

## Revolution and Ocracy

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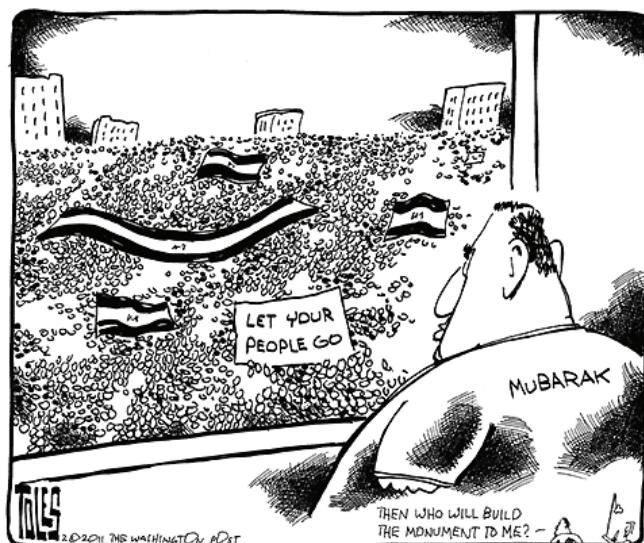
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**Tom Toles** | *On the Revolution in the Middle East*

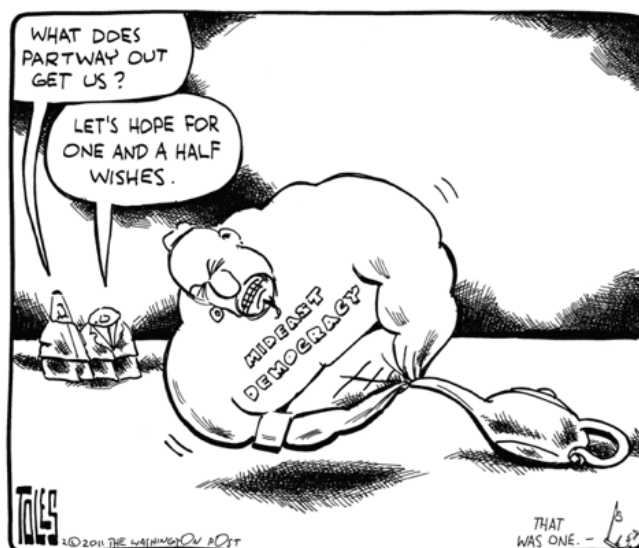
The *Washington Post* editorial cartoonist Tom Toles comments on local, national and international events. Many of his visual commentary in 2011 focused on the protests in the Middle East — the protestors, their impact and reaction to them.

Read each of the cartoons, noting the dates they were published. On what event is Toles giving a perspective in each cartoon? Explain the allusions and symbols in each image. What is Toles' point of view?

