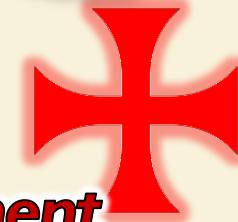
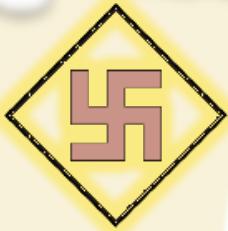


FORMS OF GOVERNMENT



Day 2 – Forms of Government

Politics comes from the Latin “poly” meaning “many,” and “tics” meaning “blood sucking animals”



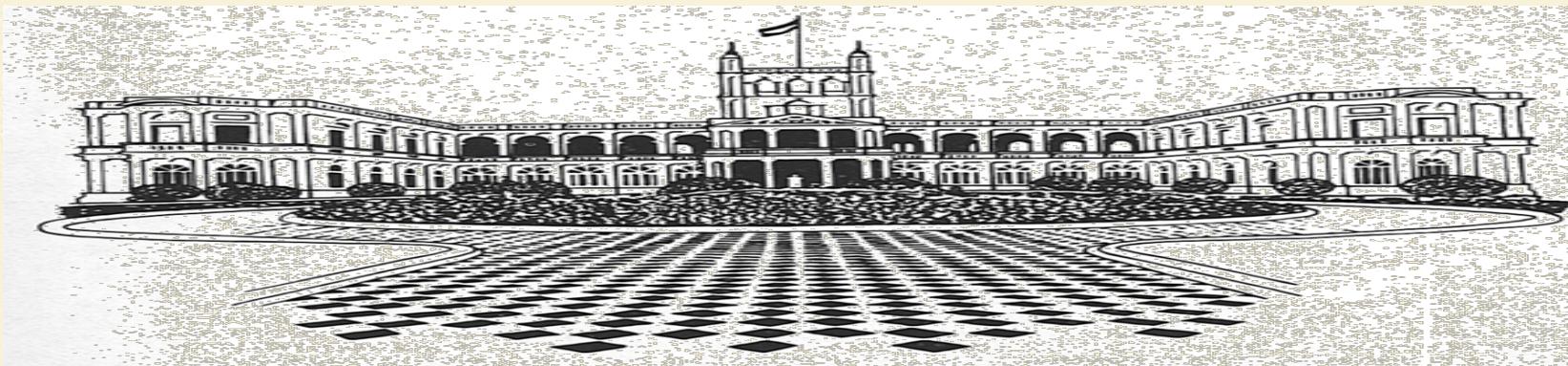
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Remind me... Why do we have government?

- ***What does that word actually mean?***
- ***What are the four key elements in a government?***
- ***Are all forms the same?***





So for the forms of government...

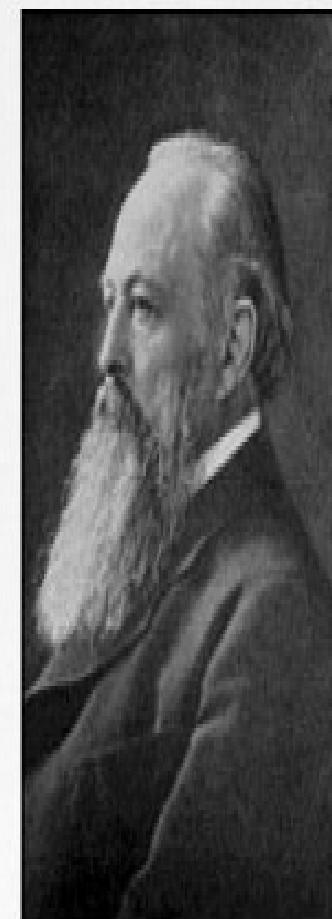
- **WHO has the power?**
 - One person
 - Small group
 - The people
 - Nobody
 - OR a small group chosen by the people





How MUCH power?

- **Total!**
 - *North Korea*
- **None!**
 - *Revolution*
- **Symbolic**
 - *Queen of England*
- **Some**
 - *Checks and Balances*



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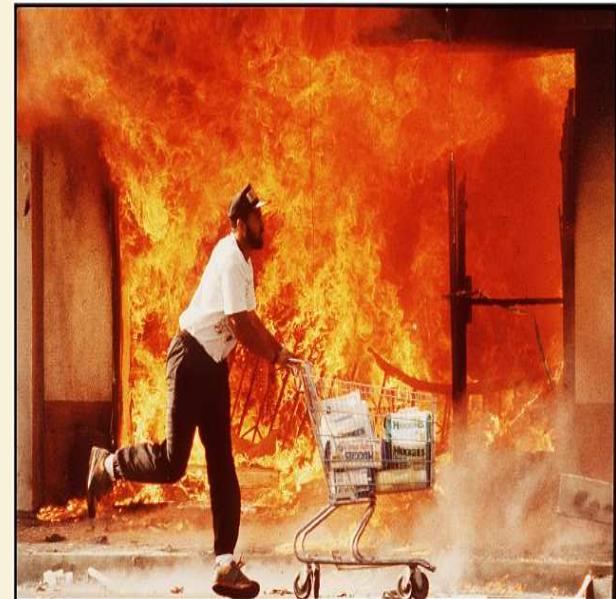
LORD EMERICH EDWARD DALBERG ACTON (1834-1902)





