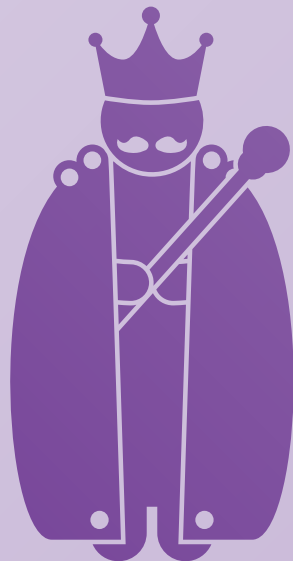


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Monarchy

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Reigns over a state or territory, usually for life and by hereditary right; it is either a sole, absolute ruler, or is limited by a constitution





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Oligarchy



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A small group controls the government; its authority usually comes from wealth, social status, and / or military involvement



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Dictatorship

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A ruler or small group wields absolute power not restricted by a constitution or laws



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Totalitarian

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Limits individuals by controlling all political and economic matters, as well as the attitudes, values, and beliefs of its citizens



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Direct Democracy



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All citizens come together to pass laws and make decisions for their communities



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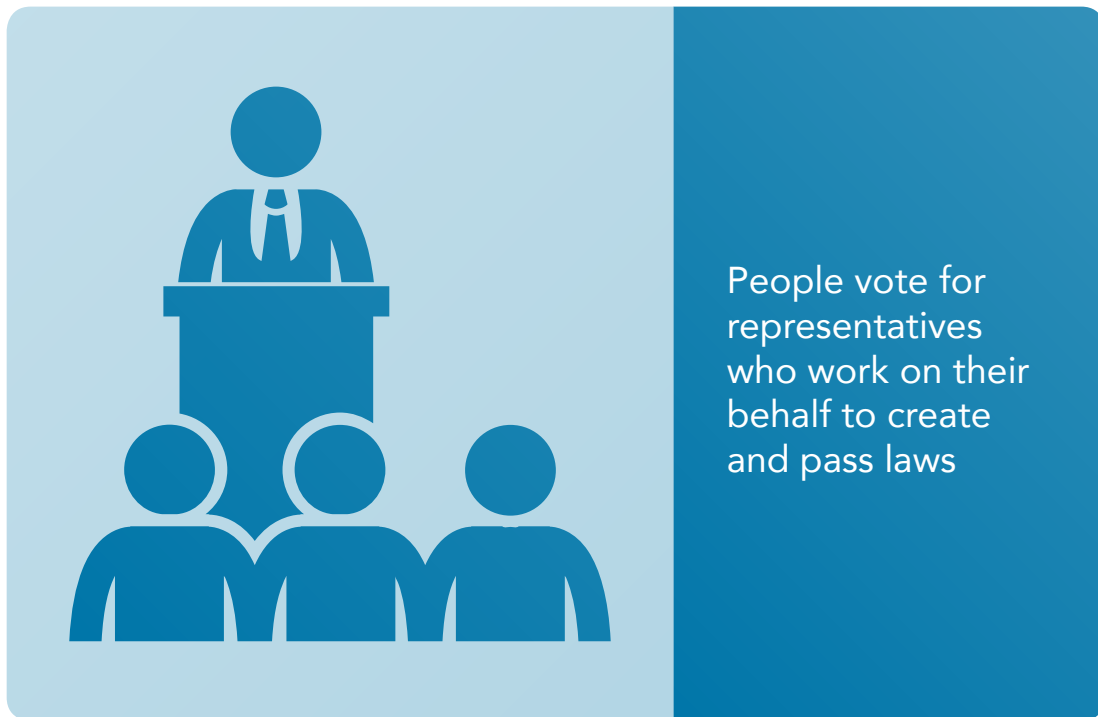


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Indirect or Representative Democracy



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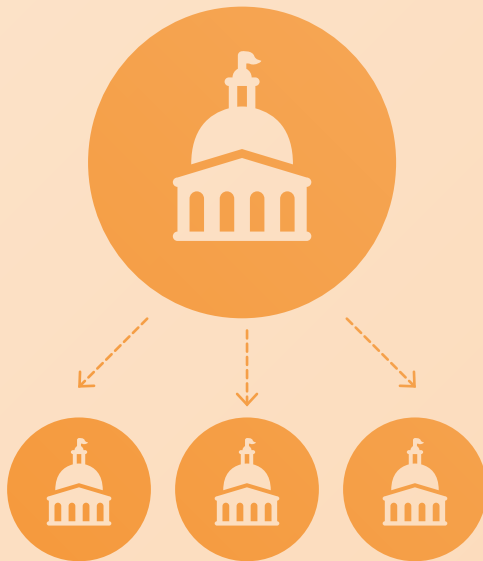
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Unitary

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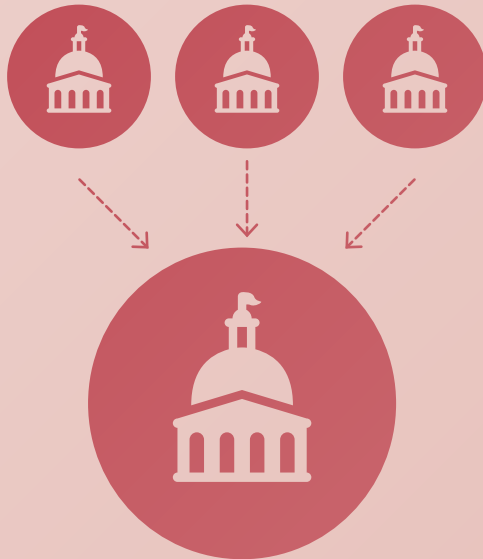
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Confederate

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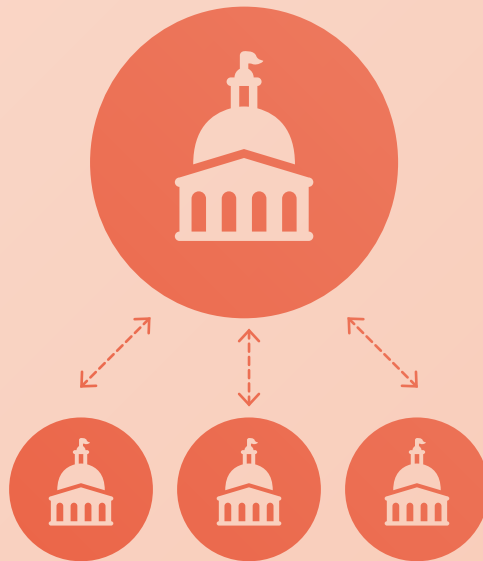
A rare form of democracy where local and regional governments, united by a compact or treaty, are dominant, and authority originates in local areas



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Federal

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Combines unitary and confederal systems, where power is divided between a national government and smaller local or regional governments so that each region retains some management of its own affairs





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Presidential



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The executive branch that exists separately from a legislature



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Parliamentary



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Members of an executive branch (the cabinet and its leader - whether a prime minister, premier, or chancellor) are nominated by parliament and are directly responsible to it

