

SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT

- archy: to rule

System	Word Root	Definition	Variations	Examples and Explanation
monarchy	mon- : one	rule by a single person	monarchy	Refers to a system of government where power is usually inherited, usually forming a dynasty. Power passes to the next most able family member. Often times leadership is tied to a religion and ceremony.
			dictatorship	A system of government where a single individual <i>dictates</i> over the people, telling them what to do. Usually this form of government requires the use of the military to enforce the dictator's will.
oligarchy	olig- : few	rule by a small group	oligarchy	A form of government where only a small number of people have the right or ability to rule. This can be determined by socio-economic status, race, gender, or some other birth-right or determining factor. Government policies are designed to protect the interests of this group.
			aristocracy	Government by the privileged class, usually defined by wealth. Government policies are designed to protect the interests of this group, the <i>aristocrats</i> .
			communism	This is a system of government combined with an economic system. In this system a small group that usually refers to itself as "the Communist Party", creates policies which it claims looks out for the interests of the entire society. From the root <i>comm-</i> meaning together. The idea is that working together the entire society will benefit.
democracy	demo- : self	rule by all	democracy	System of government where all people in society are involved in the decisions of government.
			direct democracy	This form of democracy allows every citizen to vote directly in all government and policy decisions. However, the number of people eligible to vote is limited to those who are considered citizens.
			republic	System of government where the citizens have a limited input in the decisions of government by way of choosing representatives to make the decisions of government for them.

SPECTRUM OF SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT

No Leaders

All Leaders

	Monarchy		Oligopoly			Democracy	
<p>Anarchy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no gov't • chaos • no order 	Dictatorship	Monarchy	Communism	Aristocracy	Oligarchy	Republic	Democracy
	Theocracy						
	Bureaucracy						