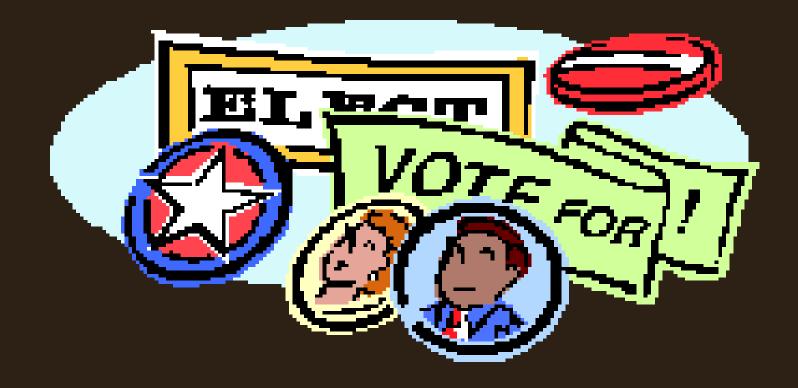
# Governments



Form of Government	What level of government has the <u>most</u> amount of the power?	What level of government has the <u>least</u> amount of power?	Example
Confederation			
Unitary System			
Federal System			

Confederation Government Weak Central Government

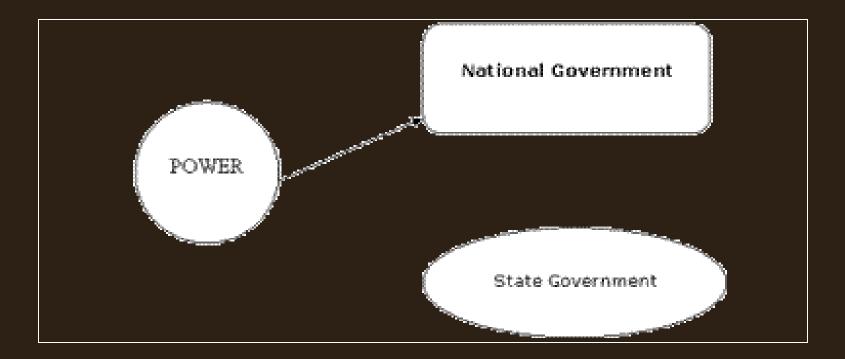
\*Confederate Govt.: voluntary members retain most power, and give a little power to a <u>weak</u> central government for benefits

Examples: European Union (EU), OPEC & Articles of Confederation (America's first government)



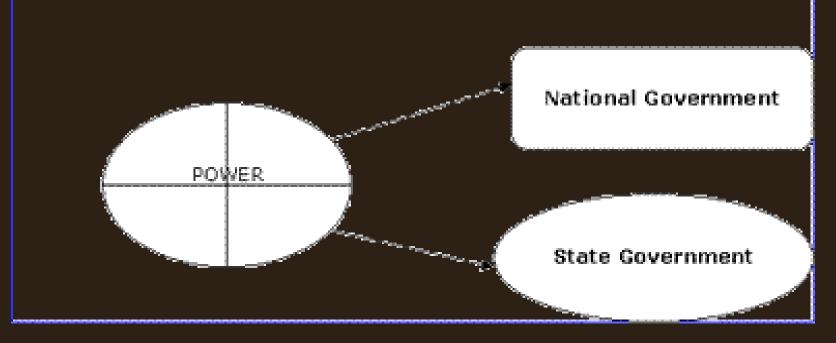
# Unitary Government Strong Central Government

 \* Definition: Most of the power belongs to national government—states have little power
 → Examples: Great Britain, Israel, and Japan.



### Federal System of Government

- \* Federal Government: Power is <u>divided &</u> <u>shared</u> among the local, state and the national government
  - Examples: United States, Russia, Mexico



### Autocracy

- Rule by one person with unlimited power
- Citizens have little or no voice in government

• Examples:

Absolute monarch—inherits the right to rule Dictatorship—usually takes control and rules by force

# Oligarchy

- Rule by a few with power
- Examples: wealthy landowners

 Citizens have little or no voice or choice in government

### What is a Democracy?

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- \* Democracy: control of govt. in hand of people
  - "demos" = people
  - "kratos" = rule

