

# **Authoritarianism vs. Democracy**

A comparison

# How To Read This Presentation

- Each slide describes an aspect of government.
- The bullets written in red describe authoritarian or totalitarian systems.
- The bullets written in white represent democratic elements.

# Extent of Government Power

- Authoritarian:
  - Government is not limited.

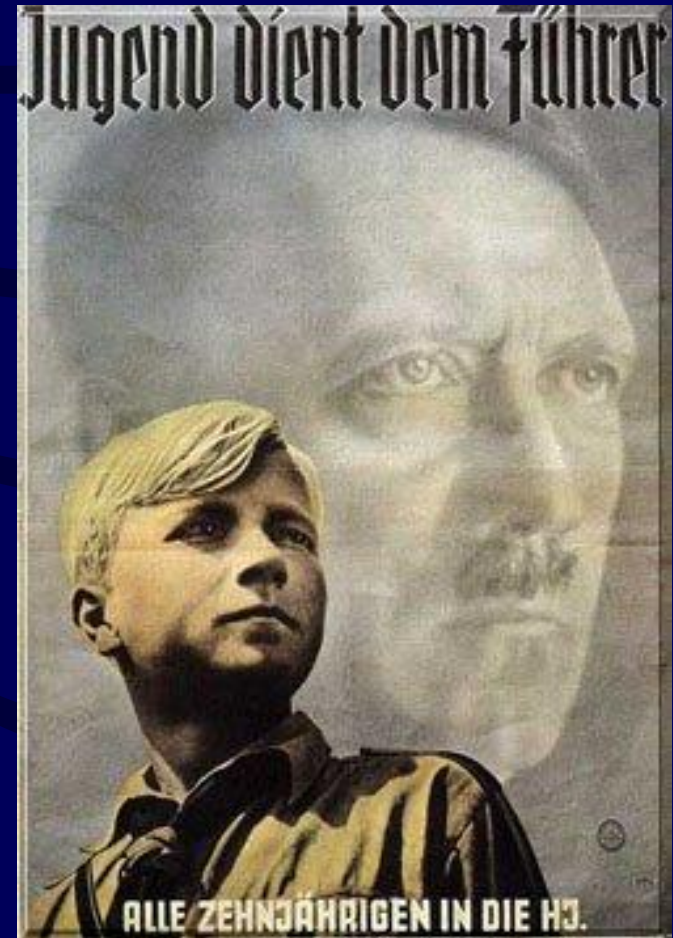


- Representative Democracy
- Government is limited by the consent of the people (republic)



# Control of Power

- Power is held by an individual or small group (junta or group of generals)
- Power is exercised by elected officials who are chosen by ballot.



# Civil Liberties and Rights

- Rights are not guaranteed in practice.
- Liberties and rights are guaranteed by a constitution.

# Elections

- **Elections do not offer a choice. Single party system is in effect.**
- Elections offer a choice of candidates with differing ideas, usually in a two- or multi-party system.



# Rule of Law

- **Government does not always follow rule of law.**
- **Government and people are under the rule of law.**



# Maintaining Order

- Force or threat of force are used frequently to keep peace.
- Orderly demonstrations are legal and protests are guaranteed by law.
- Force is used only to restrain the disorderly.

