

Types of Government

Autocracy

- A single ruler with unlimited power.
 - Types of autocracies include: Monarchy, Dictatorship, Fascism, Totalitarian



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Monarchy

- A single ruler, ruling until they die or they choose to pass on the power to the next family member in line.
 - Ex. King/Queen, Saudi Arabia, Monaco



Democracy

- government by the people;
- (Direct Democracy-Athens, Greece) a form of government in which the supreme power is in the hands of the people and exercised directly by them
- (REPUBLIC- representative democracy, Rome & USA) people influence gov. by their elected agents under a free electoral system



Dictatorship

- A single ruler, ruling indefinitely, but not chosen by blood line.
 - Ex. Napoleon, Hitler, Castro



Oligarchy

- Government ruled by a small group of people
 - Ex. Sparta, Greece

The Directory during the French Revolution



Communism

- system of government and/or economy based on the holding of all property in common governmental ownership being ascribed to the community as a whole or to the state.
 - Ex. The USSR
Fidel Castro



Totalitarian

- A government exercising total control over the freedom, will, or thoughts of the citizens in the country.
 - Ex. Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini



Fascism

- a governmental system led by a dictator having complete power, forcibly suppressing opposition and criticism, regimenting the economy, and emphasizing an aggressive nationalism, glorifying the military and often implementing racism.
 - Ex. Hitler and Mussolini



Anarchy

- No government or law



Theocracy

- a form of government based upon a specific religion and all laws come from that
 - Ex. Iran, Israel

