

TYPES OF GOVERNMENT

- Monarchy (Absolute & Constitutional)
- Dictatorship (Autocracy & Oligarchy)
- Democracy (Representative or Republic & Direct)

Monarchy

- Power to govern is in the hands of a monarch (king, queen, emperor, sultan, czar). The power of the government is inherited through the members of 1 family.
- Absolute- Monarch has all the power to make laws & decisions. They stay in power because they have the support of other powerful families in the country.
- Constitutional- Monarch is only a figurehead. They have no real power. The power in government is held by a law-making body which is led by a Prime Minister.

Dictatorship

- Power held by 1 person or small group of people.
- Usually comes to power by forcefully overthrowing the old government -some dictators have been elected.
- Dictators are backed by the military or police.
- Autocracy – by 1 person – a single individual holds all the power.
- Oligarchy – Dictatorship by a small group of people. Group holds all the power.

Democracy

- Power is shared by all the people.
- Power - through election process.
- Representative (Republic): Citizen elect other citizen to act as their representative in government.
- Direct – Laws and decisions are voted on directly by the people.