



Governments

vocabulary



The Way Governments Distribute Power

- Unitary
- Confederation
- Federal

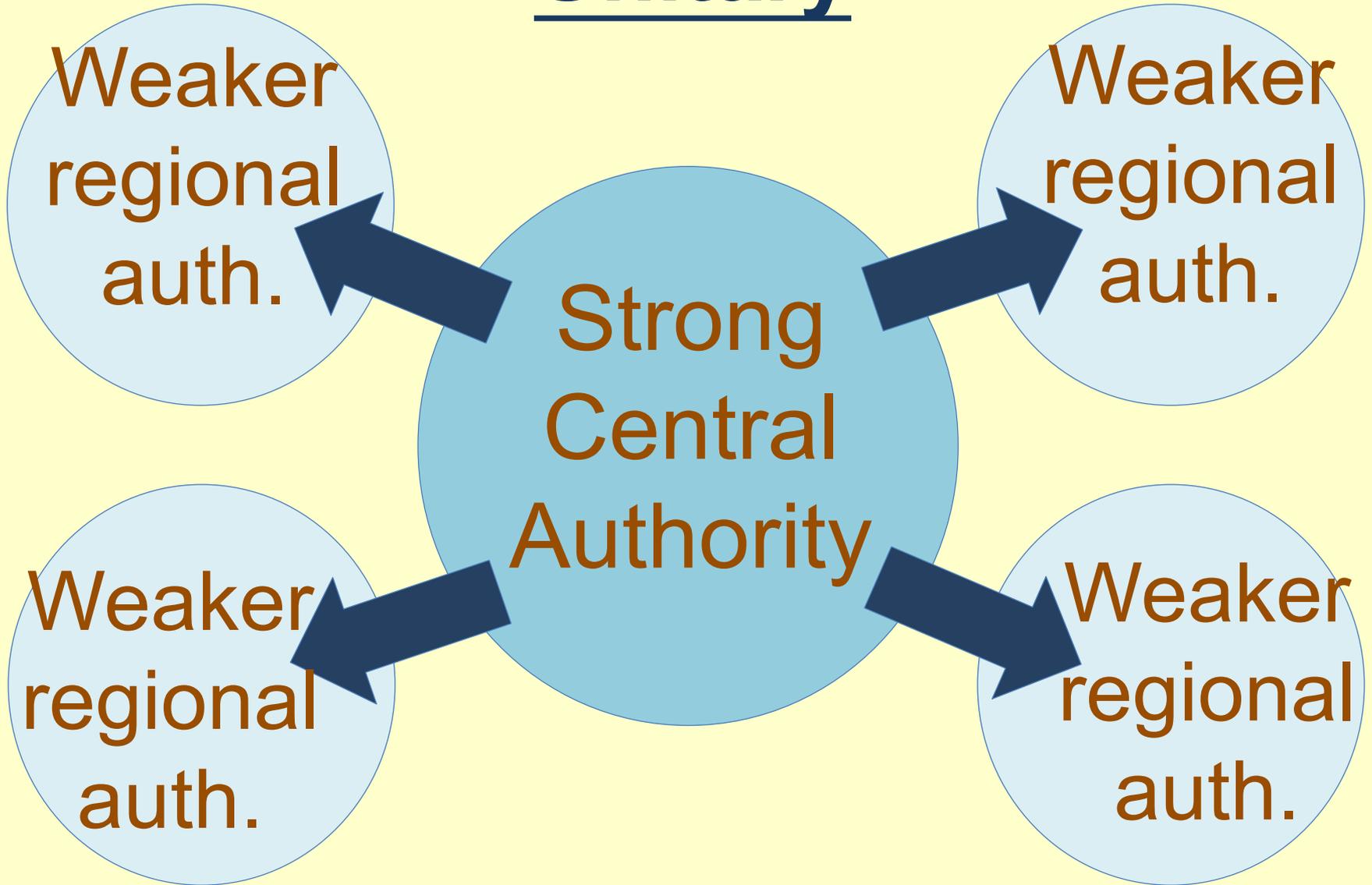


Unitary

- A form of government where the **power is held by one central authority**; smaller regional authorities exist, but only get power from the central govt
- Examples:
 - United Kingdom's Parliament
 - Dictators



