

Monarchy

Culture Talk

What is Monarchy?



- act as head of state
- does not necessarily mean that the rule is passed from family member to another family member

Monarchy Around the World

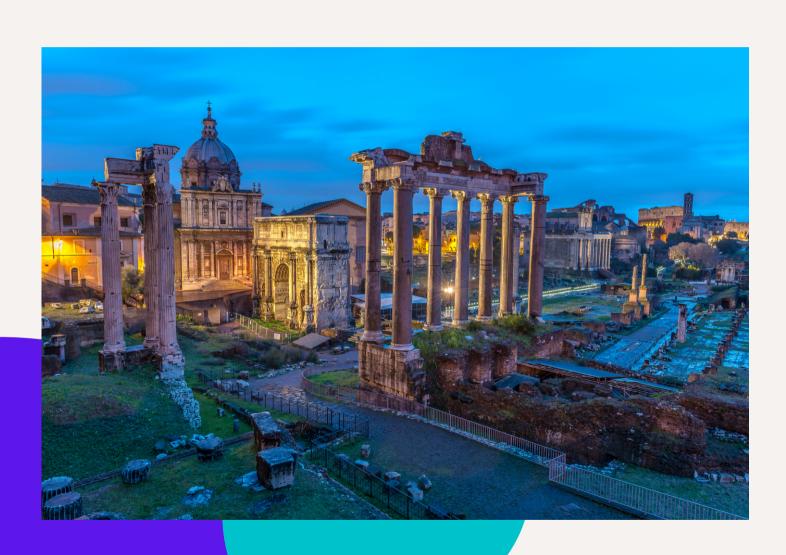


History of Monarchy





Development of Monarchy



- served as the form of government for several Indigenous tribes
- several civilizations implemented monarchy as a form of government, such as Egyptian Pharaohs and the kings in early Mesopotamia.
- It was also common for monarchies to evolve from small city-states, such as the Roman empire.



Middle Ages

- ruler of the kingdom was viewed as the chosen leader by God
- rise of feudalism led to increased stratification between the king, aristocrats, and people.
 - spread to Japan
- with the rise of Islam, caliphates were developed and Islam helped shape the law of those caliphates.



Competition

- Monarchies became more competitive during the Renissance due to the increase in colonization by European powers.
- Absolute monarchy was prominent in other European countries, such as France.
- However, monarchy in certain countries would not last that long.
 - France's monarchy was shortly toppled by the French Revolution.
 - The Russian monarchy was dissolved by the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917.
 - Chinese monarchy ended in 1912

Monarchy Today



- Today, monarchies, particularly in Europe, follow the form of constitutional monarchy in which the monarch and the family do not have a political power to make decisions
- In the Middle East, monarchies still follow the traditional form of a monarchy and the leader of the monarchy is also the head of the government.