



What is a Democracy?

- Citizens elect representatives to make laws, fund projects and declare war
- Government guarantees freedom of speech, press, religion, peaceful assembly
- Checks & balances over roles of executive, legislative, judicial branches
- Elections are fair, accessible, secure, & transparent; peaceful transfer of power
- Citizens' civil rights are protected by government.

What is an Autocracy?

- Without citizens' input, the leader has absolute power to make all major decisions
- Press/media is controlled; opposing views are prohibited; protests are suppressed
- Leader has unchecked control over all branches of government
- Elections manipulated; voters are intimidated; results are questioned or rejected
- Citizens' civil rights are restricted or removed by government.

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