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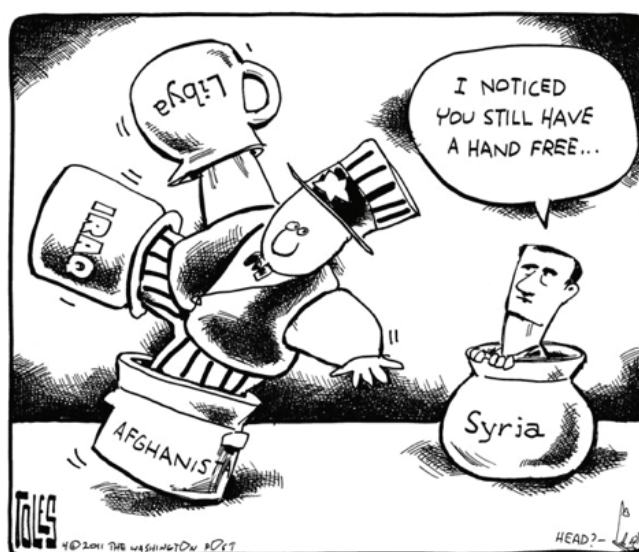
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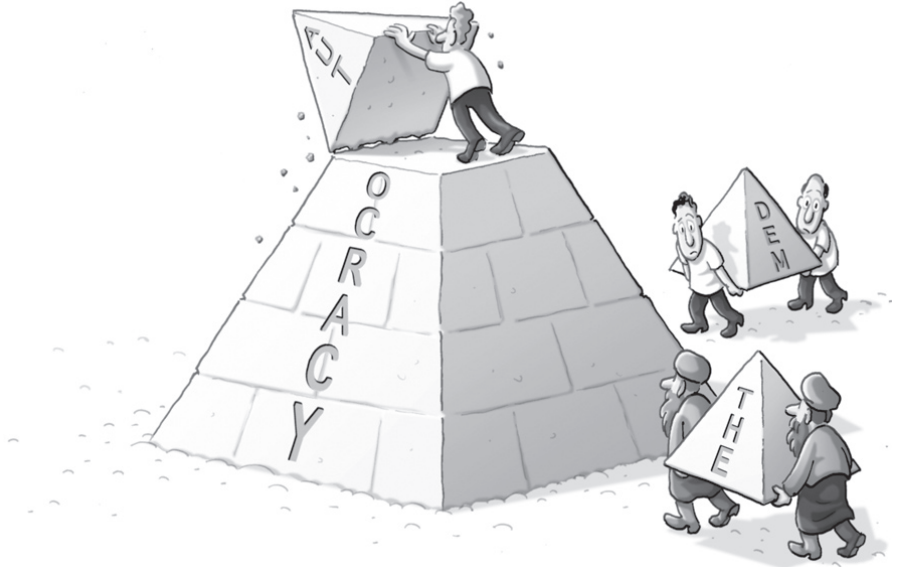


## WordStudy

# The Power of Ocracy

The form of government under which one lives influences everyday life. The type of leadership can determine whether citizens thrive or merely survive. Likewise, the relationship of citizens, business, economy, and leaders are impacted by the form of governing by a particular sort of people or according to a particular principle.

Many words that distinguish types of government are based on the Greek words *ocracy* and *cracy*, meaning “power,” “rule” and “government.”



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The Greek root *demo-* means people. When combined with the suffix *-cracy*, the word “democracy” is formed — government by the people. When the Greek root, *theo-*, meaning God, is combined with *-cracy*, theocracy, government by religious law or divine rulers is formed. Closely related to *cracy* are the Greek suffix *-archy*, meaning “rulership” and *archos*, meaning ruler. For example, “autarchy” and “autocracy” both mean government by an absolute ruler or despot.

Test your knowledge of words formed from a root word and the suffixes *-ocracy* and *-archy*.

1. Vatican City is an example of a paparchy. Who is the head of this government?
2. In *Lord of the Flies* the form of government created by the boys might be described as a paedarchy. What does this root mean?
3. Who is a patriarch? Who is a matriarch?
4. “Anarchy,” *anarchia* in Latin, is composed in Greek of *an-* + *archos* (ruler), having no ruler. What is an anarchist?
5. A less known term for a type of government is “argentocracy.” If the root word, *argent*, means silver, what might be the power behind this form of government?

6-15. Countries may have many forms of government. If you know that a decade is ten years, then you know that a “decadarch” is a commander of ten and a “decarchy” is a ruling body of ten.

When you think of a mob, you think of chaos or no respect for other’s rights. “Mob” was first used in the 1680s to describe the “disorderly part of the population,” In the mid-1700s, “mobocracy” appeared in print to relate mob rule, those without respect for law or rights had taken control.

