

**Principles of democracy**

Rule by the people through representative institutions and elected officials.

Succession by contract between ruler-elect and the people.

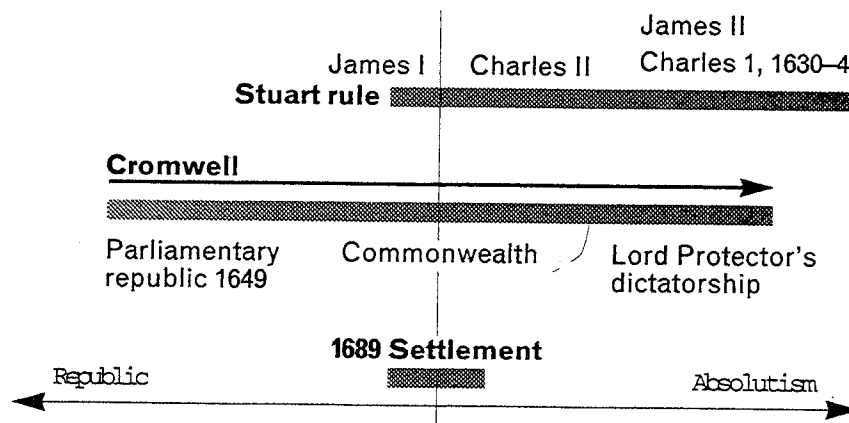
Rule by code of law (constitutional government) which limits the powers of all, including the ruler.

Rights and freedoms of citizens stressed against those of the ruler or the state.

Tendency to decentralization of power, and growth of regional and local institutions.

**Ancient models:** Athens, Roman Republic.

**England's shifting political system, 17th century**



**Principles of monarchy**

Rule of one man (monarch, despot, autocrat) through appointed officials.

Succession by Divine Right, or self-nomination: the hereditary principle.

Ruler's will is supreme. 'Law' is equivalent to the 'ruler's decree'.

Rights of ruler stressed over those of the ruled.

Tendency to centralization of power and atrophy of regional and local authorities.

**Ancient models:** Sparta, Persia, Roman Empire.