

Review Political Systems

Political System	Characteristics	Example
Dictatorship Despot Absolutism Autocratic Authoritarian Totalitarian Tyrant		
Feudalism		
Monarchy		
Oligarchy		
Indirect Democracy Republic		
Direct Democracy		

Name: _____

- 1) A totalitarian society is one in which
- A) religious beliefs are supported by the government
 - B) the state is considered a servant of the citizens
 - C) citizens can publicly criticize the actions of the leaders
 - D) the government controls most aspects of life
- 2) One characteristic of a totalitarian state is that
- A) citizens are encouraged to criticize the government
 - B) the government controls and censors the media
 - C) several political parties run the economic system
 - D) minority groups are granted many civil liberties
- 3) One way in which Maximilien Robespierre, Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, and Saddam Hussein are similar is that these leaders *all*
- A) obtained their goals through the use of passive resistance
 - B) purged their nations of political opponents
 - C) followed the teachings of Karl Marx
 - D) supported the ideals of the European Enlightenment
- 4) **Speaker A:** "The majesty of the king is borrowed from God, who gives it to him for the good of the people. It is good for the people to be checked by a superior-force."
- Speaker B:** "Reason... teaches that all men are equal and independent, and that no one ought to harm another in his life, health, liberty, or possessions."
- Speaker C:** "My view is that it is desirable to be both loved and feared; but it is difficult to achieve both, and, if one of them has to be lacking, it is much safer to be feared than to be loved."
- Speaker D:** "The enjoyment of liberty, and even its support and preservation, consists in every man being allowed to speak his thoughts and lay open his sentiments."

Which two speakers would most likely support the idea of democracy?

- A) *B and D*
 - B) *A and B*
 - C) *B and C*
 - D) *C and D*
- 5) The Magna Carta, the Glorious Revolution, and the writings of John Locke *all* contributed to Great Britain's development of
- A) parliamentary democracy
 - B) ethnic rivalries
 - C) absolute monarchy
 - D) imperialist policies
- 6) "...Give Venezuela such an executive power in the person of a president chosen by the people or their representatives, and you will have taken a great step toward national happiness. No matter what citizen occupies this office, he will be aided by the Constitution, and therein being authorized to do good, he can do no harm, because his ministers will cooperate with him only insofar as he abides by the law. If he attempts to infringe upon the law, his own ministers will desert him, thereby isolating him from the Republic, and they will even bring charges against him in the Senate. The ministers, being responsible for any transgressions committed, will actually govern, since they must account for their actions..."

††Simon Bolivar, 1819

In this passage, which type of government is Simon Bolivar proposing for Venezuela?

- A) monarchy
- B) democracy
- C) dictatorship
- D) theocracy