

# POLITICAL FORMS OF RULING

**Anarchy**—Rule by no one

**Monarchy**—Rule by one (king/queen)

**Democracy**—Rule by the people

**Meritocracy**—Rule by the best

**Technocracy**—Rule by scientist/intellectual

**Theocracy**—Rule by God

**Oligarchy**—Rule by a few (usually wealthy, powerful)

**Plutocracy**—Rule by money

**Aristocracy**—Rule by nobility

**Imperialism**—Rule based on domination and subordination, usually by an empire

**Despotism**—Rule by one or a group with absolute power

## ECONOMIC SYSTEMS

**Capitalism** economic system where means of production is privately controlled/owned for profit

**Socialism** economic system where means of production is commonly controlled/owned

**Communism** economic system where means of production is commonly controlled/owned AND political system that targets a classless society

**Globalization**—increasing unification of the world's economic order

# FORMS OF DEMOCRACY

**Direct Democracy** people collectively make decisions for themselves (in US we do this via referendum, initiatives, recalls, grassroots efforts)

**Representative Democracy** elected individuals represent interests of people; in US this gives rise to political parties.

**Deliberative Democracy** public deliberation (offering good arguments, well reasoned) is central to law making, not voting; recognizes conflicts of interests are inevitable so searches to include many voices in deliberations.

**Participatory Democracy** more citizen involvement than representative democracy; may include participatory features not considered deliberative.

**Aggregative Democracy** democracy as a process of aggregating the preferences of citizens in choosing public officials and policies.