



Let's Review

Government Systems – Who has the power?

- Unitary--power is held by one central authority
- Confederation--association of independent states that agree to certain limitations on their freedoms by joining together
- Federal--power is divided between central authority & several regional authorities





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Government Types – how do citizens participate?

- Autocracy-- 1 person possesses unlimited power
 & citizens have limited role in government
- Oligarchy-- small group exercises control & citizens have limited role in government
- Democracy--supreme power is vested in the people & exercised by them directly or indirectly through a system of representation involving free elections





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Two Types of Democratic Governments:

- Parliamentary— citizens elect members of Parliament, and then the members select the leader
 - $\,\circ\,$ Leader works with or through the legislature
- Presidential--system of government in which the leader is constitutionally independent of the legislature; citizens directly elect leader
 Leader works separate from legislature



Federative Republic



Presidential Representative Democratic Republic

Brazil's National Congress Building



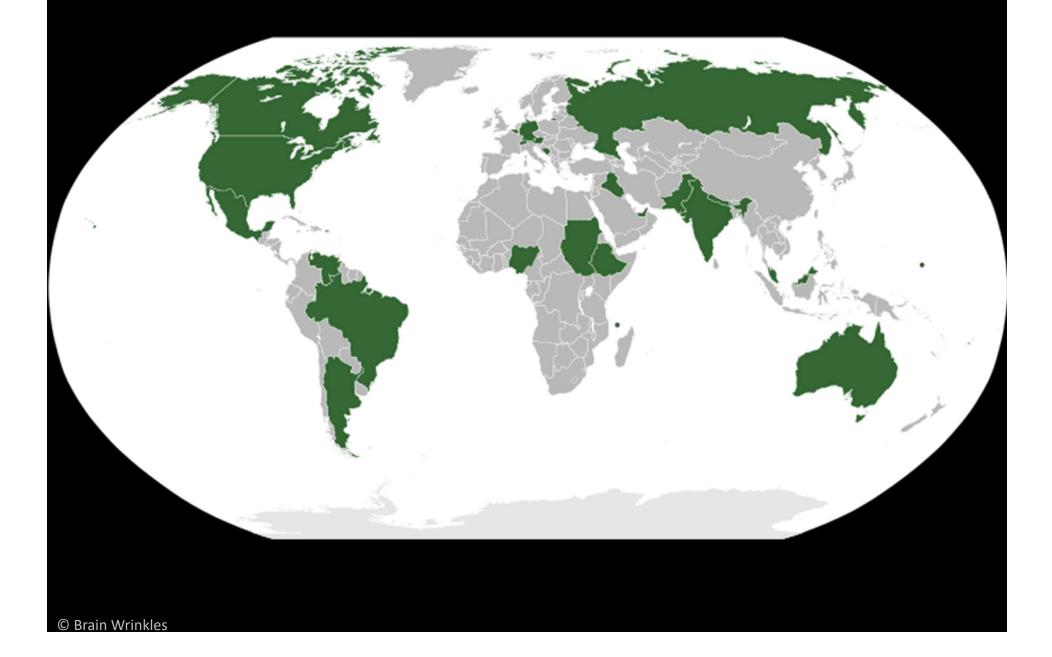


Federal System

- Brazil has a federal system, which means that the national government and the state governments SHARE power.
 - There are 26 states in Brazil.



Federal Governments







1. **President**: holds the most political power; the president is both the chief executive and the head of state.

2. Vice President: helps in the day-today running of the government; performs ceremonial duties.

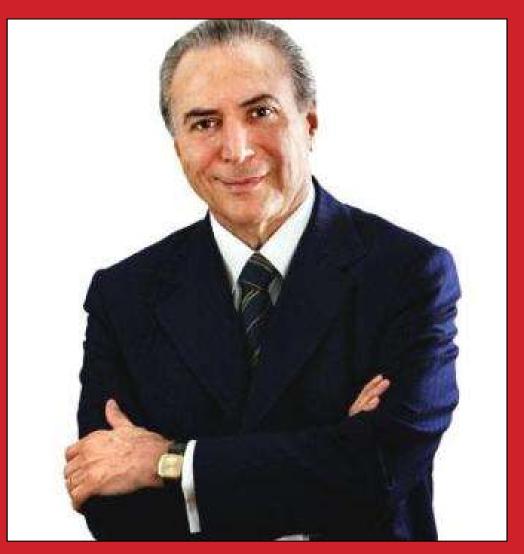


Dilma Rouseff



Brazil's President

Michel Temer



Brazil's Vice President

How Leaders Are Chosen

- **President:** elected by popular vote for a single four-year term
 - Vice President: runs on the same ticket as the president



