

CIVICS IQ helps citizens gain a more in depth understanding of government, elections, and voting

All modern governments regulate the economy to some degree and provide some basic social services and infrastructure, plus law enforcement and military protection.



What do LABELS really mean?

CIVICS IQ: Are you wondering about the "labels" you may see on social media and hear from others? Here are broad definitions from the ©2020League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh that are reliable and trustworthy.

"LABELS" can reduce complex ideas to sound bytes that are misleading

No purely capitalist or communist economy exists in the world today. Capitalist US has Social Security and government-owned Postal Service. China allows some to keep some of the profits they earn.

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Political Systems

set the process for making government decisions (laws) for domestic and foreign policies that protect citizens and benefit the nation.

Economic Systems

What are a country's resources? How should goods/services be produced from those resources? How should goods and services be shared with citizens?

democracies

Who has the power?

Freedom of Speech

Majority Rule, Minority Rights

Leadership competes

Free and Fair Elections

Rule of Law and Human Rights

Active, Informed Citizens

authoritarian regimes

Who has the power?

One Ruler or Small Group

No Freedoms-Speech, Press, or Religion

Monarchies, Dictatorships

Theocracies, Oligarchies

socialism

- Major means of production (land, labor, capital, management) in hands of people through government
- More equal distribution of basic human services

communism

- No private ownership allowed
- Overthrows capitalism

capitalism

- Private ownership of the means of production (land, labor, capital, management) and individual economic freedom
- Free competition
- Supply and demand