

Types of Democracy

SS6CG1b. Describe the two predominant forms of democratic governments: parliamentary and presidential.

Parliamentary Democracy

A system of government having the real executive power vested in a cabinet composed of members of the legislature who are individually and collectively responsible to the legislature.

May have a Prime Minister elected by the legislature.

Presidential Democracy

A system of government in which the president is constitutionally independent of the legislature.

The executive branch exists separately from the legislature (to which it is generally not accountable).