

Types of Government

Directions: Consider the pros and cons of each of the following types of government.

- **Democracy** is a form of government in which all eligible citizens have an equal say in the decisions that affect their lives. Democracy allows people to participate —either directly or through elected representatives—in the proposal development, and creation of laws. It encompasses social, economic and cultural conditions that enable the free and equal practice of political self-determination.
- **Monarchy** is a form of government in a state is ruled by an individual who typically inherits the throne by birth and rules for life or until abdication.
- **Theocracy** is a form of government in which official policy is governed by immediate divine guidance or by officials who are regarded as divinely guided, or is pursuant to the doctrine of a particular religion or religious group. Theocracy essentially means rule by a church; a state in which God himself is the theoretical “head of the state”.
- **Consensus** governments generally have no political parties. The decision-making structure takes into account a broad range of opinions. In Canada, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut have consensus-style governments.
- **Anarchy** is a belief system that rejects governmental authority in favor of self-governing or community consensus. It is a political philosophy in opposition to the rule of government and the establishment of hierarchies.

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