



Why a Constitutional Republic?:
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Forms of Government
VIDEO VIEWING GUIDE

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Republic, Direct Democracy, and Oligarchy

Question	List Specific Evidence from the Video	Complete Sentence
1. What is meant by the phrase 'form of government'?		
2. Explain the three basic powers of all governments.	legislative power	
	executive power	
	judicial power	
3. How do we define 'republic'?		
4. What is another name for a republic?		
5. How is power limited in a republic?		
6. How does a direct democracy differ from a representative democracy?		

7. How is Florida's amendment process an example of direct democracy?		
8. How do we define 'oligarchy'?		
9. What is an example of an oligarchy?		

Practice: For each of the scenarios below, identify the type of government being described.

Scenario	Type of Government
In the United States, citizens elect representatives to federal, state and local government positions. These representatives make decisions for the people.	
In Russia, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, many of the most important decisions are made by a small group of very wealthy people.	
Some Native American tribes organize themselves by having all male adult members of the tribe vote to make changes to the laws.	