Chart: Authoritarianism vs. Democracy

| | Principle | Authoritarian | Representative Democracy |
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| 1. | Extent of Government Power | Government is not limited. | |
| 2. | Control of Power | | Power is exercised by elected officials who are chosen by ballot. |
| 3. | | Rights are not guaranteed in practice. | |
| 4. | Elections | | |
| 5. | | | Government and people are under the rule of law. |
| 6. | | Force or threat of force is used frequently to keep peace. | |