

# What is Government?

Government is the system that <u>sets up and enforces</u> a society's <u>laws</u> and institutions. These <u>laws</u> are written in the country's <u>constitution</u>.



# Many Nations.....Many forms of Government

- A <u>nation or state</u> is a region that <u>shares a</u> <u>government.</u>
- Unless a country is in a state of <u>chaos</u> or <u>anarchy</u>, it is most likely run by a government.
- A "president" of a country doesn't necessarily mean they were elected. It is a title that means leader.



## Forms of Government

- All governments have strengths and weaknesses.
- Some governments are controlled by a single person or a small group of people. Others are controlled by all of the people.
- However, <u>all governments have some things in common</u>. Due to certain similarities, we can put all governments into one of five categories.



## 5 Government Categories

- The categories of government are:
  - 1) Dictatorship/Oligarchy
  - 2) Absolute Monarchy/Tribal Rule
  - 3) Constitutional Monarchy
  - 4) Representative Democracy/Republic
  - 5) Direct Democracy

Within each category there are other forms of government that are often a combination of the types above.



## Dictatorship

- A dictatorship is a type of government where only one person rules with no elections. The ruler has total control and is often tyrannical in his/her rule.
- These governments are usually very military-like.

Often times dictators take over a country in what is called a "coup

d'etat"





## Dictatorship

Dictators are said to: "rule with an iron fist."

What do you think this means?





## Dictatorship - Strengths

- The positives of a dictatorship is that people may be <u>united in their loyalty</u> to a dictator since there is not competition for trust and affection.
- In an emergency, <u>a dictator can move</u> <u>quickly and take action</u>. No time is lost in debate, discussion, or voting.



## Dictatorship -- Weaknesses

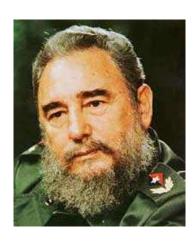
- People are given little or no individual freedoms. Civil rights are trampled on by dictators.
- A dictator's policies suit his/her own needs. Needs of the people are usually neglected.
- Decision making can be flawed, wrong, dangerous, and not supported by the people.
- History has shown that more people have been killed under a dictatorship than any other type of government.



## Notorious Dictators

- Saddam Hussein Iraq
- Moammar Gadhafi Libya
- Fidel Castro Cuba
- 🤏 Kim Jung Un N. Korea
- Adolf Hitler Germany
- Bashar al Assad Syria





