Forms of Government

Dictatorship

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Monarchy

Monarchy is a form of government in which supreme authority is assigned to a single figure, such as a king, and whose powers can vary from those of an absolute disciplinarian to those of a kingdom. Monarchs often rule until death, when their rule is handed down through inheritance.



Republic

A republic is a government in which supreme power resides in a body of citizens. They have power because they elect their leaders through a vote. The leader of this government is not a monarch.

Democracy

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Is the United States of America a pure democracy?