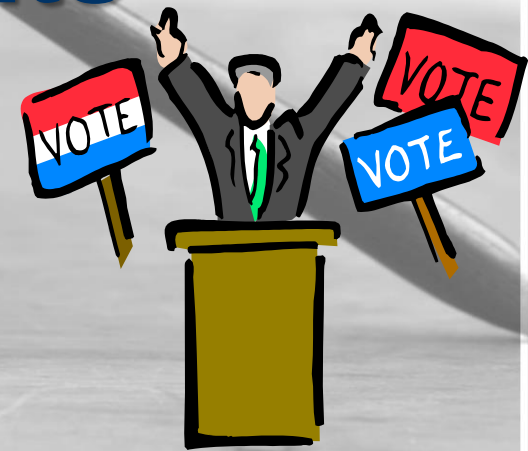
2. OLIGARCHY

3. DEMOCRACY



Citizen Participation

- Different governments decide a citizens' **role** in government differently
- The government can share **none, little, or most** of its power with its citizens



DEMOCRATIC



rule by **all**



Democracy:

OLIGARCHIC



rule by the **few**



Oligarchy:

AUTOCRATIC



rule by **one**



Autocracy:




Autocratic



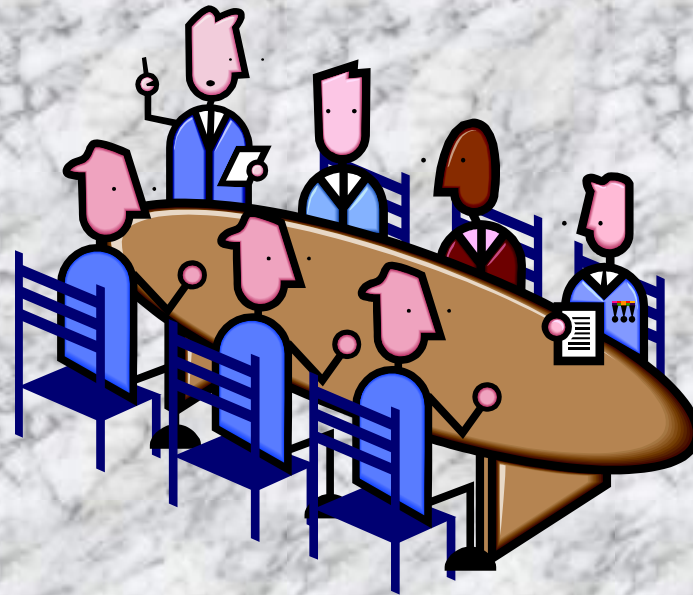
- Rule by One: One person has unlimited power 

- The citizen has almost no role in the government 

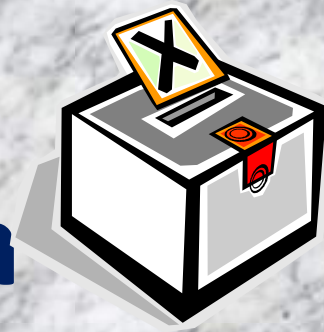
- Ruler is a monarch (ex. King, Queen, Emperor) or dictator 

Oligarchy

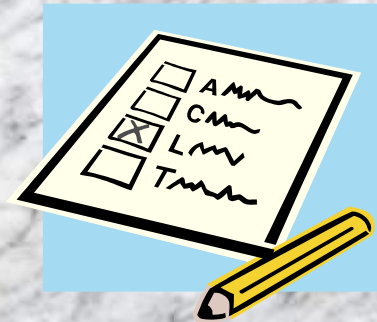
- Rule by a Few (group): A  small group has control
- The citizen has a very limited role 



Democracy



- Rule by All: Citizens vote on government representatives & on specific issues
- People have the most power
- Ruler is usually a president or prime minister



NO RIGHTS

Citizen's Role (Power)

- Voting
- Freedom of speech
- Freedom of religion
- Freedom of the press

AUTOCRATIC (ONE)



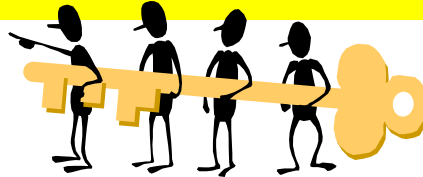
Dictatorship



Absolute Monarchy



OLIGARCHIC (FEW)