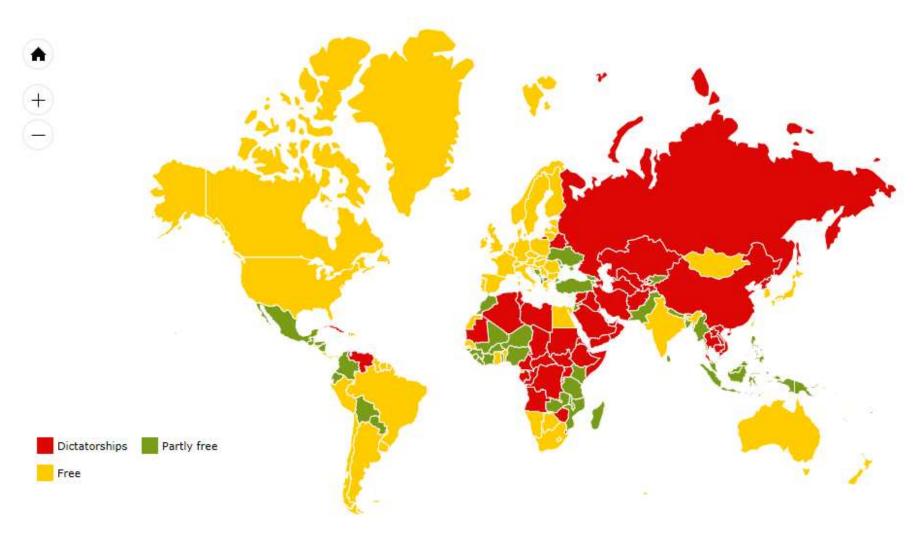


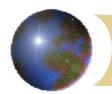






## Current World Dictators

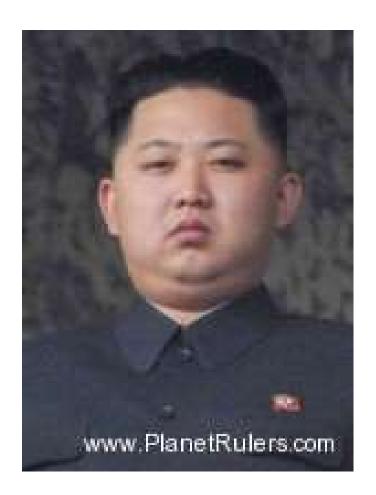




## Life under a Dictator

Kim Jong-un is the dictator of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, commonly known as North Korea. He became dictator when his father, Kim Jong-il, died in 2011. His grandfather, Kim Ilsung, was also the dictator of North Korea.







INTERNATIONAL

### N. Korea Sentences American Student To 15 Years Of Prison, Hard Labor

March 16, 2016 - 5:52 AM ET





POLITICS 06/19/2017 04:36 pm ET | Updated Jun 20, 2017

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### **Otto Warmbier Dies Days After Returning To** U.S.



The student had been detained in North Korea for 15 months.



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# North Korea at Night





## Oligarchy

This government is run by a small group of people.



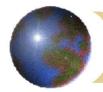
- In a country run by Oligarchy, the ruling party controls the country.
  - China is an oligarchy controlled by the Communist Party.
  - Until recently Afghanistan & Pakistan were ruled by the Taliban. Parts of Pakistan are still under Taliban rule.



## Life under an Oligarchy: 1989 Tiananmen Square Protest



- About a million people assembled in the Square.
- The student protesters called for government accountability, freedom of the press, freedom of speech, and of workers' control over industry.
- Troops with assault rifles and tanks inflicted casualties on unarmed civilians



## Life under an Oligarchy: China Hong Kong- Protests

News > World > Asia

## Joshua Wong: Hong Kong pro-democracy protest leader arrested by police

Protesters stage sit-in ahead of visit by Chinese President

Samuel Osborne | @SamuelOsborne93 | Wednesday 28 June 2017 13:03 8ST | 🖂 3 comment





Pro-democracy campaigner Joshua Wong yells as he is taken away by police after he and other demonstrators staged a sit-in protest at the Golden Bauhinia statue, in front of the Convention and Exhibition Centre in Hong Kong ANTHONY WALLACE/AFP/Getty Images



Pro-democracy activists Joshua Wong and Nathan Law released from Hong Kong jail

By James Griffiths and Angus Watson, CNN

① Updated 4:48 AM ET. Tue October 24, 2017



Joshua Wong and Nathan Law speak to the media after their release on bail by a Hong Kong court on October 24, 2017.



- The Taliban <u>controlled</u> countries like Afghanistan and Pakistan
- Oppression of Women: Took Away their freedoms
  - Must be covered head to toe: Burga
  - Forbidden to Work (must beg for survival)
  - Can't Leave home without a male escort
  - Women Curfew 7:30
  - House windows must be painted black so you don't see women inside
  - Girls are not allowed to go to school
  - Women not allowed to drive
  - Music, Pictures, Drawings forbidden
  - Dolls, Kites, Cards, Board Games illegal
  - Most books banned
  - Publically Beaten or Killed for violating laws

## Life under an Oligarchy: The Taliban





### Iran women bike against female cycling fatwa

A ruling by Iran's top religious leader banning women from cycling has led to angry social media users posting pictures of themselves riding their bikes in protest of the fatwa.













## 8 women arrested in Iran for posting photos to social media without hijabs

BY WITW STAFF 05.16.16



#### Pakistan

### Pakistan makes 'honour killings' punishable by mandatory prison time

Those convicted of killing a 'shameful' female relative can no longer be pardoned by family members in exchange for blood money, new law states

