

# POLITICS

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A political system is comprised of a group of leaders who regulate the laws, economics, and well-being of their country. In your world, the leaders have been chosen by the people (Democracy), appointed (Communism), thrust upon the people (Dictatorship), chosen by the church (Theocracy), inherited (Monarchy), or any blend of these methods. Such terms as Oligarchy, Socialism, Totalitarianism, Republic-- as well as myriad others--- are also used to describe various types of governments. Most of your political systems today, however, cannot really be described by a simple term--as they are all hybrids and combinations of more than one of these methods.

So, which system is best? That is a difficult question. There are so many different cultures on Earth, that a government which works well with an American Eskimo may not be appropriate for a devout Muslim from Iraq. However, because your Earth has finally entered the "Information Age" your technology has made almost every culture easily accessible to all others. No country lives in isolation anymore. As time goes on, the various peoples on Earth will become more and more alike in their fashions, eating habits, and even ideals. This is not a bad thing---even though most elderly Humans will nostalgically disagree. Holding on to ancient traditions and outdated methods of everyday life, although quaint and historically important, are nonetheless detrimental to the ultimate survival of the Human Race.

Cultural and religious differences should not be allowed to interfere with government rule. In order to eliminate wars, violence, poverty and social inequities, there must be one World Government. This is an inevitable political evolution that will become increasingly obvious and necessary in the "not so distant" future. It will have to be a fair and just government in which wealth and power are subjugated to Humanitarian beliefs. It has been said that a Philosopher King or Benevolent Dictator would be the best and most efficient form of ruler. But in reality the World Government must be accomplished by committee. Your United Nations, although ineffective in its present form, is a step in the right direction.

Note: Until Humans understand the need for a unified world political system--and STOP killing each other because of cultural and religious differences....there will be no Alien contact.