

## Critical Attributes of Limited/Unlimited Governments

Limited Government (democratic)	Unlimited Government (totalitarian)	Attribute Statement
		The general public has no input into decisions that are made by the national government.
		People, through representative elections, choose government leaders.
		Those who have political power achieved that power without being chosen by the majority of the people in an open election.
		People, directly or through elected representatives have influence over national/state policy.
		The government strictly regulates the private lives of individual citizens.
		There are government (often secret) police that help control individuals and keep them from free speech or action.
		People have choice in the religion they practice.
		People can choose to work where they want.
		Laws are applied fairly to all people.
		The government makes all of the laws without asking anyone else.
		Curriculum in the schools is controlled totally by the government and is taught without much discussion or difference of opinion.
		People cannot be jailed or imprisoned without “due cause” and evidence against them.
		People have rights to skilled legal assistance and a fair, impartial hearing when one is charged with breaking a law.
		The rule of the majority is important.
		Minority rights, even when they conflict with the government, are protected.
		People have few rights to privacy.
		Individual opinions about things are accepted and encouraged.
		People can assemble peacefully, request policy changes by the government and expect a positive government response.
		Government leaders are not held accountable for the well-being of the citizens in their country.
		People who disagree with the policies/ideas of the government are often treated harshly.

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