

# Vocabulary Words

Standard SS.7.C.3.1 Compare different forms of government (direct democracy, representative democracy, socialism, communism, monarchy, oligarchy, autocracy)

**anarchy**

**direct  
democracy**

**republic**

**autocracy**

**monarchy**

**oligarchy**

**communism**

**socialism**



# Anarchy

**Definition:**

The absence  
of any form of  
government



# Direct Democracy



## Definition

A form of government where every citizen holds power in the government



# Representative Democracy (Republic)

## Definition

A form of government where people elect representatives to make policies and laws for them.



# Autocracy

## Definition

- A form of government where one person has unlimited power



# Monarchy



## Definition

- A form of government headed by a king or queen who inherits the position, rules for life, and holds power that can range anywhere between limited and absolute.



# Oligarchy

## Definition

- A form of government in which a small elite group (often of wealthy people) has total control and power



# Communism

## Definition

- A form of government in which a single ruling party owns and controls the entire economy, and in which no private ownership is allowed



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# Socialism



## Definition

- A form of government in which the government plays a major role in running the economy, but private ownership is also allowed, and leaders may be elected by the people.