Unitary



Confederation

- A form of government where the **power is held by independent countries** who share a weak central government
- When independent countries agree to **work together to secure a common purpose**
- They limit some of their freedoms to compromise and work together
 - Example: European Union



Confederation

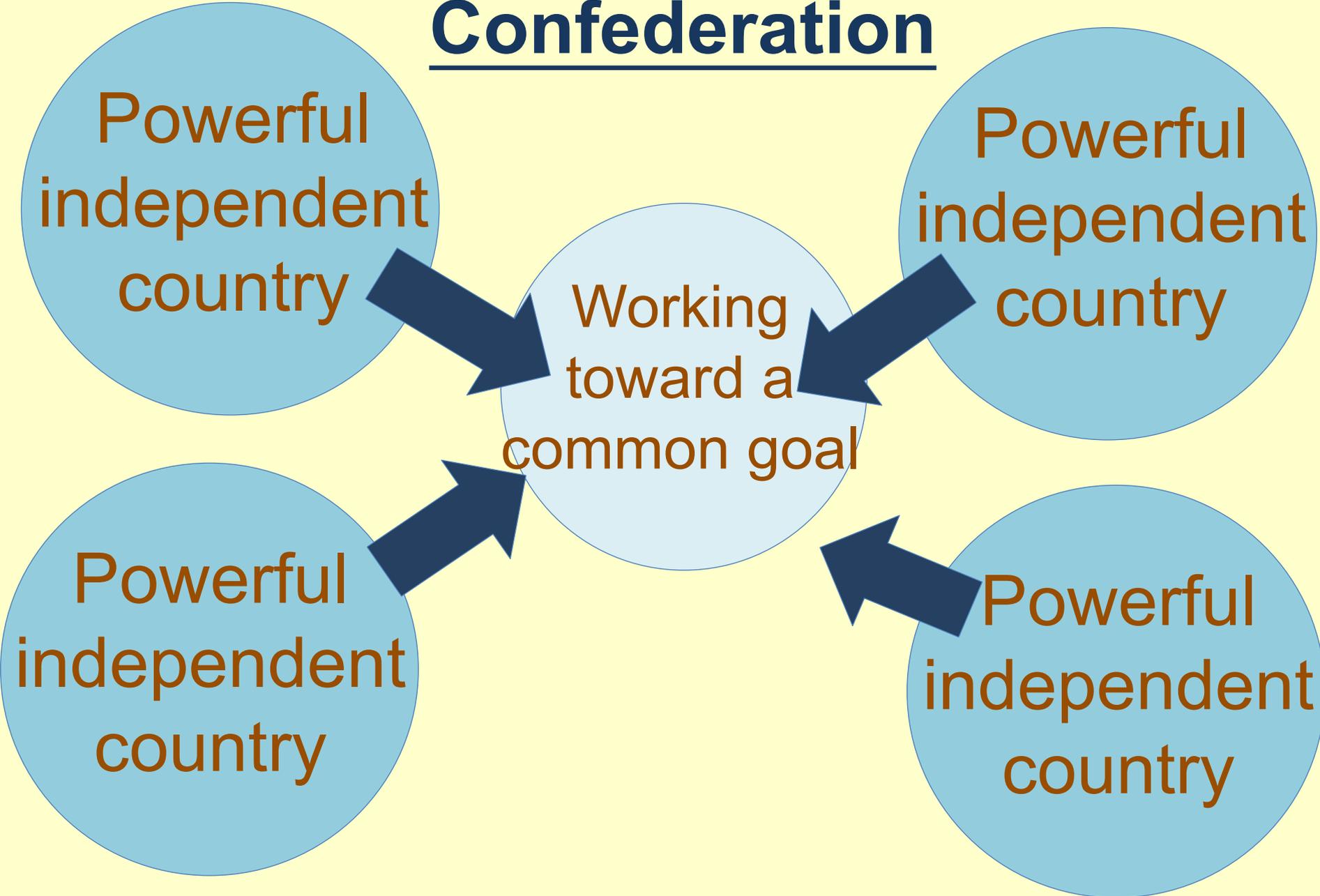
Powerful independent country

Powerful independent country

Working toward a common goal

Powerful independent country

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Federal

- A form of government where power is **divided equally** between one central and several regional authorities
 - Example: The U.S.A. is divided into the national government and the state governments



Federal

Equally
powerful
regional
auth.