Anarchy

- *Anarchy only works when you're alone.*
 - *Stephen Colbert*
- **No government**
- It does happen sometimes, but it's never around for long, because it's not stable.
- **7th Grade Cadets with no teacher**





Dictatorship

- *Whenever you have an efficient government, you have a dictatorship.*
 - *President Harry Truman*
- **Single unelected leader has total power**
- **Uses force to stay in power**
- **Hitler, Kim Jong-Un, the Emperor in Star Wars**





Theocracy

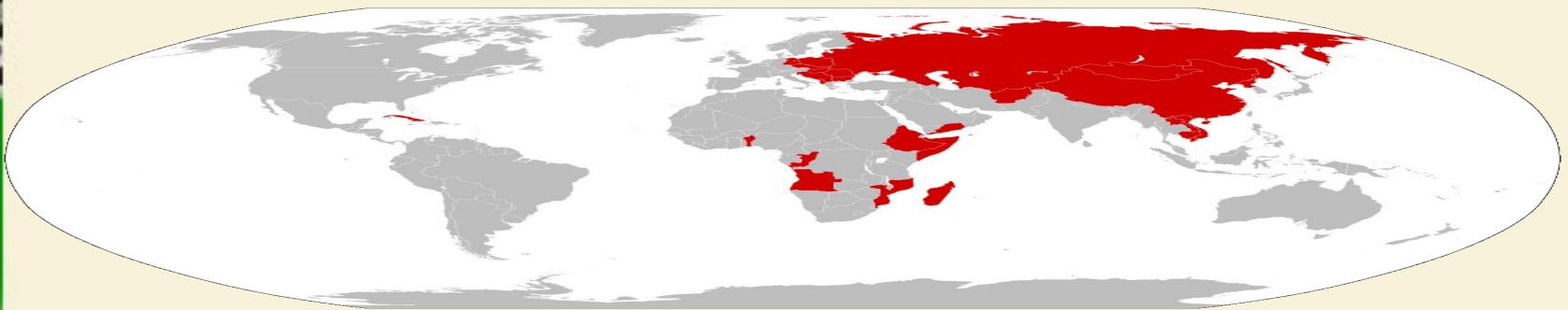
- *I don't control the Empire, I AM the Empire!*
 - *Constantine, Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire*
- **A particular belief or religion controls the government**
- **Ruler gets power from a “higher power”**
- ***How can you argue with that?***
- **Vatican City / The Pope, Tibet, Iran**





Totalitarian

- *Every culture has its distinctive and normal system of government. Yours is democracy, moderated by corruption. Ours is totalitarianism, moderated by assassination.*
 - **Vladimir Putin**
- **Communism**
 - **A governmental and economic system, controlled by the Communist Party**
- **One Political Party rules all**
- **They ARE elected... but when there's only one choice, how does that work?**
- **China, Cuba**
 - *There will be MUCH more on this later...*





Monarchy

- *The world is in revolt. Soon there will be no more kings, except the Kings of Spades, Hearts, Diamonds, and Clubs.*
 - *King Faraouk of Egypt, 1965*
- **Power is held by a King or Queen**
 - *(or similar title, like Emperor, Czar, or Prime)*
- **Power passed down from birth / blood**
- **No elections, not chosen, it “just is”**
- **Saudi Arabia, England in the past...**



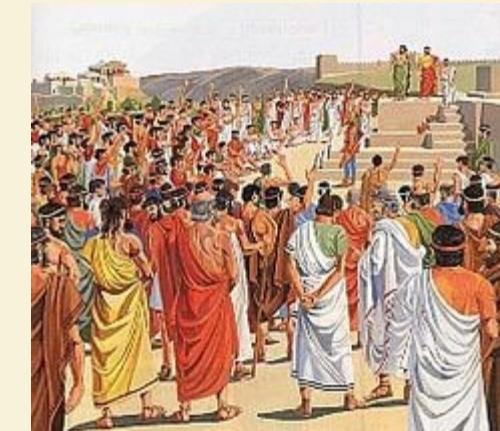


Democracy!

Democracy is the worst form of government, except all the others that have been tried.

- Winston Churchill

- The people have the power. They vote on issues, laws, etc.
- Rule of majority
- Ancient Greece, Switzerland
- Are we a true democracy?
- We are....





Republic

“And to the republic, for which it stands”

- **Democratic, because people vote,**
BUT...
- **The people choose leaders to represent them, and then the leaders make the laws, enforce, etc.**
- **Protect minorities**
- **The people can also replace those leaders.**
- **Could this become other forms?**



Which is the best?

- Are there advantages to each?
- Disadvantages?
- Also, do you have to have a system that is JUST one?
- Most countries in the world today are a combination of several things....



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