Legislature

- The National Congress is the country's bicameral legislature.
- It consists of:

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- Senate (81 seats) 3 members elected from each state.
- Chamber of Deputies (513 seats) members are elected by proportional representation.
- Members serve four and eight-year terms.

Brazil's Senate





Presidential Democracy

- The citizens directly elect the president (every four years).
- The president works separately from Brazil's Congress.

Role of the Citizen

- Citizens have many freedoms and they also have the right to vote.
- Men and women who are 16 years of age may choose to vote, but citizens 18-70 are required by law to vote in national elections.
- Citizens can choose representatives from many political parties.

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Voting in Brazil



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Mexico's National Congress Building





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Federal System

- Mexico has a federal system, which means that the national government and the state governments SHARE power.
 - There are 31 states in Mexico.





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President: holds the most political power; the president is both the chief executive and the head of state.



Enrique Pena Nieto



Mexico's President



How Leaders Are Chosen

 President: elected by popular vote for a single six-year term



Legislature

- The National Congress of Mexico is the country's bicameral legislature.
- It consists of:
 - Senate (128 seats) elected by popular vote to serve six-year term.

2. Chamber of Deputies (500 seats) – members elected by popular vote to serve three-year terms.



National Congress Chamber





Presidential Democracy

- The citizens directly elect the president (every six years).
- The president works separately from Mexico's Congress.

Role of the Citizen

- Citizens of Mexico have many freedoms, and they also have the right to vote.
- It is universal and compulsory (but not enforced) that citizens who are 18 or older vote in national elections.
- There are many political parties in Mexico.



Voting in Mexico





Capitol Building in Havana, Cuba





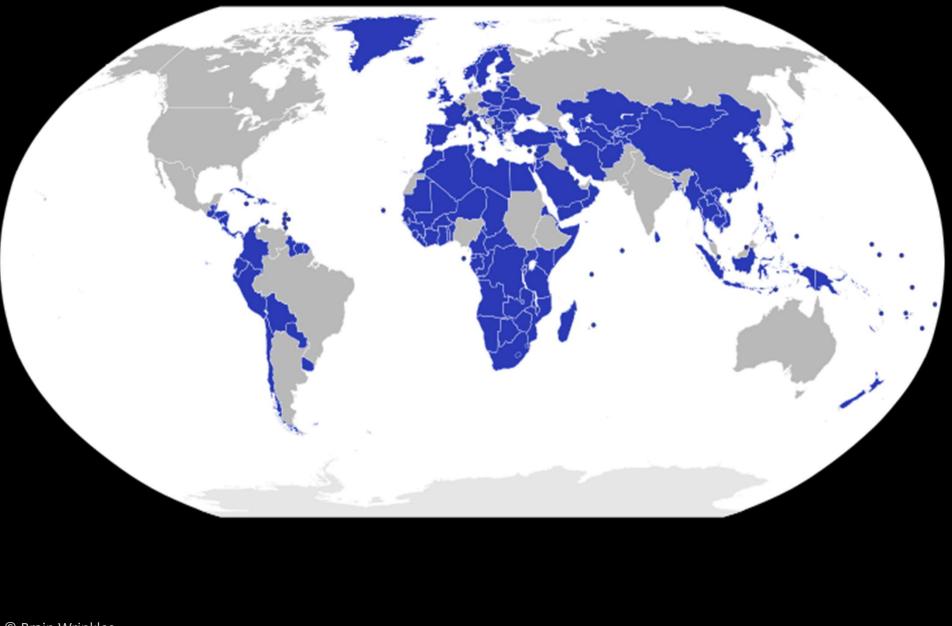
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Unitary System

- Cuba has a unitary system, which means that the national (central) government holds all of the power.
 - The provinces are under central government control.
- There are 15 provinces in Cuba.



