

Lesson 2.1 – Three Main Types of Governments

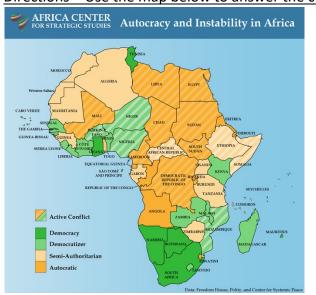
Although there are seemingly endless types of governments, they all fall into <u>3 main categories</u>: **Democracy, Hybrid, Or Authoritarian (Autocracy)**.

Democracies - Allow citizens to vote and hold power in government. There are presidential democracies and parliamentary democracies.

Hybrid - Give citizens some voting rights but not full power.

Authoritarian - Citizens are powerless and cannot vote.

<u>Directions – Use the map below to answer the corresponding questions.</u>





2.2 Parliamentary Democracies:

In a parliamentary democracy like in South Africa, there are three branches: the legislator (Parliament), the judiciary (the Courts), and the executive (Cabinet).

The Parliament is elected by the people. The Parliament chooses the President, who then chooses the other members of the Cabinet.

In parliamentary democracies, the public is encouraged to get involved in the decision-making processes. <u>Directions: Answer the following questions based on the video resource.</u>

What role do citizens play in electing officials?

How can they have an impact on their government?



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2.3 Presidential Democracies:

In a presidential democracy like in Nigeria and Kenya, there are three branches: the legislator (called the National Assembly in Nigeria, or Parliament in Kenya), the judiciary (the Courts), and the executive (Cabinet).

The people elect representatives who take direct part in the legislative decision-making process. The President is also elected by the people.

Both Kenya and Nigeria have been deemed "hybrid democracies" due to past election fraud and violence. Directions: After watching the video resource, answer the corresponding questions.

How long has Nigeria been a democracy?
What is special about this election?
What challenges are facing Nigeria?

2.4 Anarchy in Congo

A country in anarchy means there is not a government to keep order and peace.

Directions: After watching the video resource, answer the corresponding question.

Why is there a conflict in Congo? What concerns does the world have about the next election?







2.5 Effects of Government Instability

Government instability occurs when the leadership of a nation is constantly changing.

<u>Directions – After watching the video, answer the questions below.</u>
What is going on in Sudan?
What was supposed to happen following a 2021 coup d'état (violent overthrow of the government)?
2.6 Compare and Contrast the Governments of Africa Directions – Answer the following prompt by reflecting on what you learned in the previous sections.
In at least 4 sentences, compare and contrast authoritarian governments, presidential democracies, and parliamentary democracies based on what you learned in the previous sections (2.1-2.6).



2.2 – Video Link





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