#### \*Types:

- Representative vs. Direct
- Presidential vs. Parliamentary

#### Direct vs. Representative Democracy

#### \* Direct Democracy:

- <u>all</u> people decide on individual issues
- Example: Switzerland
- \* Indirect/Representative Democracy:
  - people select representatives
     to decide the issues
  - Example: USA





### Presidential vs. Parliamentary Democracy (cont.)

#### \* Parliamentary:

- **Definition:** Legislative branch elects the leader (executive/president/prime minister) of country
- Legislative branch = Very Powerful
- Example: Great Britain, Israel



Members of

Legislative

**Branch** 

(Legislative branch elects)

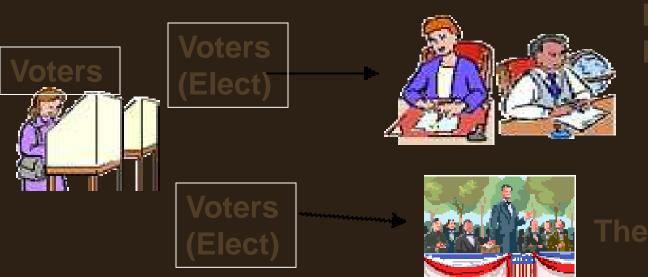


Churchill Chief Executive

Voters (elect)

#### **Presidential Democracy**

- \* Definition: Legislative branch & Executive branch are separate & independent of each another→ Separation of Powers exists
  - $\rightarrow$  Example: USA



#### Members of the Legislative Branch

**The Chief Executive** 

# Comparing Presidential & Parliamentary Democracies

**Presidential** Democracy



#### Parliamentary Democracy



<u>Type of</u> <u>Government</u>	<u>Definition</u>	<u>Example</u>
Monarchy		
Dictatorship/ Autocracy		
Oligarchy		
Totalitarian		

# Types of Unlimited Governments

#### \* Monarchy:

- *Definition*: Single leader (King/Queen) that inherits power

- *Example*: King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia

 \* Dictatorships/Autocracy:
 - Definition: Single leader that gets power after struggle

- Example: Saddam Hussein





# **Types of Unlimited Governments**

#### \* Oligarchies:

- *Definition:* small group rules country
- *Example:* Guatemala (50's & 60's)

#### \* Totalitarian:

- *Definition:* govt. has total control of people's lives
- Example: Hitler's Germany





### **Economic Systems**

\* Economic Systems: organized structures that answer 3 economic questions about making, selling, and using goods & services :

(1) What to produce? (what good/service being sold?)

(2) For whom to produce? (who buys goods/services?)

(3) **How to Produce?** (methods used in making goods)

### **Economic Decisions**

(1) A company decides to install more machines and lay off some of its workers.

Which **economic question** is being <u>directly</u> addressed?

(a) How to produce

(b) What to produce

(c) For whom to produce

Type of Economy	Definition	Who decides: What to Produce?	Who decides: How to Produce?	Who decides: For Whom to Produce?
Traditional				
Command				
Market				
Mixed- Market				

# **Traditional Economy**

- \* **Definition:** economic decisions are based on habit, tradition, or custom
- \* What to Produce?
  - past traditions
- \* How to Produce?- past traditions
- \* For Whom to Produce?- past traditions





# **Command Economy**

- \* **Definition**:
  - govt. makes econ.
     decisions
- \* What to Produce? - government
- \* How to Produce? - government
- \* For Whom to Produce?
  - government





### Market (Capitalist) Economy

#### \* Definition:

- buyers and sellers make economic decisions
- business strives to make profit
- \* What to Produce?
  - consumer wants→ businesses
     produce
- \* How to Produce?
  - business owners  $\rightarrow$  cost effective

