**List of Government Types**

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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_(politics)) - sovereignty can be abolished without changing the constitution