Jon Boone in Sialkot, Pakistan

Thursday 6 October 2016





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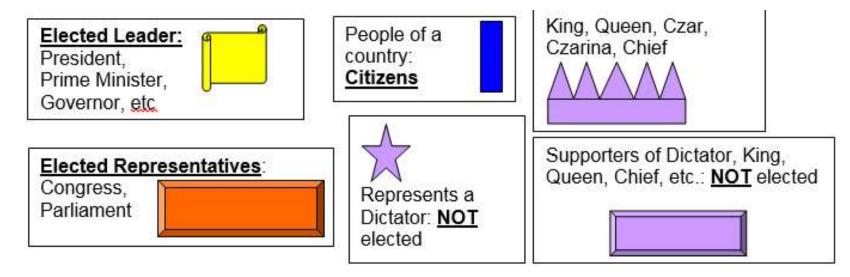


Mohammad Tofeeq shows a picture with his wife Muqadas who Pakistani police say was killing by her mother in the name of 'honor'. Photograph: KM Chaudary/AP

Pakistani men who kill their female relatives in the name of honour will no longer be able to evade punishment after the country's parliament finally passed longpromised legislation.

## Government Graphic Organizers

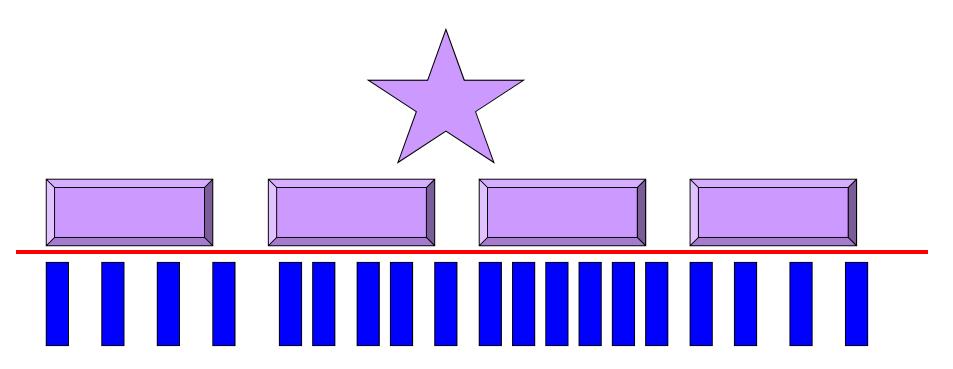
Match the term & symbol for each type of government with the graphic organizer on your worksheet.



- Draw green lines for they types of government where people have a voice (can vote for leaders and have a say so in the government)
- Draw red lines between government and the people who are not participating in electing leaders (i.e. the communications only come down from the leaders, not people communicating their needs with the government.)



## Which graphic organizer shows <u>Dictatorship & Oligarchy</u>?



Dictatorship Key Words: 1 person total power, army Oligarchy Key words: small group controls country. People have NO voice



## Monarchy

A monarchy is a government that is ruled by one head of state (called a king, emperor, or pharaoh), who usually reigns for life, and then passes down this reign to his/her offspring.

There are two types of Monarchies...



## Absolute Monarchy

An <u>absolute monarchy</u> is one in which the government is completely controlled by the head of state, usually a king. <u>It is considered a dictatorship</u> because one person has absolute power.







## Absolute Monarchy

The strengths and weaknesses of an absolute monarchy are very similar to a dictatorship, because the head of state (a king, queen, etc.) has total and absolute control. Usually this absolute power is abused.



