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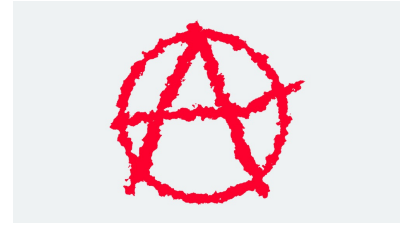
Forms of Government - Vocab Cards

anarchy]>

the absence of government or order in a country or organization.

In the Wild West of the American frontier, there was no real government, and people lived in a state of _anarchy_.

Antonyms: government



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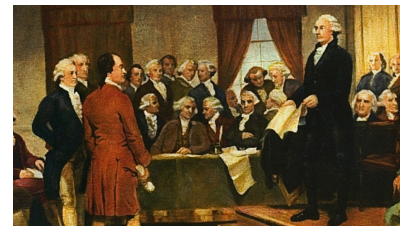
Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

constitution]>

the document that describes the principles and laws of a country, state, or organization.

When questions arise, the Supreme Court is tasked with interpreting the US _Constitution_ and determining what the basic laws of the country express.

Synonyms: charter, legislation



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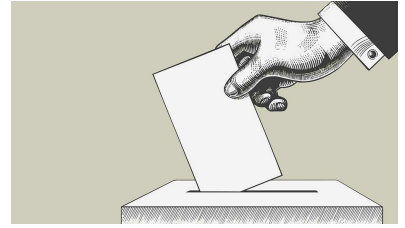
Draw this vocab word or an example of it:

democracy]>

a form of government in which power is held by the people, who vote to elect their representatives.

Elections where people choose who will represent them in government is a key characteristic of many _democracies_.

Synonyms: representative government



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dictatorship]>

a form of government in which one person holds absolute power.

Because he established a _dictatorship_ after coming to power, Adolf Hitler had complete control over Germany.



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direct democracy]>

a democracy in which the people, not their representatives, vote directly on government policy and initiatives.

I prefer _direct democracy_ because it allows citizens to vote on laws and policies as opposed to using elected representatives.



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monarchy]>

a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or queen.

Lesotho, a country in southern Africa, is ruled by a king. That makes it a _monarchy_.

Synonyms: kingdom, throne



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oligarchy]>

a form of government in which power is held by a small group of people.

A few wealthy families control all the key industries in that nation and rule as an _oligarchy_.

Synonyms: aristocracy



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representative democracy]>

a democracy in which elected or appointed representatives, not the people, vote on government policy and initiatives.

Since I live in a country with a _representative democracy_, I support politicians who share my beliefs and hope they will govern in accordance with my values.



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revolution]>

an attempt by many people to overthrow an established government or system.

The goal of the _revolution_ was to remove the corrupt government. That's why people had planned the rebellion.

Synonyms: revolt, coup, rebellion

Antonyms: calmness, order, harmony, stagnation



Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

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theocracy]>

a form of government in which a country is ruled by religious leaders.

Vatican City is an example of a Catholic _theocracy_. Its head is the pope, who is elected for life.



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