Equally
powerful
regional
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Central
Authority

Equally
powerful
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How do governments distribute power?

- Answer as best as you can for these words.

1. Unitary

2. Confederation

3. federal



Opening

- Turn to the next blank page in your government section.
- Write the sentence and fill in the blank.

A _____ government is one in which the central gov't and regional gov'ts share equal power.

Unitary, Confederation, or Federal?

What government allows for the MOST citizen participation????

- Autocracy/autocratic
- Oligarchy/oligarchic
- Democracy/democratic





Citizen

- A legal member of a country
- Some ways to become a citizen
 - Born in that country
 - Become a citizen by taking a test
 - Married to a citizen
 - Parents are citizens



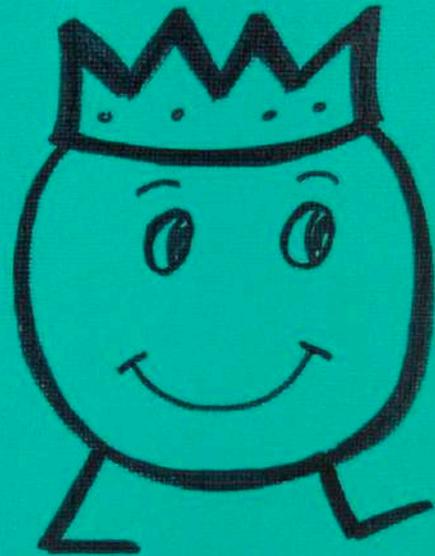
Autocratic Gov't Citizen Participation

AUTOCRACY

- One person possesses unlimited power (not voted into power)
- Citizen has little, if any, role in the gov't
- Example: dictators & absolute monarchies
 - Castro in Cuba
 - Absolute monarchies (how Kings/Queens used to be)
 - Soviet Union



AUTOGRACY



← one ruler with all the power (dictator)

unhappy citizens:
have no power

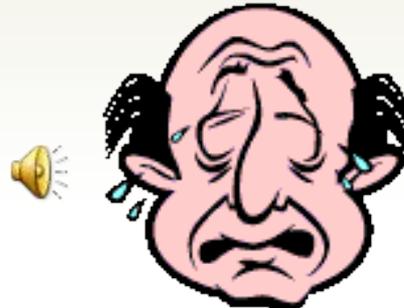




Oligarchic Gov't Citizen Participation

OLIGARCHY

- Gov't by the few (**a group**)  
- Sometimes a gov't in which a small group exercises control, especially for **corrupt** and **selfish** purposes
- Citizen has very **limited role**

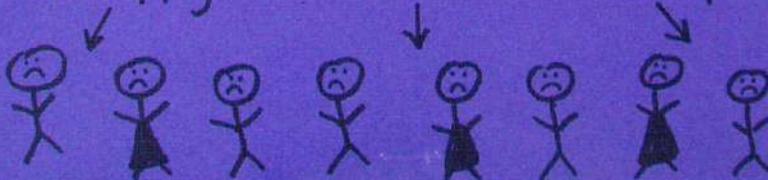


OLIGARCHY



a group of rulers
with all the power

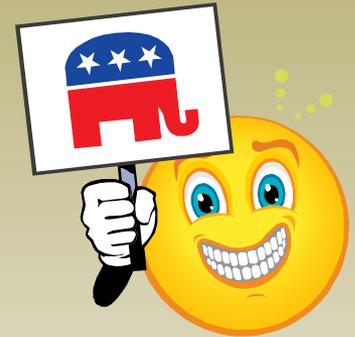
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Democratic Gov't Citizen Participation