## Very Few Current Absolute Monarchies Exist

- Brunei
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Swaziland



Saudi Arabia's King Salman



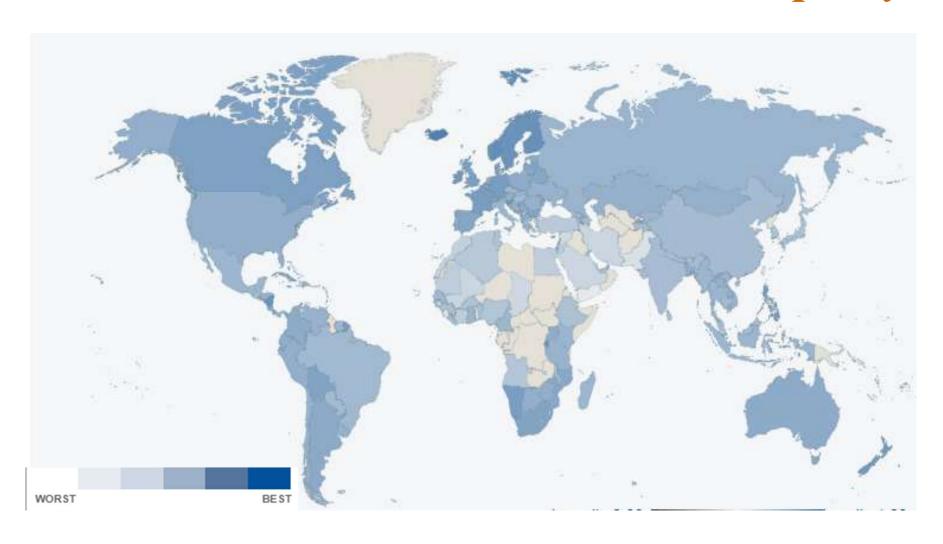
## Being a Woman in Saudi Arabia

- Male Guardian Required
  - Permission from him needed for travel, work, school, and marriage (it is common for arranged marriages)
- Talk in the presence of men (except in hospitals)
- Have your head covered
- Can't show your face
- Can't Attend school with boys
- Can't Ride a bike
- Can't drive (June 2018)





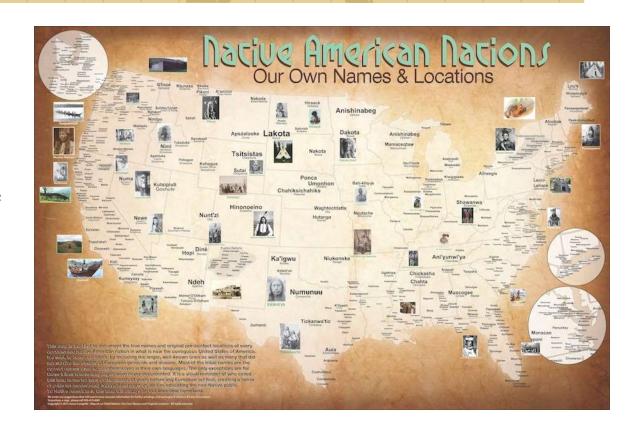
## Where are Women and Men Treated Equally?





## Tribal Rule

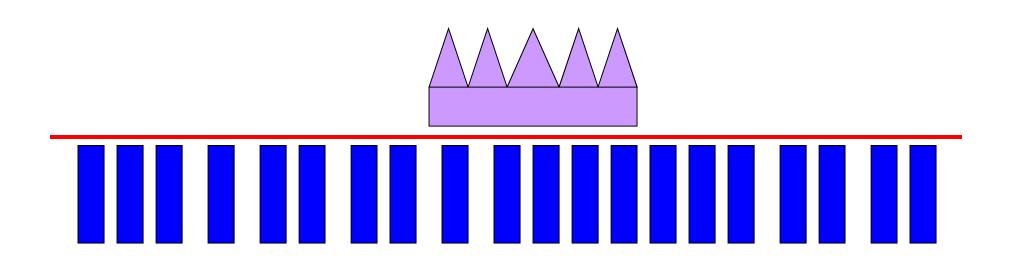
- The concept of tribal rule refers to the ability of a group of a singular culture or ethnicity to enact their own government while within the borders of another nation.
- ❖ In Tribal Rule the **chief** or elder makes the final decision. Decisions are often based on the culture's customs and beliefs.



❖ Groups like Native American tribes have their own systems of governance separate from the U.S. government.



# Which graphic organizer shows Absolute Monarchy & Tribal Rule?



Absolute Monarchy Key Words: King, family reign, total power Tribal Rule Key Words: Chief, tribe



## Constitutional Monarchy

A constitutional monarchy is one in which the Head of State (usually a King) has very limited powers, which are upheld by a constitution, and which is supported by representatives in a parliament, who are voted upon by the people. The Prime Minister, voted on by the people, is the Head of Government.





- People are united under one head of state, such as a king or queen or chief. However, the liberties of the people are still kept safe under a constitution and representatives who are voted upon by the people.
- Citizens are involved in decision making, indirectly, by voting for their representatives or by lobbying.
- Representatives are aware that keeping their job hinges upon pleasing their constituency.
- Reps are usually more educated, and good at problem solving and decision making.

