

**Concept Comparison Table**

2. Overall Concept

**Types of Government**

1. Concept

**Democratic governments**

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**Authoritarian governments**

3. Characteristics

- leaders chosen in free, fair elections
- limited power
- citizens' rights & freedoms protected
- Rule of Law applies to all
- multiple parties compete for power

3. Characteristics

- leaders inherit their positions or take power by force
- unlimited power
- govt. may limit political, civic, & economic freedoms
- unequal enforcement of laws
- power lies in a single person's or a few people's hands

4. Like Characteristics

**Rule the country**  
**They have leaders, not anarchy**

5. Like Categories

**Governments lead the country**

6. Unlike Characteristics

- leaders elected
- limited power
- citizens vote
- law applies to everyone
- political parties nominate candidates

6. Unlike Characteristics

- leaders take or inherit power
- unlimited power
- citizens don't vote for real
- leader can do what they want
- no political parties except for leader's

7. Unlike Categories

- choosing leaders
- power
- voting
- laws
- political parties

8. Summary

**There are 2 types of governments: democratic and authoritarian. They are alike because they are both governments that lead their countries, but they have more differences than similarities. They select their leaders differently, the amount of power the leader has varies, whether people really make a choice when they vote or belong to political parties is different, and whether the leader has to follow the law is not the same.**

C communicate the targeted concepts  
O obtain the overall concept  
M make lists of known characteristics  
P pin down like characteristics  
A assemble like categories  
R record unlike characteristics  
I identify unlike characteristics  
N nail down a summary  
G Go beyond the basics

9. Extensions

**Based on our table, what type of government does the United States have? Support your answer with evidence.**