Unitary Governments





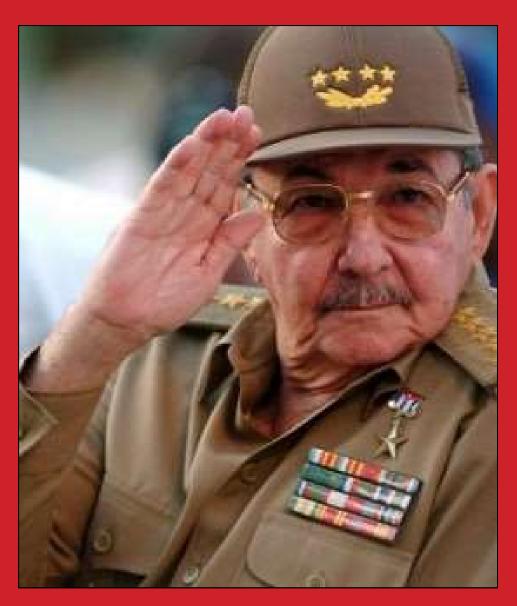
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President: holds the most political power; the president is both the chief executive and the head of state.



Raul Castro



Cuba's President

How Leaders Are Chosen

- President: elected* by National Assembly for a five-year term.
 - *Cuba's Communist Party is the only legal party, and officially sanctioned candidates run unopposed.





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Legislature

- The National Assembly of People's Power is the country's unicameral legislature.
- The number of seats is based on Cuba's population.
 - As of the most recent election in 2016, there were 612 seats.
- Candidates are selected and approved by the government before the people can vote for them.
- Members serve five-year terms.



Cuba's National Assembly



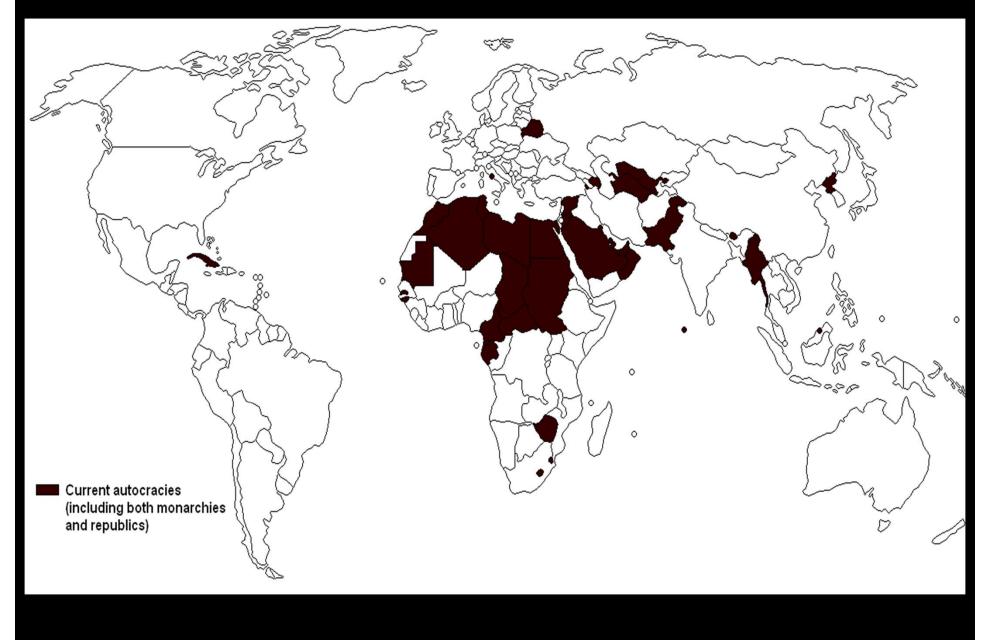




- Cuba has been an autocratic dictatorship since Fidel Castro used military force to overthrow the government in 1959.
- Since this time, there has been one leader (Fidel or Raul) who holds unlimited power over the country.
- Even though citizens get to "vote", they do not get to select the candidates or make the laws.



Autocratic Governments



Role of the Citizen

- Citizens have few freedoms.
- Men and women aged 16 and over may choose to vote, but have few choices.
- There is only one political party (the Communist Party) that is allowed in Cuba.
 - It has been controlled by Fidel Castro and his brother, Raul, since 1959.



Voting in Cuba



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