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How posters were graded:

1. Overall 'look' = effort
pictures, gluing
2. point-to-point comparison
Dem. citizens vote Dict. citizens can't vote
3. all info - daily life
4. info accurate
5. new govt. - some looked too much like democracy
6. Why new govt. would be better

Democracy

- govt does provide some health care, education, public assistance (welfare, unemployment)

Dictatorship

- govt provides above services (communism)

Monarchies: Absolute vs Constitutional

Dictatorship: autocracy (single ruler), unlimited govt., obtain & keep power through force

Theocracy: govt. leaders are thought to be ruled by God; one religion dominates; Vatican City, Ancient Egypt

Republic / Democracy: citizens vote for public officials, a president rules, no monarch

Communism: govt. controls all aspects of the country

Socialism: govt. owns large businesses, but there is private ownership (smaller businesses owned by people)

Oligarchy: rule by a few

Autocracy: rule by one

Monarchy: King or Queen rule, power passed by bloodline to heirs

Competing Political Parties

benefits:

- makes elections meaningful
- simplifies & focuses attention on key issues
- parties out of power serve as loyal opposition to party in office
(keep those in office responsible to the people)

Direct: people's vote goes to the candidate or issue, Only works in small countries where people can meet & discuss

Representative (Indirect)

people vote for someone to represent them & give the representative the power to make decisions about laws & govt.

Oligarchies & Dictatorships try to make it seem like people have a vote, but in fact:

- there's only one candidate
- they control outcome of the vote
- suppress political opposition through force or threats
- may have some type of legislature but only approve laws the dictator wants