**List of Government Types**

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	+ [Authoritarianism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Authoritarianism)
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* [Ethnic democracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethnic_democracy)
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* [Fascism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fascism)
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* [Kritocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kritarchy)/[Kritarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kritarchy)
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* [Monarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monarchy)
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	+ [Elective](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elective_monarchy)
* [Noocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noocracy)
* [Ochlocracy/Mobocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ochlocracy)
* [Oligarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oligarchy)
* [Panarchism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Panarchism)
* [Parliamentary](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliamentary)
* [Plutocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plutocracy)
* [Presidential](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presidential_system)
* [Puppet state](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puppet_state)
* [Republic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republic)
	+ [Crowned](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crowned_republic)
	+ [Capitalist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capitalist_republic)
	+ [Constitutional](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitutional_republic)
	+ [Single Party](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Single_party_state)
	+ [Federal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_republic)
	+ [Parliamentary](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliamentary_republic)
		- [Federal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_parliamentary_republic)
* [Socialist state](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Socialist_state)
* [Sociocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sociocracy)
* [Sultanism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sultanism)
* [Supranational union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supranational_union)
* [Technocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Technocracy)
* [Thalassocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thalassocracy)
* [Theocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theocracy)
	+ [Islamic state](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Islamic_state)
	+ [Theodemocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theodemocracy)
* [Timocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timocracy)
* [Tribal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tribe)
	+ [Chiefdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chiefdom)
* [Tyranny](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tyrant)
* [Unitary state](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unitary_state)
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This article lists **forms of government** and [political systems](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_system), according to a series of different ways of categorizing them. The systems listed are of course not mutually exclusive, and often have overlapping definitions.

* [**Authoritarian (The Rule of the few)**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Authoritarian)
	+ [Dictatorship](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dictatorship)
		- [Military dictatorship](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_dictatorship)
		- [Stratocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stratocracy)
		- [Enlightened absolutism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enlightened_absolutism)
	+ [Kleptocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kleptocracy)
	+ [Kritarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kritarchy)
	+ [Monarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monarchy)
		- [Absolute monarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absolute_monarchy)
		- [Constitutional monarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitutional_monarchy)
		- [Despotism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Despotism)
		- [Duchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Duchy)
			* [Grand Duchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Duchy)
		- [Diarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diarchy)
		- [Enlightened absolutism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enlightened_absolutism)
		- [Elective monarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elective_monarchy)
		- [Hereditary monarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hereditary_monarchy)
		- [Non-Sovereign Monarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Non-Sovereign_Monarchy)
		- [Popular monarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Popular_monarchy)
		- [Principality](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Principality)
		- [New Monarchs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Monarchs)
		- [Self-proclaimed monarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Self-proclaimed_monarchy)
		- [Regent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Regent)
	+ [Plutocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plutocracy)
		- [Timocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timocracy)
	+ [Police state](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Police_state)
	+ [Oligarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oligarchy)
		- [Saeculum obscurum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saeculum_obscurum)
	+ [Theocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theocracy)
	+ [Tyranny](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tyranny)
* [**Anarchy (Absence of organized government)**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anarchy)
	+ [Ochlocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ochlocracy)
	+ [Tribalism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tribalism)
* [**Anarchism (Government of consent, not coercion)**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anarchism)
	+ [Anarchist communism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anarchist_communism)
	+ [Libertarian socialism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Libertarian_socialism)
	+ [Libertarian municipalism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Libertarian_municipalism)
	+ [Anarcho-capitalism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anarcho-capitalism)
	+ [Green anarchism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_anarchism)
	+ [Isocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isocracy)
* [**Democracy (The Rule of the many)**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democracy)
	+ [Consociationalism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Consociationalism)
	+ [Deliberative democracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deliberative_democracy)
	+ [Democratic socialism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Democratic_socialism)
		- [Dictatorship of the proletariat](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dictatorship_of_the_proletariat)
	+ [Direct democracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Direct_democracy)
	+ [Egalitarianism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egalitarianism)
	+ [Futarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Futarchy)
	+ [Open source governance](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_source_governance)
	+ [Participatory democracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Participatory_democracy)
	+ [Representative democracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Representative_democracy)
		- [Parliamentary system](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliamentary_system)
			* [Consensus government](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Consensus_government)
			* [Westminster system](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Westminster_system)
		- [Polyarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polyarchy)
		- [Presidential system](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presidential_system)
		- [Semi-presidential system](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semi-presidential_system)
	+ [Republicanism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republicanism)
		- [Constitutional republic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constitutional_republic)
		- [Parliamentary republic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parliamentary_republic)
	+ [Totalitarian democracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Totalitarian_democracy)

**By approach to regional autonomy**

This list focuses on differing approaches that political systems take to the distribution of [sovereignty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sovereignty), and the [autonomy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autonomous_entity) of regions within the state.

* Sovereignty located exclusively at the center of the world
	+ [Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empire)
	+ [Unitary state](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unitary_state)
* Sovereignty located at the center and in peripheral areas
	+ [Federation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federation) and [Federal republic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_republic)
	+ [Confederation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Confederation)
* Diverging degrees of sovereignty
	+ [Asymmetrical federalism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asymmetrical_federalism)
	+ [Federacy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federacy)
	+ [Associated state](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Associated_state)
	+ [Devolved state](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devolution_%28politics%29) - sovereignty can be abolished without changing the constitution