

### Forms of government

Form of government	Explanation of this type of government (2 bullet points which describe it)	Picture of this type of government	Pros and cons of this form of government
Monarchy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• King or queen rules (family line continues)</li> <li>• In the past, they held all power; today, they usually share power</li> </ul>		<p><b>Pro-</b> stability (you know who will rule next)</p> <p><b>Con-</b> power concentrated in 1 person</p>
Dictatorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One leader has total control.</li> <li>• Courts and legislature do what that leader wants</li> </ul>		<p><b>Pro-</b> decisions get accomplished fast, no fighting between branches of govt.</p> <p><b>Con-</b> lack of freedom for the people</p>
Representative democracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizens choose leaders through elections</li> <li>• The elected leaders work to pass laws</li> </ul>		<p><b>Pro-</b> people have a high degree of freedom to make choices for their leaders</p> <p><b>Con-</b> Some citizens have voter apathy and don't exercise that right.</p>
Direct democracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No elected leaders; the people make the day to day decisions by majority vote</li> <li>• Athens was an example of this in ancient times</li> </ul>		<p><b>Pro-</b> people have immediate say on all laws</p> <p><b>Con-</b> this system is not practical for today's world because of large populations</p>
Oligarchy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small group has all the power of govt.</li> <li>• Can involve a rule by <u>junta</u>-military leaders</li> </ul>		<p><b>Pro-</b> decisions may get accomplished fast (or maybe not?)</p> <p><b>Con-</b> power is held in the hands of a few and can easily lead to corruption.</p>

Theocracy	<p>*government based on religion or the rule of God (or divine personage)</p> <p>*religion is used to settle problems and to make laws</p>		<p><b>Pro-</b> People who are strongly religious may like this.</p> <p><b>Con-</b> if you are not of the majority religion or irreligious, you may be against rule based on this.</p>
Anarchy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People should be allowed to live their own lives and not be ruled by any form of government.</li> <li>• No countries have this form of government today</li> </ul>		<p><b>Pro-</b> for many, it releases what they feel are burdens of government (paying taxes, following laws they don't like)</p> <p><b>Con-</b> not practical to accept as a system. Society would get worse with no rules.</p>