

# Module 1: Government Foundations

## Topic 1 Content: Traditional Forms of Government

### Introduction



**Glover Mint:** Welcome to the show! In today's episode, we have our Foreign Correspondent in the studio to talk with us about how governments have developed around the globe. Here is Emily Airheart with Global Guide.

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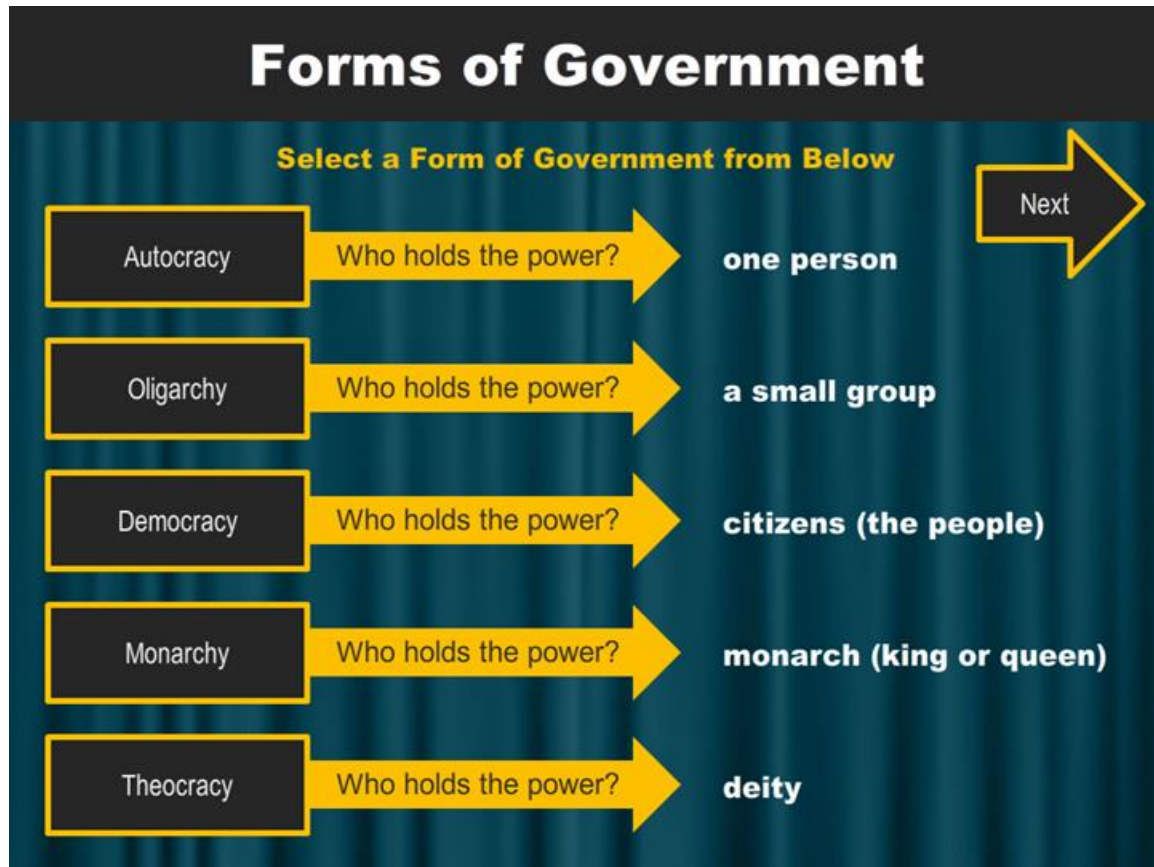
### Global Guide Introduction



**Emily Airheart:** Welcome to Global Guide. I'm your host, Emily Airheart. When you travel around the world like I do, you have the opportunity to experience a lot of different countries. You get to know the people and learn about their culture, including the types of governments they have established. During all of my travels, there is one thing that I have learned: different values, different understandings of authority and power, and different religions make for very different types of government.

