

Types of Government Chart

Type of Govt	Head of State	Decision Making	Source of Power & How it is Acquired	Length of Rule	Political Freedoms Determined By
Military Dictatorship	Dictator (Military Officer)	Dictator	Military thru a Coup d'Etat	Death or Overthrow (Coup d'Etat)	Dictator
Absolute Monarchy	King/Queen	King/Queen	Divine Right thru Birth	Death, Overthrow or Abdication	King/Queen
Constitutional Monarchy	King/Queen or Prime Minister	King/Queen & Representative Group	Divine Right thru Birth & A Constitution thru Elections	Death, Overthrow, Abdication and End of Term	Bill of Rights
Oligarchy	Small group of Leaders	Small group of Leaders	Intelligence & Wealth thru Tradition or Election	Death or Overthrow	Oligarchs
Representative Democracy (Republic)	President	President & Representative Group	A Constitution thru Elections	End of Term	Bill of Rights
Direct Democracy	NA	All Citizens	All Citizens thru Elections	NA	All Citizens
Anarchy	NA	NA	No one has power over anyone else	None when a Government is Established	Each Individual (can do anything except organize)