**Government Definitions**

**Parliamentary democracy** - a political system in which the legislature (parliament) selects the government - a prime minister, premier, or chancellor along with the cabinet ministers - according to party strength as expressed in elections; by this system, the government acquires a dual responsibility: to the people as well as to the parliament. This type of government can be dissolved at will by the parliament (legislature) by means of a no confidence vote or the leader of the cabinet may dissolve the parliament if it can no longer function.

**Presidential Democracy**- system of government where a head of government is also head of state and leads an executive branch that is separate from a legislative branch (ie. is chosen by vote of people and not by the legislature)

**Autocracy**- Government by a single person having unlimited power

**Oligarchy-**A government in which a few people have power.

**Federal Government-**Power is shared between a central government and states

**Unitary Government-**Central government possesses more power than the states

**Confederal Governments-** Countries agree to work together. A country can decide to leave at any time. Individual countries have more power than the central government

**Constitutional monarchy-** a system of government in which a monarch is guided by a constitution whereby his/her rights, duties, and responsibilities are spelled out in written law or by custom.

**Bicameral**- Legislature with two houses

**Suffrage**- Who can vote

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European Union

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