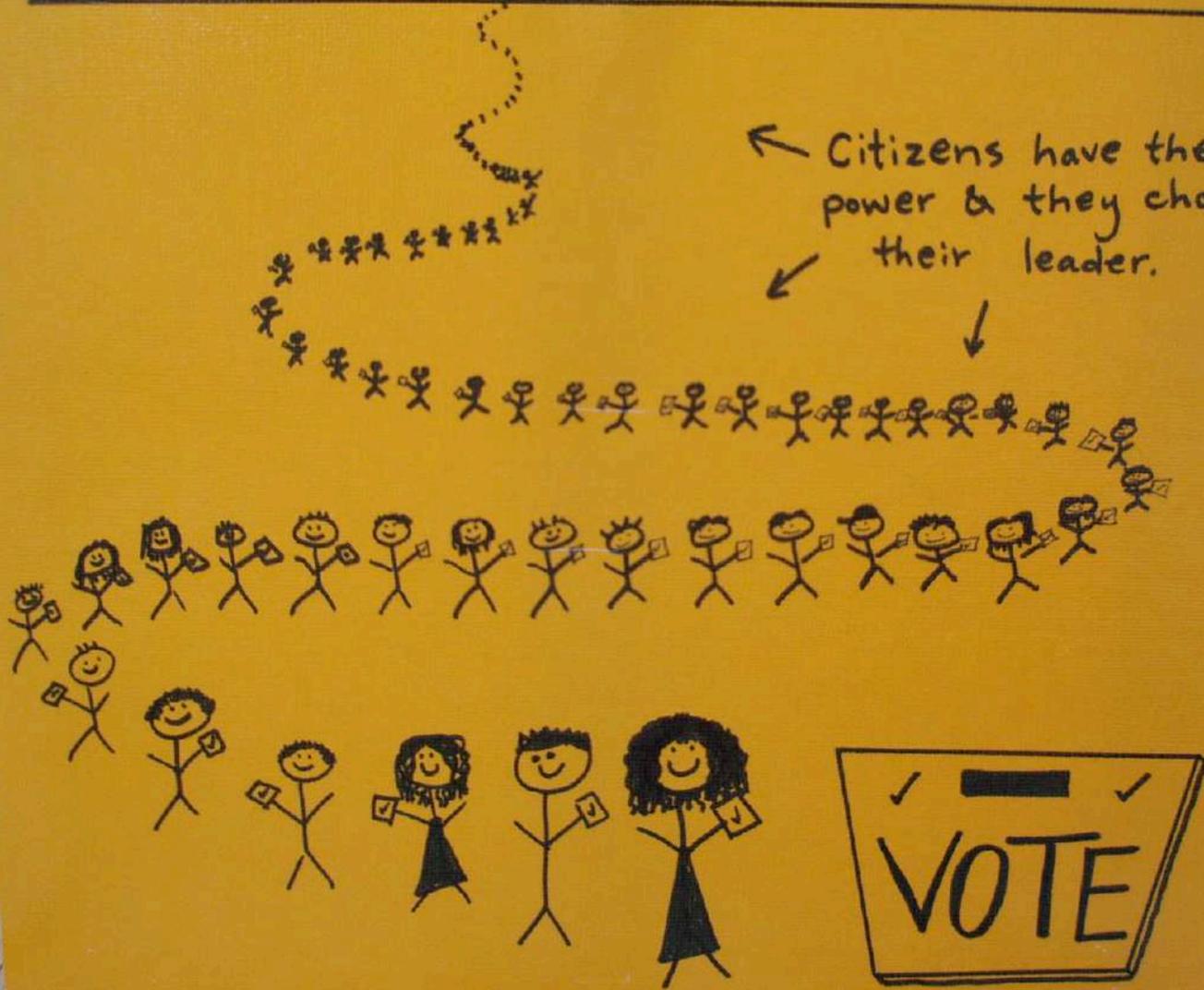
DEMOCRACY

- Gov't where people (citizens) have the power
- Citizens usually participate in free elections to choose their gov't representation (*REPUBLIC*)
- BrainPop



