[Autocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autocracy%22%20%5Ct%20%22_self): a system of government that one person has unlimited power

Example of an Autocracy: North Korea, Russia (debatabe), Egypt (Mubarak) Libya (Qadaffi), Syria (al-Assad)

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[Oligarchy:](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oligarchy%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)
a few people have all the power, this group is distinguished mostly by wealth or military authority. Most Greek city-states after the Dark Ages were oligarchies, military dictatorships in Africa, Asia and Latin America also operated like oligarchies. Aristocracy is a kind of oligarchy. Modern examples include Burma (Myanmar), North Korea, and Egypt during Mubarak’s reign.

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[Theocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theocracy)

**A state ruled by people in positions of authority that share the same religious beliefs and the God’s laws being interpreted by the ecclesiastical authorities. Examples – Israel, Roman Empire, Ancient Egypt (Pharaoh).**

***Sarah & Amy & Ashley***

[Authoritarian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Authoritarianism)[:](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oligarchy)

Authoritarian government is governed by small group of political elites (authorities) who have most of political authority. For example, the Nazi Party in Germany and the Communist Party in China are authoritarian governments.

*Chester & Ted*

[Totalitarian Government](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Totalitarianism)

Definition: a government where a state has absolute power in every aspects of people's life.

Examples: China (Manchu Dynasty, 221-206B.C.), North Korea, Soviet Union (1924-53) , Nazi Germany (1933-45), Italy (1922-43)

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[Monarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monarchy)

Definition: a form of government with a monarch who has the hereditary title at the head. There is more than one type of monarchy. The most common types are constitutional monarchies (UK, Thailand), which means the power of the hereditary title is restrained by the law and government, absolute monarchy (Brunei, Oman) which means a country is ruled by a person with hereditary title, and commonwealth realm (Australia, Canada), which views [Elizabeth II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elizabeth_II) as its [monarch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monarch) and [head of state](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Head_of_state).

*Sunny & Vivian*

Democracy

Dictatorship