



Oligarchy

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In his farewell address, the **US President** cautioned about the rising influence of an **oligarchy** in the US, where a **small group of billionaires** are **increasingly shaping public policy**.

- **Oligarchy:** A government dominated by a **small, influential group**. Power may or may not be distributed equitably.
 - It differs from democracy as **only a few individuals make decisions**.

Other Different Types of Government:

Monarchy	It is a government ruled by a hereditary leader , such as a king or queen. It can be: ▪ Absolute: The monarch has complete control over the government. Eg: Brunei, Eswatini and Oman. ▪ Constitutional: The monarch's powers are limited by a constitution or laws. Eg: Belgium, Cambodia and Thailand. ▪ Ceremonial: The monarch has symbolic or ceremonial duties with little political power. Eg: Britain
Theocracy	It is a system where the government is run by divine guidance or by officials (priests) who are considered divinely guided . Eg: Vatican City
Democratic and Republic	▪ Democracy is a political system in which the people or their elected representatives govern themselves. Eg: India, US. ▪ Republic Countries are a type of democracy where the head of state is elected, rather than being a monarch or hereditary ruler. Eg: India, France, and the US.
Anarchy	It means " no rule ," or a state of lawlessness, where no governing authority exists. Eg: As of 2025, no countries are recognized as true anarchist states. Historically, Somalia experienced a period from 1991 to 2006.
Dictatorship	A government led by a single ruler with complete control, often without regard for laws or constitutions. Eg: North Korea.

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