

Learning Activity #6

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A parliamentary system or parliamentary democracy is a system of democratic governance of a state where the executive derives its democratic legitimacy from its ability to command the confidence of the legislature, typically a parliament and is also held accountable to that specific parliament. In a parliamentary system, the head of state is typically a person distinct from the head of the government. This is in comparison to a presidential system, where the head of state often is also the head of government and most importantly where the executive does not derive its democratic legitimacy from the legislature. In conclusion to this, countries with parliamentary democracies may be constitutional monarchies, where a monarch is the head of state while the head of government is almost always a member of parliament, such as Denmark, Japan, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

Currently in Israel, they're heading for the third election in less than a year after politicians fail to form a government once again. In March Israelis will return to the polls after a deadline expired for lawmakers to come to an agreement on the formation of a new government and who would lead it. Unless there are some fundamental changes made in the race there is a little indication that a third round of voting will do anything to unclog the current political state.

Personally, I don't think this is a great idea. I think that the current way the United States runs its government is put together fairly nicely. Of course, every government is going to

have flaws with in and I personally think that every government is corrupt in some way; but for the most part I think the way our country is running is going pretty nicely and that we don't need to make any significant changes to how we are up and running currently.