

Popular government - is the idea that people could and should rule themselves rather than be ruled by others. This is the foundation of Greek Democracy but is not really a type of government. It is more of a philosophy

Greek Systems of Government

Monarchy - is a government by a royal family - in ancient Greece a King established a dynasty.

Autocracy - (rule by one person who has total control over all others)

Aristocracy - (government ruled by the wealthy or upper class) was comprised of the nobility, or landowning class that ruled the city-state.

Oligarchy - absolute rule by a few

Tyranny - (Tyrant) seized power, gaining popular support by promising to defend the poor from the aristocracy.

Democracy - the council of citizens helped form laws and limited the power of rulers.

Theocracy - government in which the clergy rules or in which a "god" is the civil ruler.