# Constitutional Monarchy - Weaknesses

- Decision making takes more time, as reps. must debate and discuss issues.
- Representatives might not always agree with their constituency.
- If citizens are not involved, special interest groups can influence decision making.
- Even though powers are limited to the monarch, they can make bad decisions or abuse these powers.



# Famous Constitutional Monarchs

- Queen Elizabeth II Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom (currently in power)

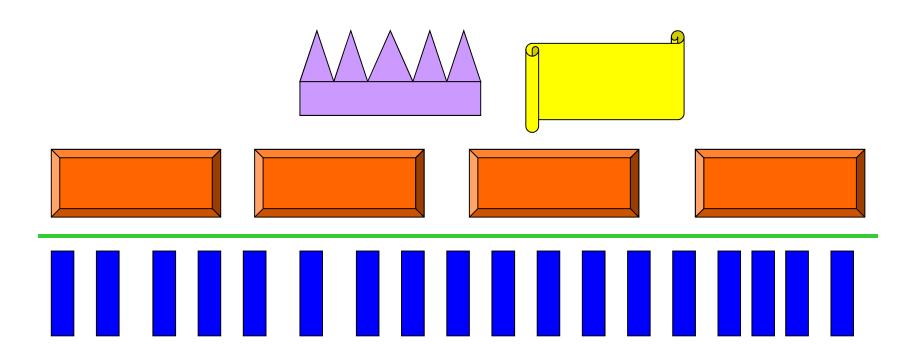
- Emperor Akihito Japan (currently in power)
- Napoleon Bonaparte France (although he had wide powers and often abused the powers he did not have.)







# Which graphic organizer shows Constitutional Monarchy?



Key Words: Parliament, King, Queen, Prime Minister, SHARED power



## Direct Democracy

A direct democracy is a government in which all citizens have equal power in decision making. All citizens have the right to vote on every single issue.

All citizens have the right to debate and discuss issues. The government is controlled by everyone equally.



## Direct Democracy -Strengths

- Every citizen has equal power in matters of government. Every citizen is involved in the decision making.
- Since all citizens are involved in decision making, there is a broad base of support and loyalty from the people.
- Individual liberties are protected by all.



- A direct democracy only works when a small number of people are involved. The ability to gather citizens in one place is necessary, so that everyone can debate and discuss. This makes a direct democracy difficult for very populous countries.
- Decision making involving all citizens is time consuming. All citizens give in-put, debate, discuss, etc. And therefore, it <u>takes a lot of time</u> to make laws or decisions.



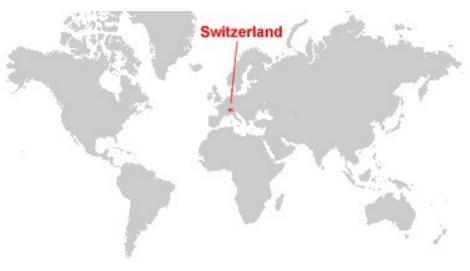
### **Eurrent Direct Democracies**



Iceland

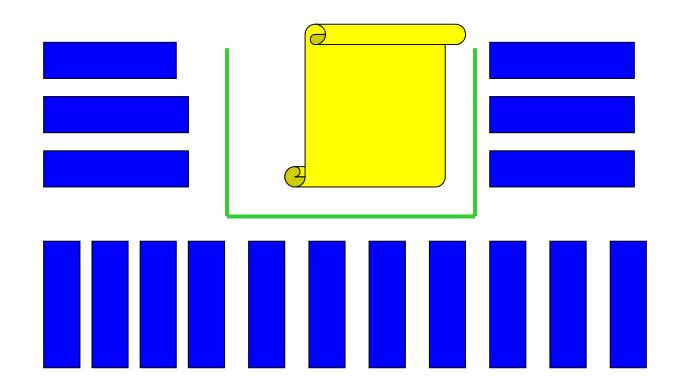
#### Switzerland

In the past 120 years, more than 240 laws have been put before the people for a vote.





### Which graphic organizer shows **Direct Democracy**?



Key Words: small country, votes very often on every decision



### Representative Democracy

A representative democracy is a government in which people elect representatives who hold the decision making power, and who are limited in their power by a constitution. The constitution is a set of laws.