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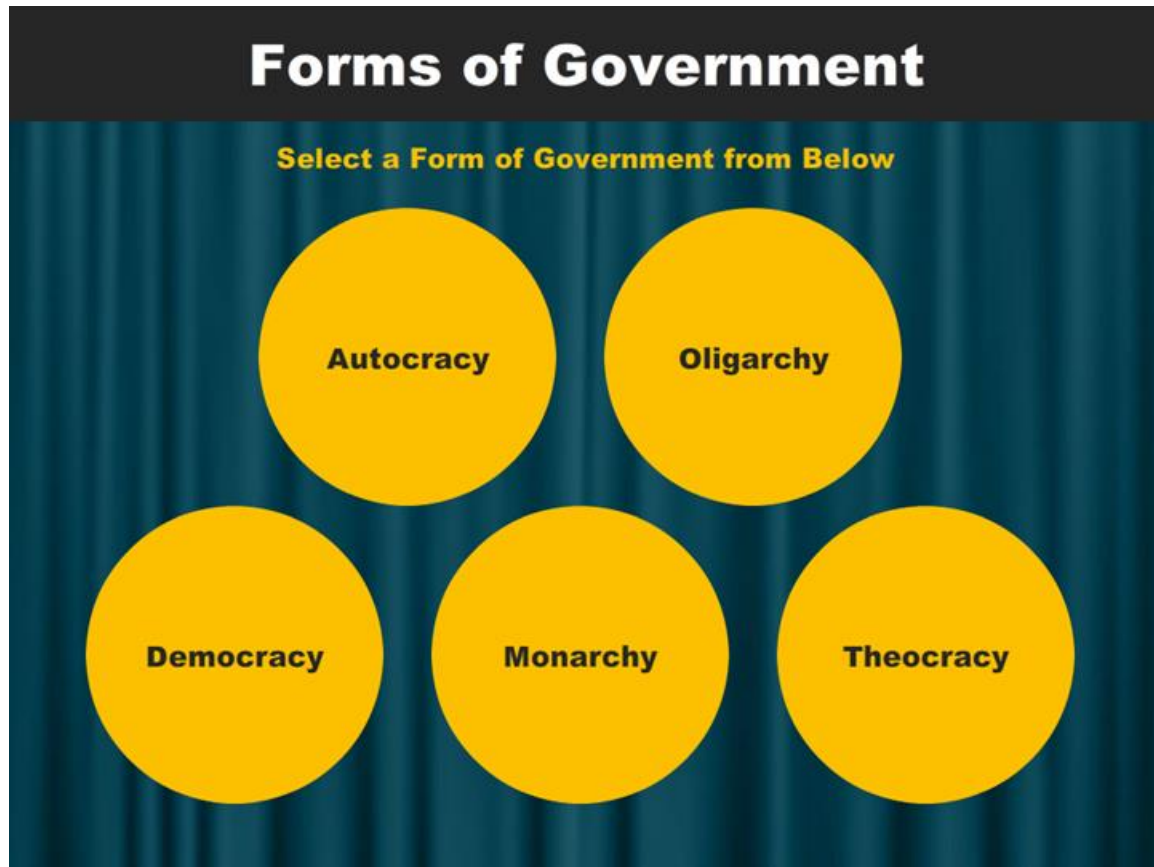
**Forms of Government**



**Emily Airheart:** There are many different types of governments around the world. Here are some of the governments that I have encountered during my travels.

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**Forms of Government II**



**Emily Airheart:** Now, let's dig a little deeper into the each of these types of government.

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**Autocracy**

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**one person**

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**Oligarchy**



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- Power is held by a small group of individuals.
- If the group has come into power based on wealth or position of privilege, the oligarchy is known as an **aristocracy**.
- If the group has come into power by force, the oligarchy is known as a **dictatorship**.