#### \* For Whom to Produce?

- consumers' income determines who buys goods





## Mixed Market Economy

#### \* Definition:

- a *blend* of economies → market & command economies

#### \* What to Produce?

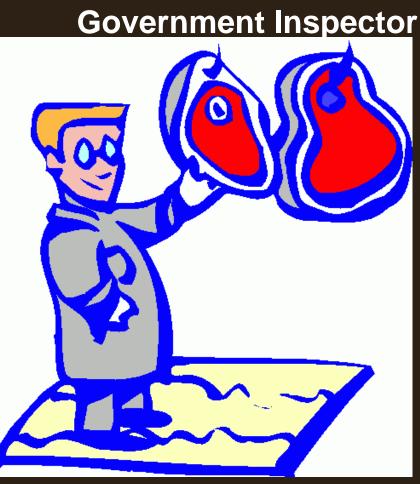
- business owners→ govt. regulations

#### \* How to Produce?

- business owners→ govt. regulations

#### \* For Whom to Produce?

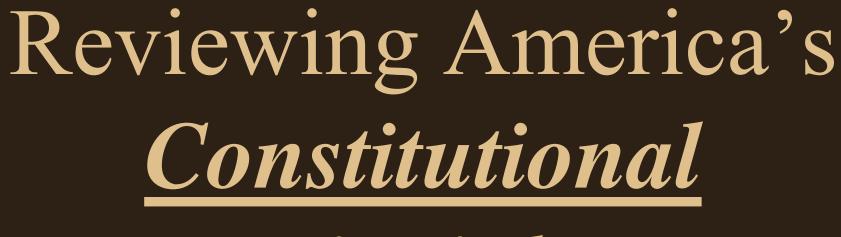
- customer wants/needs→ govt. regulations



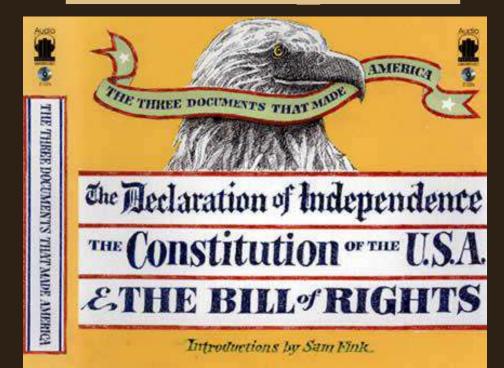
#### The United States' Mixed Market Economy

- 1. Govt. regulates business/trade - Ex: FDA
- 2. Govt. steps in with socia services
  - Ex: Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps
- 3. Govt. spends \$ in markets
  - Ex: Military Spending









#### **American Principles**

\*\*The govt. follows these principles when making Laws, taking actions and making Decisions

#### 6 Guiding Principles:

- 1. Popular Sovereignty
- 2. Federalism
- 3. Rule of Law
- 4. Separation of Powers
- 5. Checks and Balances
- 6. Judicial Review