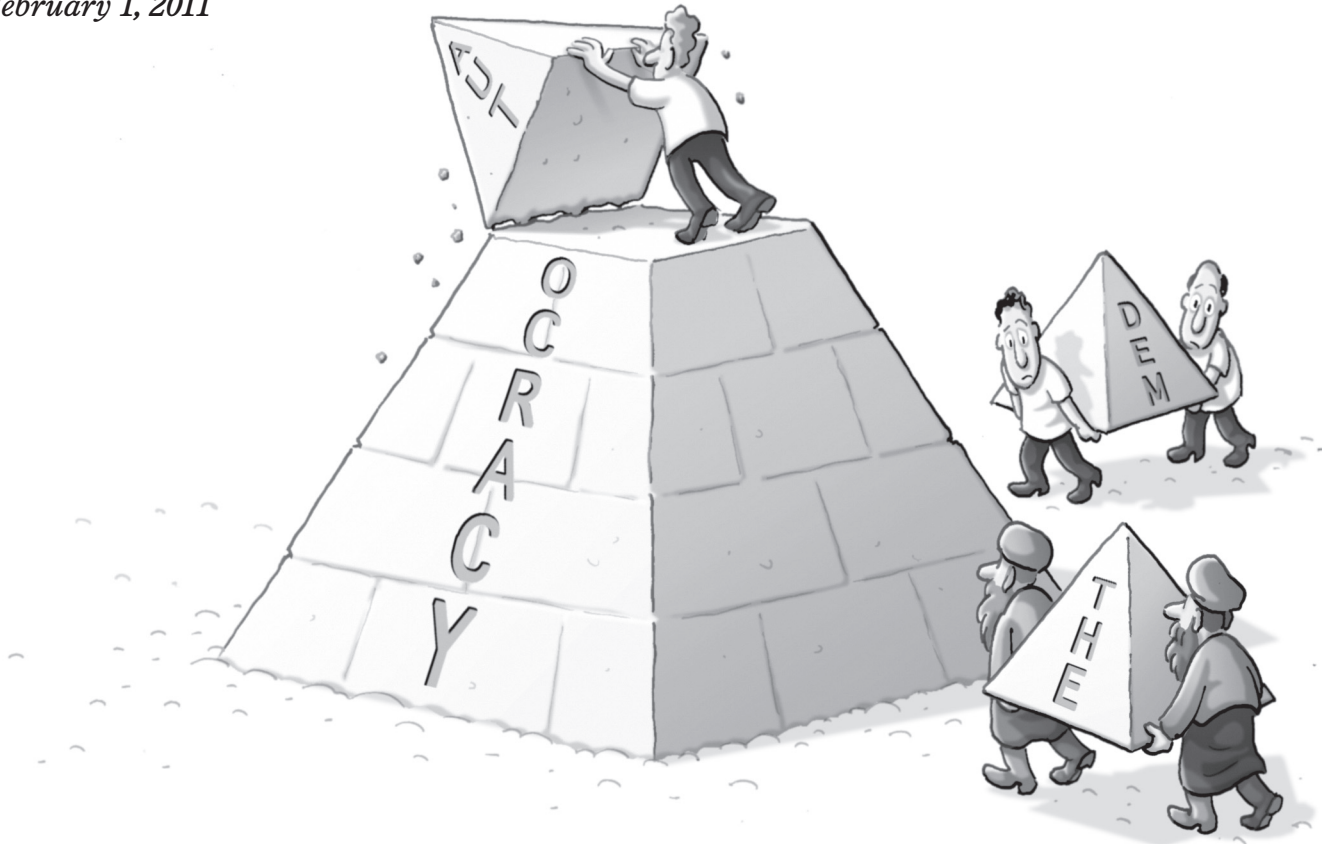
*Use your knowledge of the meaning of roots to identify and define the root or to determine the type of government of the following ten words.*

<b>WORD</b> (Root + suffix)	<b>ROOT</b>	<b>MEANING</b>
6. androcracy		government by men
7. aristocracy		government by the nobility
8. bureaucracy	bureau	
9. meritocracy		government by people with the most ability
10. mobocracy	mob	
11. monarchy	mono	
12. oligarchy		government by a few persons or families
13. plutocracy		government in which the wealthy rule
14. stratocracy	strat	
15. xenocracy	xeno	