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### Democracy

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(the people)**

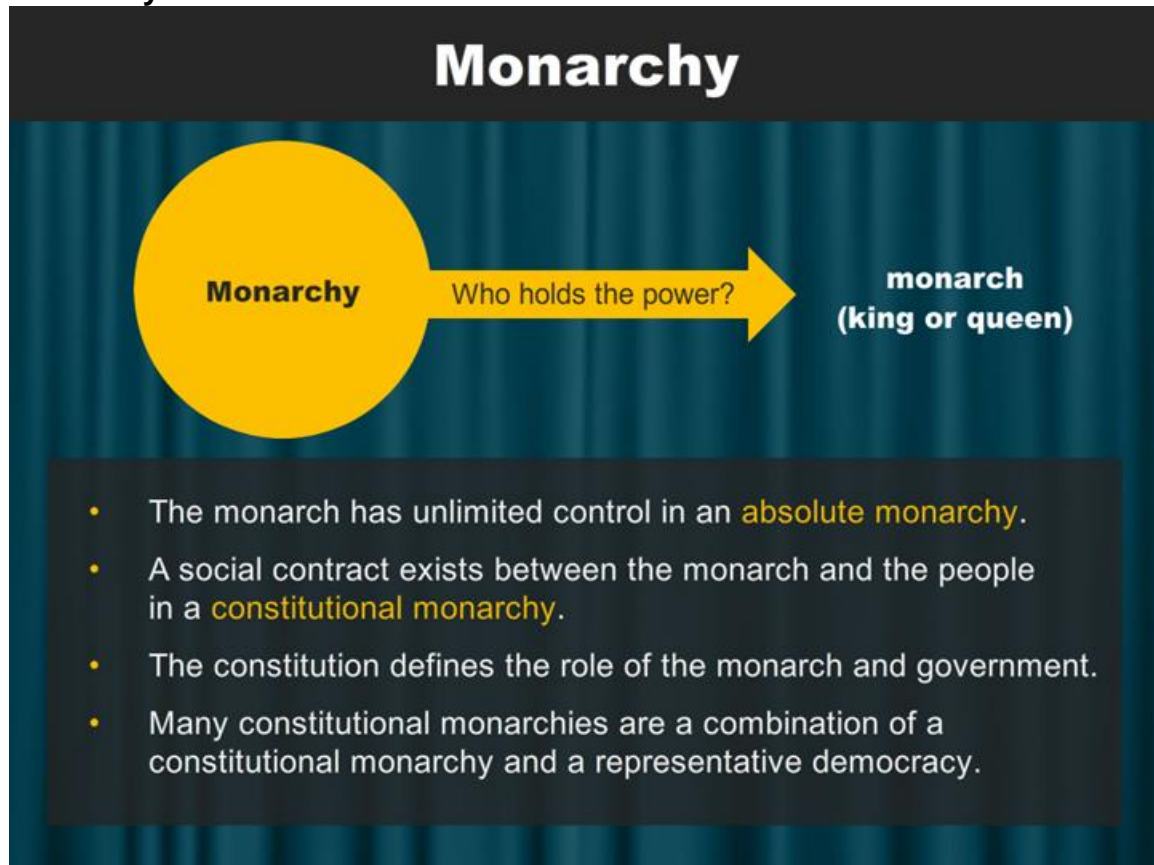
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### Monarchy



**Emily Airheart:** In a monarchy, power resides with a monarch, usually a king or queen. Power is inherited, or passed down, through a royal family.

In an absolute monarchy, the monarch has unlimited control of the government. The monarch holds all power and authority regarding government decisions.

In a constitutional monarchy, a social contract, or constitution, exists between the monarch and the people. The constitution defines the limits of the monarch and the role of the government.

It is important to note that many constitutional monarchies are actually a combination of a constitutional monarchy and a representative democracy.



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**Theocracy**

# Theocracy

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- A religious leader holds power by divine right from a deity.
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**Global Guide Conclusion**



**Emily Airheart:** This has been your Global Guide to the different forms of government found throughout the world. I'm Emily Airheart; thanks for joining me.

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Ending of Episode



**Demi Tracy:** Well, thank you, Emily! That was an interesting look into the different types of governments you have encountered during your travels. I hope you enjoy your next trip around the world!