**The Political Institution**

**Lesson Objectives**

1. Describe how the exercise of power varies by type of government.
2. Describe the major characteristics of the U.S. political system.

**Vocabulary**

Define:

Power

State

Political institution

Democracy

Monarchy

Constitutional monarchy

Democratic Socialism

Authoritarianism

Absolute monarchy

Dictatorship

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**1. What are 4 ways people may participate in politics?**

**2. What are the characteristics of who participates and why?**

**3. What factors have led to declining voter turnout?**