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# EGYPT

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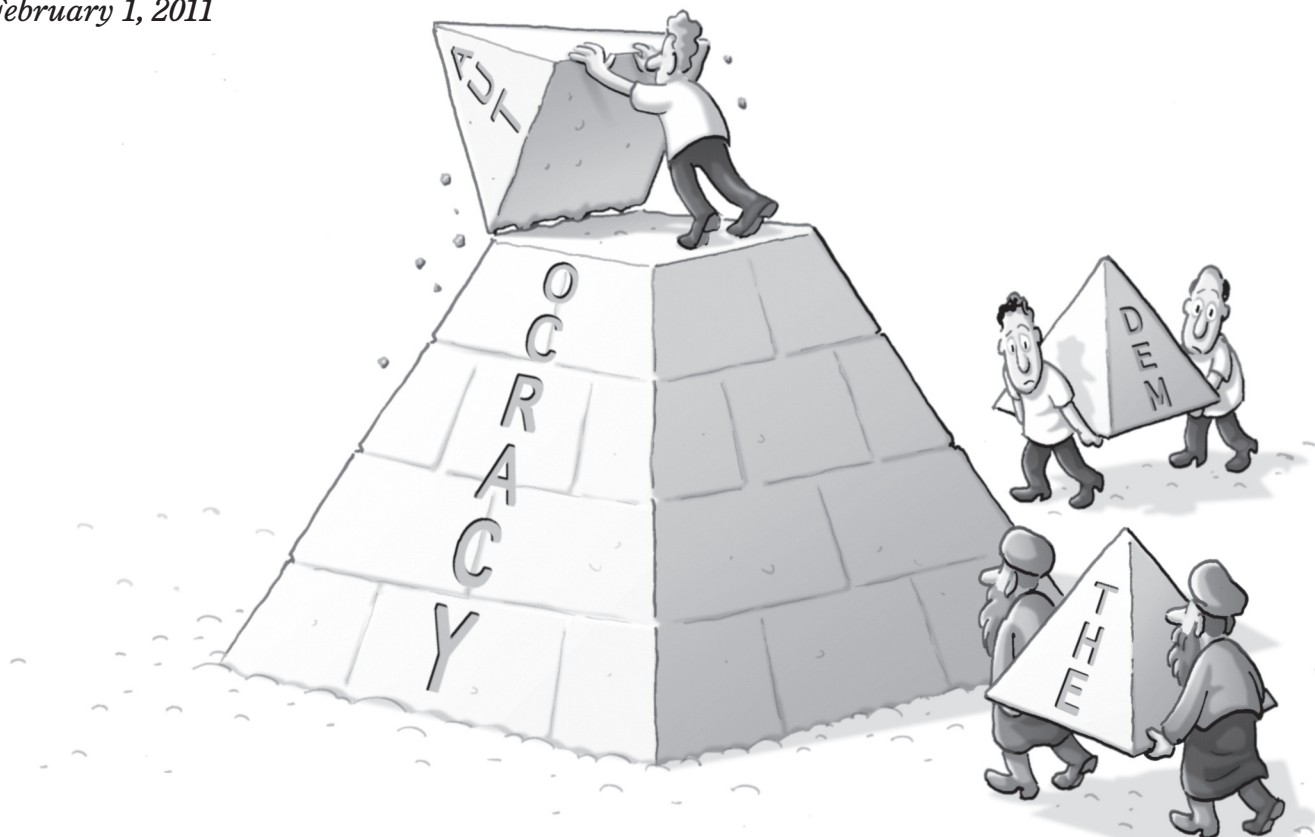
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An editorial cartoon by Clay Bennett, editorial cartoonist of the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*. This cartoon was reprinted in February 2010 in *The Washington Post's* Saturday Drawing Board weekly collection.

## Questions for Discussion

1. What is the figure toppling from the pyramid? What does this act represent?
2. What does "autocracy" mean?
3. How are the image and word pertinent to current events happening in Egypt in early 2011?
4. What does the dress of the pairs of men carrying pyramidions, or capstones, indicate?
5. What kind of government will Egypt build? How do the pyramidions "DEM" and "THE" represent the choices?