

Government is a system of people and rules for managing a community or country. A government can cover a community of many different sizes, including small towns, large cities, counties, states, and nations. It is similar to the modern government in the United States, where senators, congressmen, and other leaders represent large groups of people from their home states and regions. However, in a democracy the people choose their leaders, and if they feel they are not being represented, they can elect new representatives. On the other hand, the earliest form of democracy in ancient Greece was not entirely democratic, because it did not represent all the people. There are even organizations that serve as governing bodies over many countries. The earliest form of democracy was in ancient Greece. Only the rich landowners could vote, and women and slaves were not considered citizens. The United Nations represents the entire world. In some cases, Greek towns were so small that the entire population would gather together to decide on issues of government. But in the large Greek city-states, the people were ruled by a small group who represented them in the affairs of government. Representative democracy may seem like aristocracy, because only a few people manage the government. Governments set the laws and make sure the laws are followed. This type of government is known as a representative democracy.