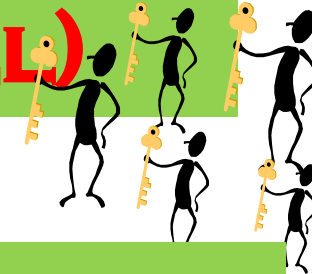
Theocracy



Communism



DEMOCRATIC (ALL)



Republic



Constitutional Monarchy



Examples of Autocratic Gov'ts

Dictatorships



- Citizens unwillingly follow the ideas of a single leader
- The government controls all parts of citizens' lives through military force or threats
- Citizens don't have the power to change their ruler
- Examples- Hitler (Germany), Mussolini (Italy), Stalin (Russia), Hussein (Iraq)



Examples of Autocratic Gov'ts

Absolute Monarchy



- Monarch has **unlimited** power
- Position is usually **inherited** (from parents or other relatives)
- Citizens don't have the power to **change to _____** their ruler
- **Absolute monarchs are rare today but from the 1400s to the 1700s they ruled most of Western Europe**
- **Example – Saudi Arabia**



Examples of Oligarchy



Theocracy

- Citizens may only elect leaders from a group of religious experts.
- Leaders claim to rule on the behalf of a god.
- Elected religious experts make god's laws into government laws
- **EX: IRAN**





Examples of Oligarchy

Communism



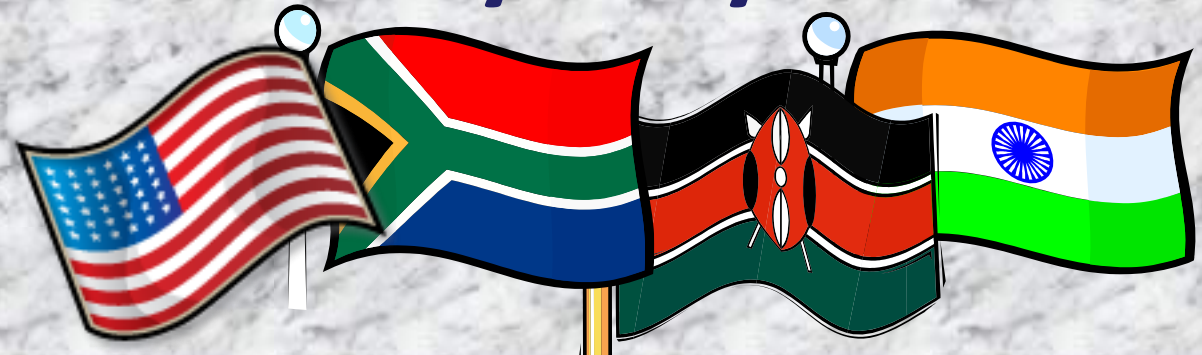
- Citizens may only elect leaders from the Communist party
- The communist political group holds all the power in the government
- The communist government plans and controls the economy too
- **EX: CHINA**



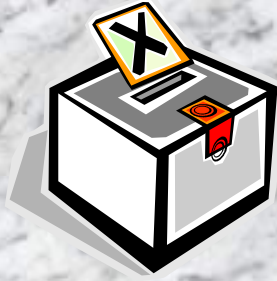
Mao Tse-tung

Examples of Democratic Gov't Republic

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Examples of Democratic Gov't Constitutional Monarchy

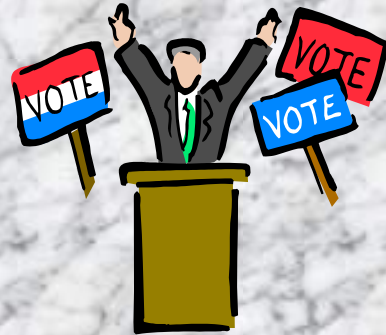


- **Monarch (King/Queen/Emperor) must follow the laws of the constitution and usually has no government power**
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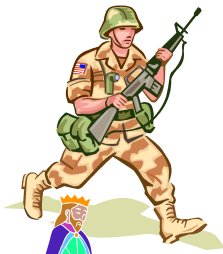
Examples of Democratic Gov't

Constitutional Monarchy

- Monarch → inherits title → has no real power (figure-head)
- Prime Minister/President → elected by citizens → holds the real government power



Dictatorship



Leader gets power through **military force**

Absolute Monarchy



Leader gets power through **relatives (inheritance)**

Theocracy



Leader gets power through **religious group**

Communism



Leader gets power through **political party**

Republic



Leader gets power through **citizen elections**

Constitutional Monarchy



Leader gets power through **election (true power) & inheritance (figure-head)**