### Representative Democracy - Strengths

- Citizens are involved in decision making through their representatives, lobbying, and voting. This is how your voice is heard.
- Representatives are aware their job depends on meeting the needs of their constituents.
- Most if not all elements of the population are represented.
- Generally, reps are educated, more-capable citizens who can devote time needed to solve complex problems.

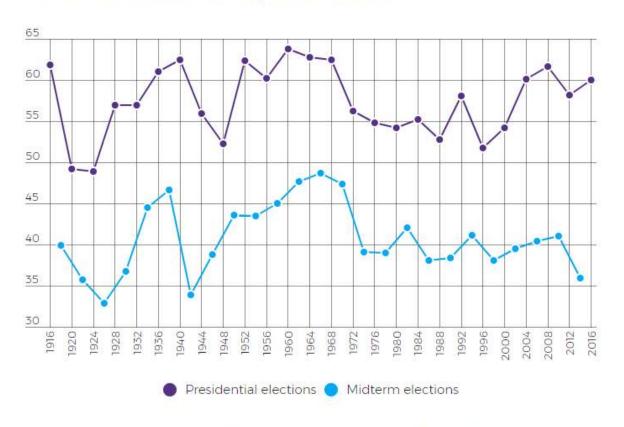


- Decision making is time consuming. Desire of representatives to please everyone may cripple the system.
- Representatives may not always agree with those they represent.
- Lack of involved citizens may allow special interest groups to influence or dominate representatives.



### Voter Turnout: Fundamental to a Healthy Democracy

Voter Turnout Rates, 1916 - 2016

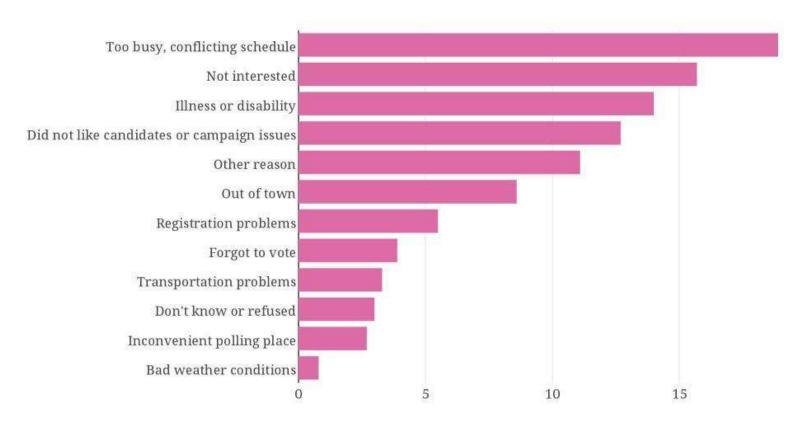


National estimates of voter turnout expressed as a percentage of the voting eligible population.

Source: United States Elections Project (http://www.electproject.org/)



