

Type of Government	Definition
1. Absolute Monarchy	System in which a king or queen has complete authority over the government without limits on his or her powers
2. Anarchy	Absence of any form of political authority. Political disorder and confusion.
3. Aristocracy	A hereditary ruling class; nobility. Government by a ruling class.
4. Democracy	Government by the people exercised either directly or through elected representatives.
5. Dictatorship	A state or government under dictatorial rule, where the ruler has absolute or despotic control or power.
6. Limited Monarchy	A monarchy in which the powers of the ruler are restricted to those granted under the constitution and laws of the nation.
7. Oligarchy	Government by a few, especially by a small faction of persons or families
8. Republic	A political order in which the supreme power lies in a body of citizens who are entitled to vote for officers and representatives responsible to them.
9. Theocracy	A government ruled by or subject to religious authority.
10. Totalitarian	Form of government in which the political authority exercises absolute and centralized control over all aspects of life, the individual is subordinated to the state, and opposing political and cultural expression is suppressed