

Direct Democracy

Advantages:

Increases political involvement (everyone votes)
Corruption is reduced

Disadvantages:

Impractical...modern populations are too large
Minority rights are not guaranteed (majority rules)
Time (entire nation has to vote)

Representative Democracy

Advantages:

Citizen representation
High participation by voters

Disadvantages:

Slow decision making
Majority rules

Absolute Monarchy

Advantages:

Fast decision making
Much less complicated
Less corruption (only one person in charge)

Disadvantages:

Leadership doesn't change
No checks or balances
People have no say

Constitutional Monarchy

Advantages:

It preserves history, culture, and tradition while balancing power
Peoples voices are heard
Monarch has the right to be consulted and advised

Disadvantages:

Slower decision making
The monarch cannot be removed
It is expensive to maintain (many believe it is unnecessary, expensive, and obsolete)

Dictatorship

Advantages:

No red tape (Dictators doesn't have to do anything except making the laws)
Very low crime rate (harsh and strict punishments for even the smallest of crimes)
Fast decision making

Disadvantages:

No checks or balances
No guaranteed rights of the people

Oligarchy

Advantages:

Decisions happen rapidly
Women are able to ascend to positions of power
Allow people to focus on their daily lives

Disadvantages:

Average citizen has little say (free speech can be taken away)
Middle class is squeezed out (rich become richer, poor stay poor)

Theocracy

Advantages:

State is more unified under the same religious beliefs
Decrease in crime
Laws are based on religious teachings and do not change

Disadvantages:

Minority religions may be treated poorly
Rights of women tend to be limited
Little personal freedoms (speech, can't criticize gov't, little art & music)

Anarchy

Advantages:

Freedom
Individualism

Disadvantages:

Disorder, chaos
No laws or consequences