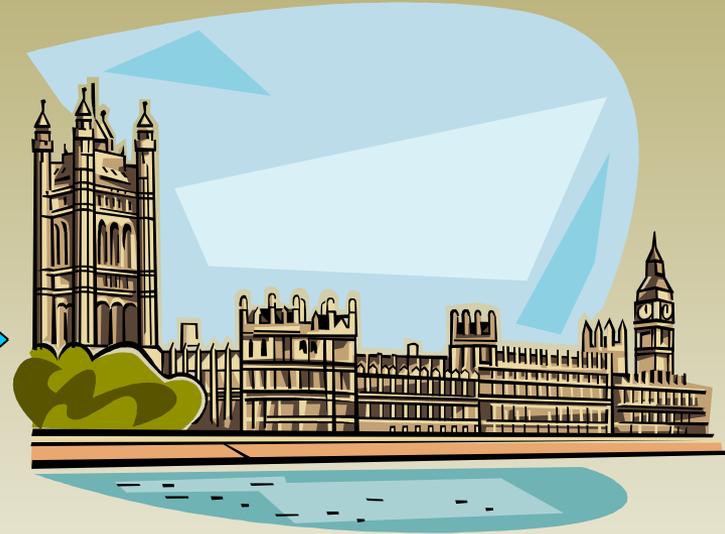
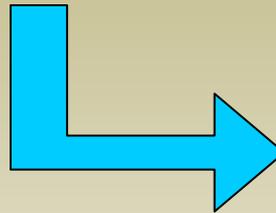
DEMOCRACY

← Citizens have the power & they choose their leader.

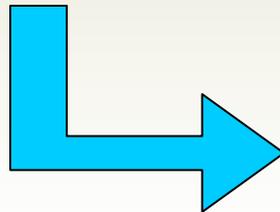


Two main forms of Democratic Gov'ts

- Parliamentary



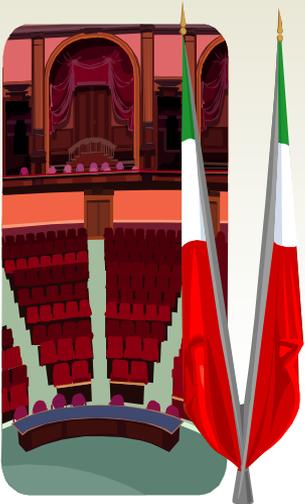
- Presidential





Legislature

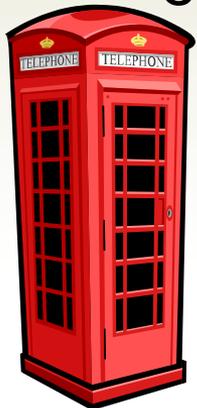
- Lawmakers
 - Examples
 - Congress (in USA)
 - Parliament (in many countries)
 - Bundestag (in Germany)





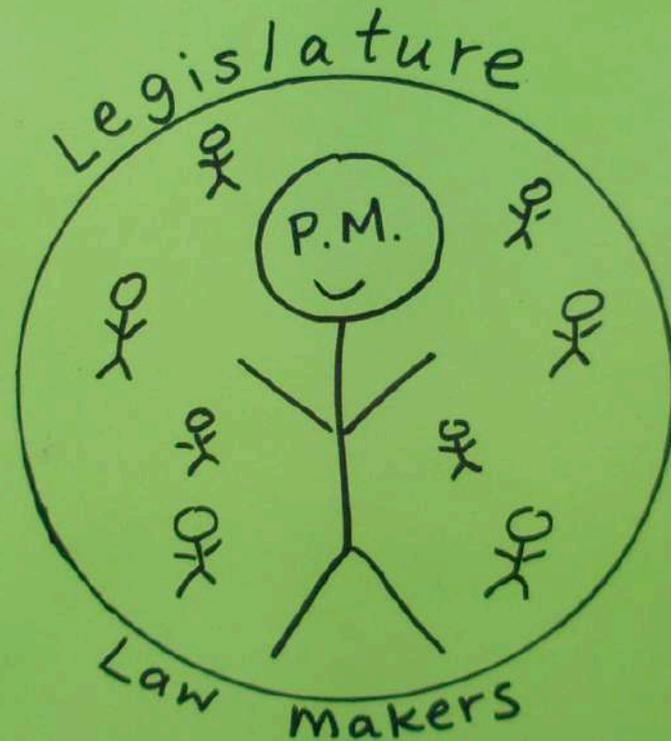
Parliamentary

- A system of gov't where **executive** power is held by members of **legislature**
- **Leader of the govt is PART of the legislature**
- Usually has a **prime minister** elected by the legislature



