

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

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What do LABELS really mean?

Are you wondering about the "labels" you may see on social media and hear from others? "LABELS" can reduce complex ideas to sound bites that are MISLEADING.

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

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.

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?

VS.

democracies

Who has the power?

Active, informed citizens

Freedom of Speech

Leadership competes

Free and Fair Elections

Rule of Law and Human Rights

Majority Rule, Minority Rights

authoritarian regimes

Who has the power?

One Ruler or Small Group

No Freedoms-Speech, Press, or Religion

Monarchies, Dictatorships

Theocracies, Oligarchies

socialism

The MAJOR means of both production and distribution of income/wealth are owned, managed, and controlled by the people directly, or through government

communism

Forcefully replaces private property and a profit-based economy with public ownership and communal control of the means of production and natural resources

capitalism

There is private ownership of the means of production (land, labor, capital, management) and individual economic freedom, including free competition based on supply and demand

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