

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 |
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| 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 Coercion | 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) |