Types of Government

*What is the role of government?*

* A government organizes people and makes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or rules, to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ their property and rights.

*Types of government:*

* **Democracy**

In a democracy, the government is elected (voted in) by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Everyone who is eligible to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has a chance to have their say over who runs the country.

(Below from VIDEO)

In a **Direct Democracy** everyone gets a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on every major decision.

What is the downside to this when it’s a large group?

In an **Indirect Democracy**, also called a representative democracy, or simply, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ like the US.

We elect a few individuals to represent us as groups. We trust those few individuals to make decisions in our best interest.

What happens if they don’t make decisions that benefit us?

* **Autocracy**

Government by a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ person having unlimited \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; despotism (domination through threat of punishment and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* **Oligarchy**

A government in which a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people such as a dominant clan or clique have power. (usually rich)

* **Monarchy**

A monarchy has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, queen, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or empress

The ruling position can be passed on to the ruler’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sons/daughters)

In some traditional monarchies, the monarch has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power. But a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ monarchy, like the UK, also has a democratic government that limits the monarch’s control.

* **Dictatorship (Autocracy)**

A country ruled by a single leader. The leader has not been elected and may use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to keep control.

In a military dictatorship, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is in control.

* **Anarchy**

Anarchy is a situation where the is no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This can happen after a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ war in a country, when a government has been destroyed and rival groups are fighting to take its place.

Anarchists are people who believe that government is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ thing in that it stops people organizing their own lives.

* **Capitalist**

In a capitalist or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ country, people can own their own businesses and property. People can also buy services for private use, such as healthcare.

But most capitalist governments also provide their own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and welfare services.

* **Communist**

In a communist country, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ owns property such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and farms.

It provides its people’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, education, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

* **Republic**

Also known as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ democracy, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have power through their elected officials.

The head of the country is usually an elected \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not a monarch (king).

* **Revolutionary**

If a government is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by force, the new ruling group is sometimes called a revolutionary government.

* **Totalitarian**

This is a country with only one political \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

People are forced to do what the government tells them and may also be prevented from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the country.

Question Time

If you were a leader of a country, which type of government would you prefer? Why?

If you were a regular citizen, which type of government would you prefer to live in? Why?