

**SS.7.C.3.1**

*Compare different forms of government*

*(direct democracy, representative democracy, socialism, communism, monarchy, oligarchy, autocracy).*

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**SS.7.C.3.1 Benchmark Clarification 3:** Students will apply their understanding of the definitions of the various forms of government.

<b>Form of Government</b>	<b>Definition</b>
Direct Democracy	The citizens themselves make the laws and decide what actions the government will take.
Representative Democracy/Republic	The people elect representatives to make the laws on their behalf.
Socialism	The government plays a major role in running the economy, but private ownership is also allowed and leaders may be elected by the people.
Communism	The government owns and runs all businesses and makes all economic decisions.
Monarchy	The government is run by a king or queen who has the power by being born into the ruling family
Oligarchy	The government is run by just a few people or a small group.
Autocracy	The government is completely controlled by one person who can rule in any way he or she wants.
Absolute Monarchy	The government is run by one king or queen with unlimited power.