## Why didn't you vote?

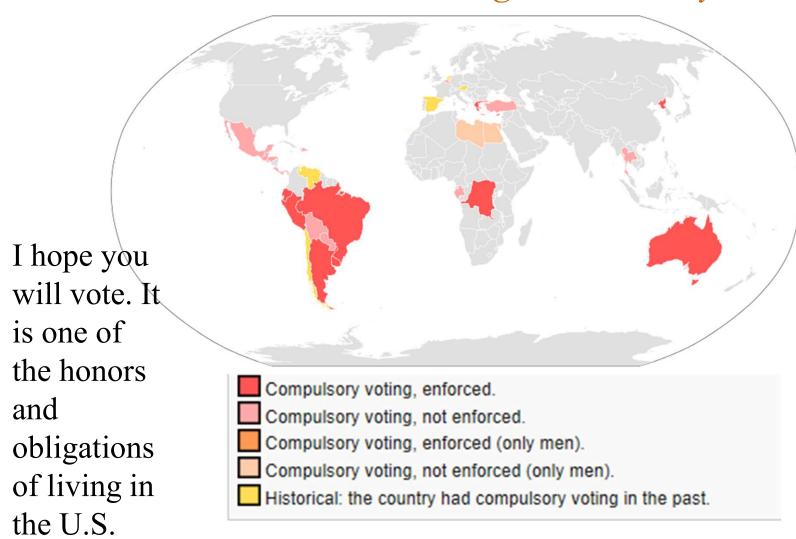


Source: US Census Bureau

Percentage of non-voters



### 25+ countries where voting is mandatory





## **Eurrent**Representative Democracies

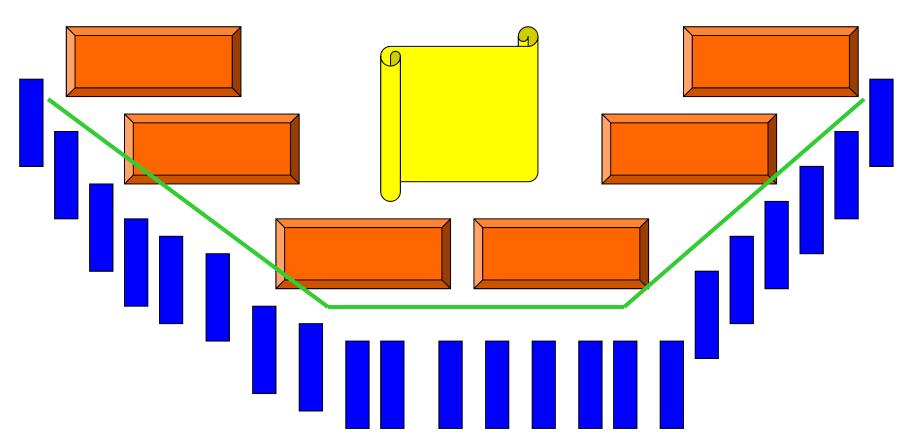
- The United States
- Mexico
- Germany
- Belgium
- South Africa
- The Philippines



Just to name a few!