PARLIAMENTARY

democracy



*Executive power is part of the legislature

Constitutional Monarchy

(add this to your graphic organizer)

- Has a king/queen, but their power is limited by the constitution
- The king/queen has only ceremonial power.
- The real power is with the Parliament (legislature & Prime Minister)
- **EXAMPLES:**
 - United Kingdom
 - Canada
 - Australia



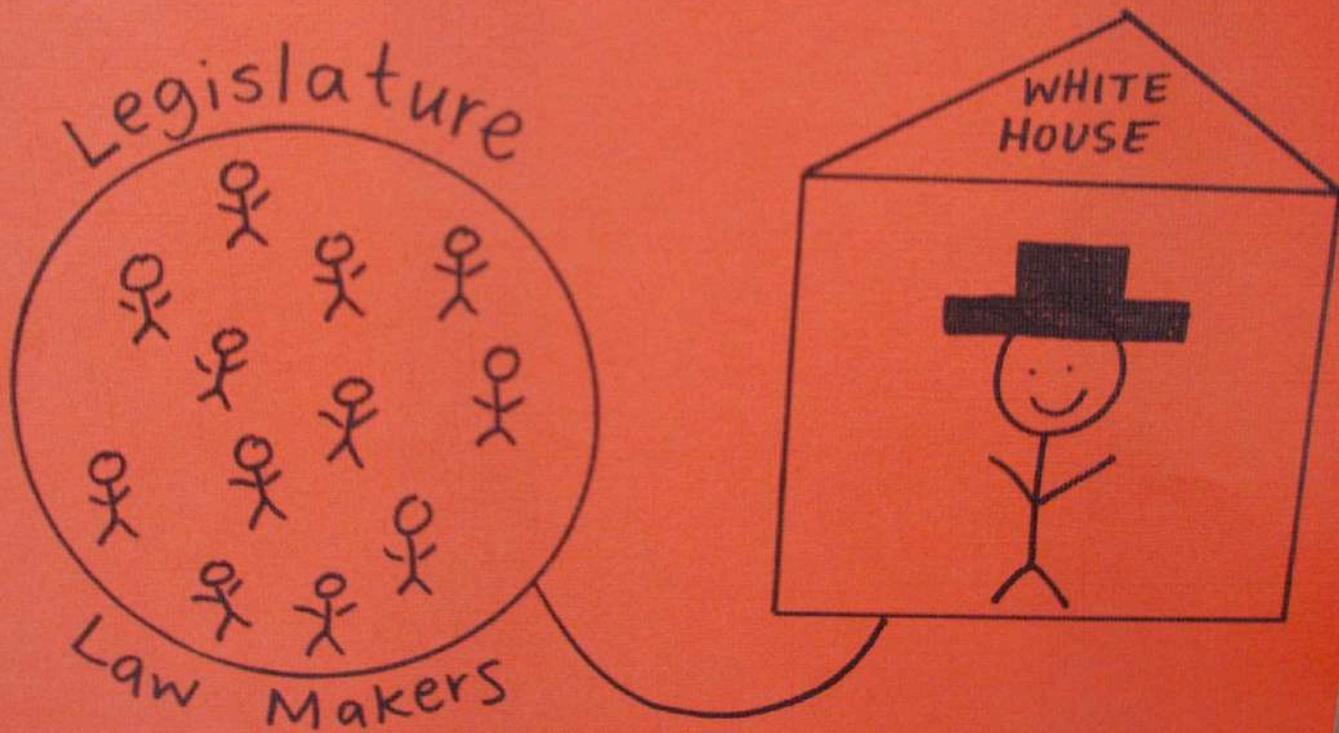
Presidential

- A system where the executive (**president**) is **independent of the legislature**
- President doesn't make laws, but can **encourage** legislature to create certain laws



PRESIDENTIAL

democracy



*Executive power is separate from the legislature



Neighbor Quiz!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- Using your basic vocab and/or government vocab, take turns quizzing your neighbor!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Whisper so your other neighbors can't hear!





THE END!