

# Types of Governments

Purpose of gov't: To keep order, to protect society

**Theocracy: “God(s)” rule(s), or his/her  
“representatives”  
(Priests are ruling)**

Theocracies today: Vatican City, Iran (?)

**Monarchy: Rule by one with Absolute Power  
Hereditary (passed down through  
generations)**

**“Divine Right”** (appointed by god(s))  
Called “king,” “queen,” “sultan,” “emperor,” etc.

Absolute monarchies today:

Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Brunei, Swaziland

Constitutional monarchies today:

With a strong monarch: Bahrain, Bhutan, Jordan, Kuwait,  
Liechtenstein, Monaco, Morocco, Tonga, UAE

With a weak monarch: Andorra, the 16 countries of the British  
Commonwealth\*, Belgium, Cambodia, Denmark, Japan,  
Lesotho, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway,  
Spain, Sweden, Thailand

\* UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Belize, Papua New Guinea, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Bahamas, Barbados, Antigua & Barbuda, Grenada, Jamaica

**Egyptian Pharaohs considered themselves both  
god & king; people went along.**

**Pharaohs at the top of social pyramid (p. 156).**