## Which graphic organizer shows Representative Democracy?



**Key Words: Representative, Vote, President** 

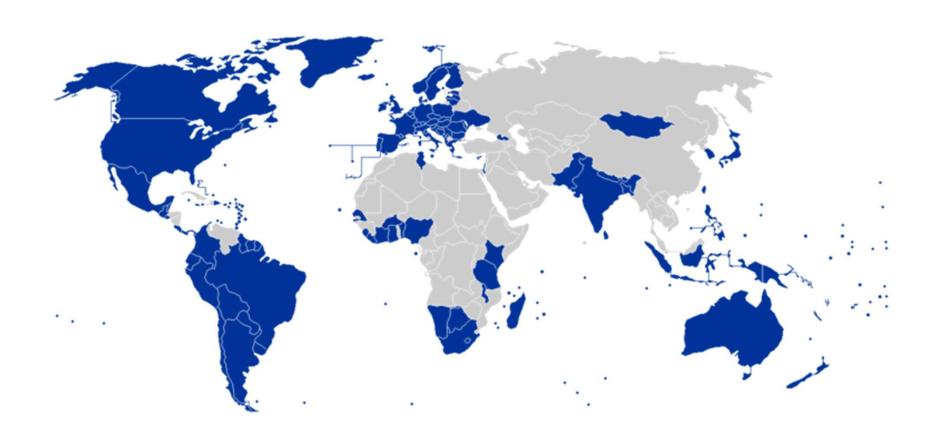


### Kahoot Review

https://play.kahoot.it/#/k/14e09411-ac3b-47f1-bf87-7d1ce0b90008

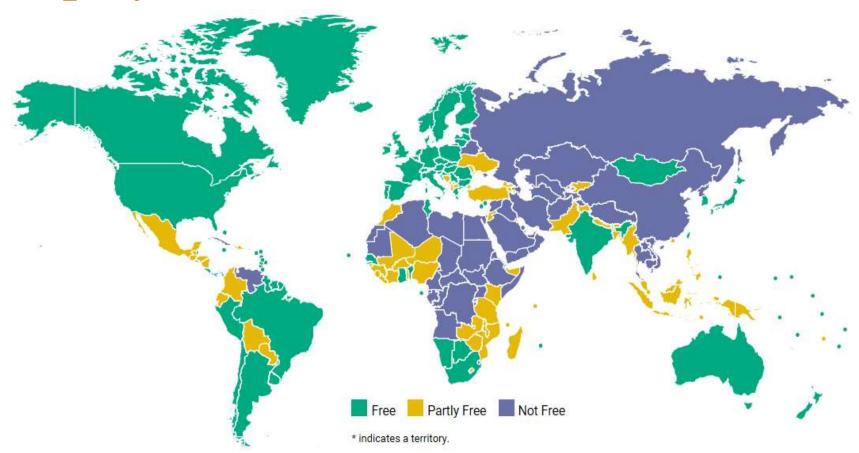


#### **Electoral Democracies**: people have the power to elect their governments





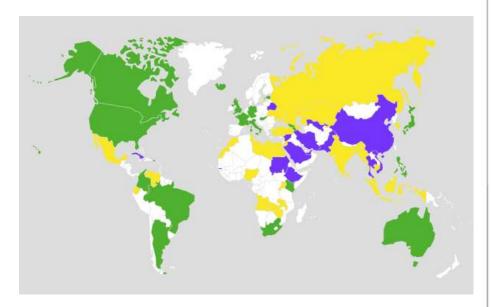
## Map of Freedom



https://rsf.org/en/ranking



# Freedom to the Internet

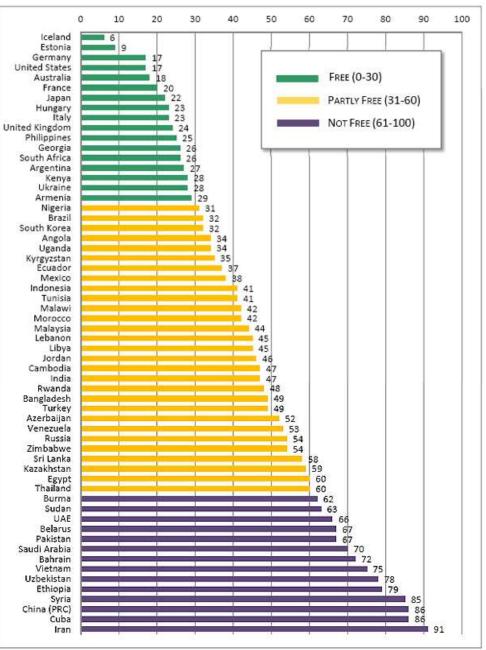


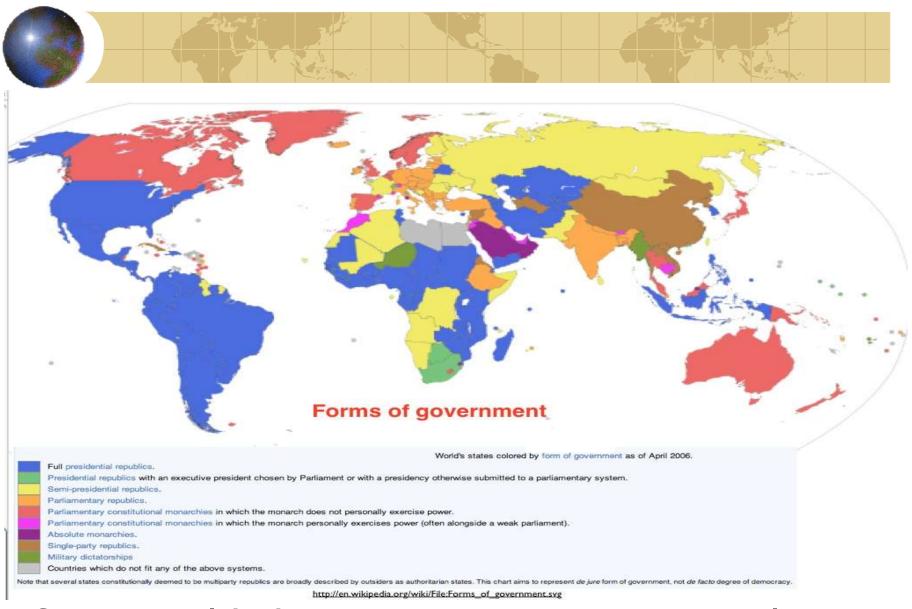


Partly Free



#### 60 COUNTRY SCORE COMPARISON (0 = Most Free, 100 = Least Free)





If you could choose any government to live in, which government would you choose and why?