Aristotle’s *The Politics*

Forms of Government Exist

* Kingship / Royalty / Monarchy / Tyranny – government in which one (1) rules
* Aristocracy / Oligarchy – government in which there is more than one or many
* Constitution / Democracy – government where the citizens at large administer the state for the common interest

Difference between True & Non-True Forms of Government

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| True | Non-True |
| * Governments which have a regard for a common interest are constituted in accordance with strict principles of justice
* State is a community of **freemen**
 | * Governments which regard only the interest of the rulers are all defective and perverted
* They are **despotic** – characteristic of a tyrant or absolute ruler
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