

# Types of Colonial Rule (Khapoya, p.127)

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## 1 Indirect (British)

- The British were very clear that Africans could never be British unlike the French.
- Very few British civilians to look over their colonies.
- As long as the British received their resources they didn't interfere with existing ethnic groups and power structures.

## 2 Direct (French)

- France wanted to bring their colonies into the larger French culture as long as their subjects took part in their culture.
- Unlike the British, the French would intervene in African power structures to complement French culture.
- The British arguably had a better track record than the French in terms of development because the British left cultures in tact allowing for easier development. The British were also more focused on infrastructure and education. The British were not trying to create black Britain like France.
- Portugal and Italy also had a system similar to this.

## 3 Company (Belgian)

- Belgian Congo.
- Probably the most brutal of all the models, the Belgian king gave the corporate powers in charge free rein to exploit the Congo without any regulation.
- Business interests took over completely.

## 4 Indirect Company (Brittish Variant)

- Rhodesia is an example.
- These colonies were a buffer around South Africa to defend it from other colonizers.
- These colonies were called protectorates and were "protected" from other colonizers.
- The Brittish had even less interference in these colonies as their indirect ones. This is due to them being inland and more costly to govern.