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| **Definition** | Condition of lawlessness, no government in place. | A ruler, or small clique, have absolute power over virtually everything and is backed by the military. | A God, or Deity, is recognized as the supreme ruler, but the government is run by religious leaders who are believed to have a direct connection to their god. | People vote for leaders to speak and stand up for people’s ideas. | Typically a king, queen, or prince that rules. Power is often passed from generations or is inherited through the blood line. |
| **Ruler/Leaders** | None | Dictator | God/Deity | President, Prime Ministers | King, Queen, Prince |
| **Who has Power?** | People have total control/power. | Leader has total power. | Religious leader has total power  **OR**  A ruler with limited constitutional power | People because they elect representatives that run the government; leaders have limed powers. | A ruling family with unlimited power unless noted, or limited, by a constitution. |
| **Structure of**  **Government** | None | Leader comes to power by force or election process. People’s rights are often taken. | Leader is seen as the closes to god. Decisions made based on leaders connection to god. | Representatives are elected to voice the ideas/views of citizens. | Leader inherits power and stays for unlimited time. Power is then passed to next in line. Power can also be limited due to existing constitution. |
| **Examples** | Russia: 1918-19  Spain: 1936  Somalia: 1991-2006 | Nazi Germany: 1933-45  North Korea-Present  Cuba-Present | Vatican City-Present  Iran-Present | U.S.-Present  India-Present  Australia-Present | Oman-Absolute  Qatar-Absolute  Morocco-Constitutional  United Kingdom-Constitutional |