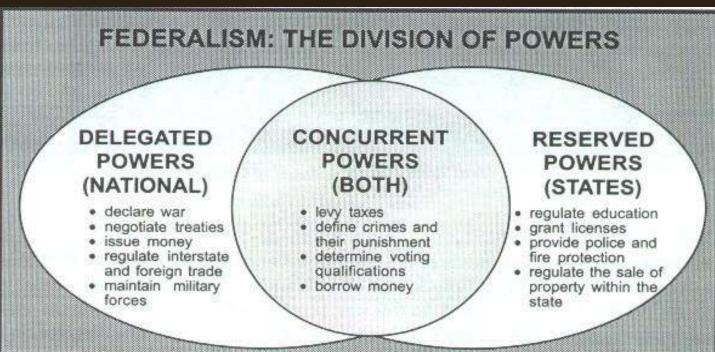
# **Popular Sovereignty**

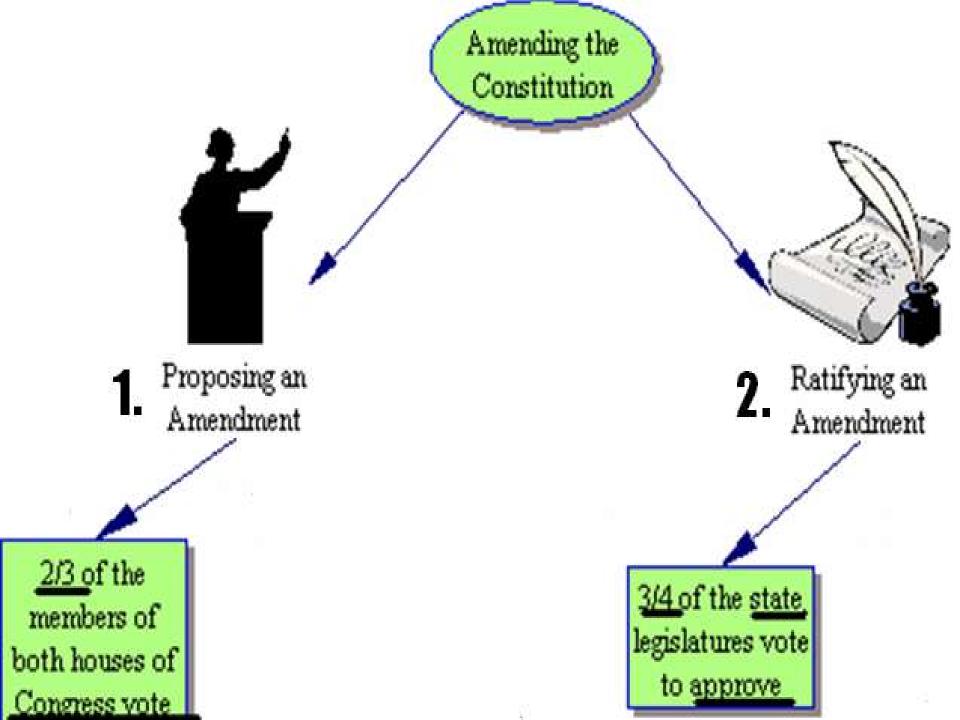
- \* Meaning: People are source of govt. power
  (1) Popular = "People"
  (2) Sovereignty = "Power" or "Controller"
- \* Example:
  - elections
  - peaceful demonstrations



#### Federalism

- \* **Meaning:** power is divided and shared between national (central), state, local govts.
- \* Example:
  - Shared Power = Amendment Process
  - Federal Power = Prints Money
  - State Power = Driver's License





### Rule of Law

- \* Meaning: laws apply to <u>all</u> people
  - No one is above the law

- \* Example:
  - The President pays taxes like we do



### **Separation of Powers**

#### \* Meaning:

- govt. power is divided
   btw. legislative,
   executive, & judicial
- branches





Judicial Branch Interprets Laws



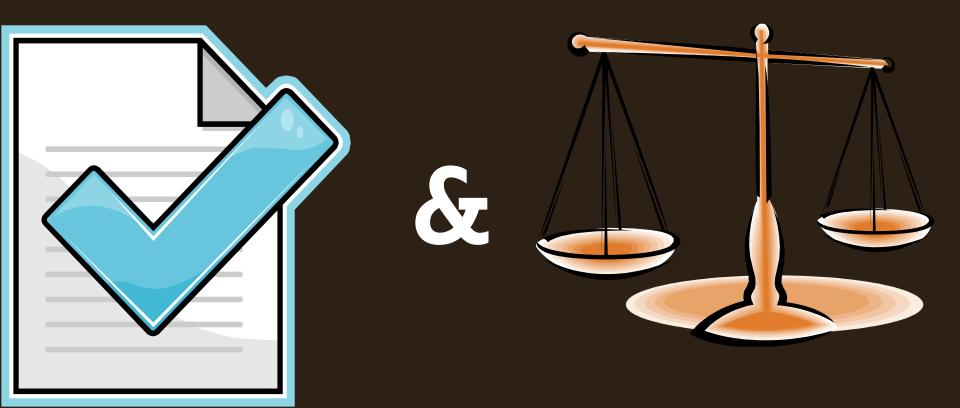
Executive Branch Enforces Laws



Legislative Branch Makes Laws

### **Checks & Balances**

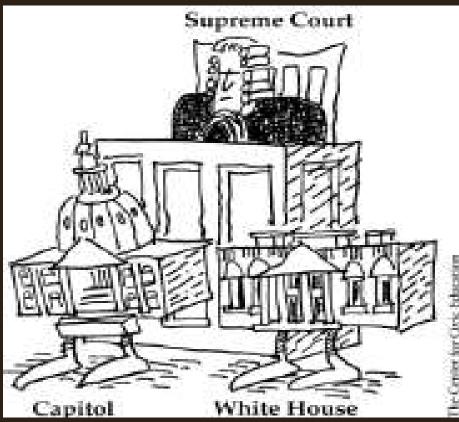
\* Meaning: each branch has powers over the other 2 branches → Creates Balanced Branches



### **Judicial Review**

\* Meaning: judicial branch (courts) decide if govt. acts violate constitution

- Marbury v. Madison created judicial review



#### \* Example:

- Brown v. Board of Ed.→ Supreme Court ruled that segregation was illegal in public places