**Citizen Participation**

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|  | **Type of Rule** | **Who Holds the Power** | **Who Can Be Elected** | **Who Can Vote** | **Examples** |
| **Autocratic 🡪** | Single Ruler  Absolute Monarch  (taken through bloodline)  Dictatorship  (taken by military force) | Unlimited power for the ruler | No one- citizens have no choice in selecting a ruler | No citizen participation – no elections are held | Absolute Monarchs:  Czar Nicholas, Queen Elizabeth  Dictators:  Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini |
| **Oligarchic 🡪** | Small group of people | Group answers only to each other | No one outside the ruling group – the rulers are selected by the group | No citizen participation – leaders are chosen from within the ruling group and by the group | Many medieval governments were oligarchic |
| **Democratic 🡪** | Citizens of the country | The voters | Any citizen  (There are some restrictions like age, not in jail, etc.) | Any citizen  (There are some restrictions like age, not in jail, etc.) | France, Germany, USA |

**There are two types of democracies: a Parliamentary democracy and a Presidential democracy.**