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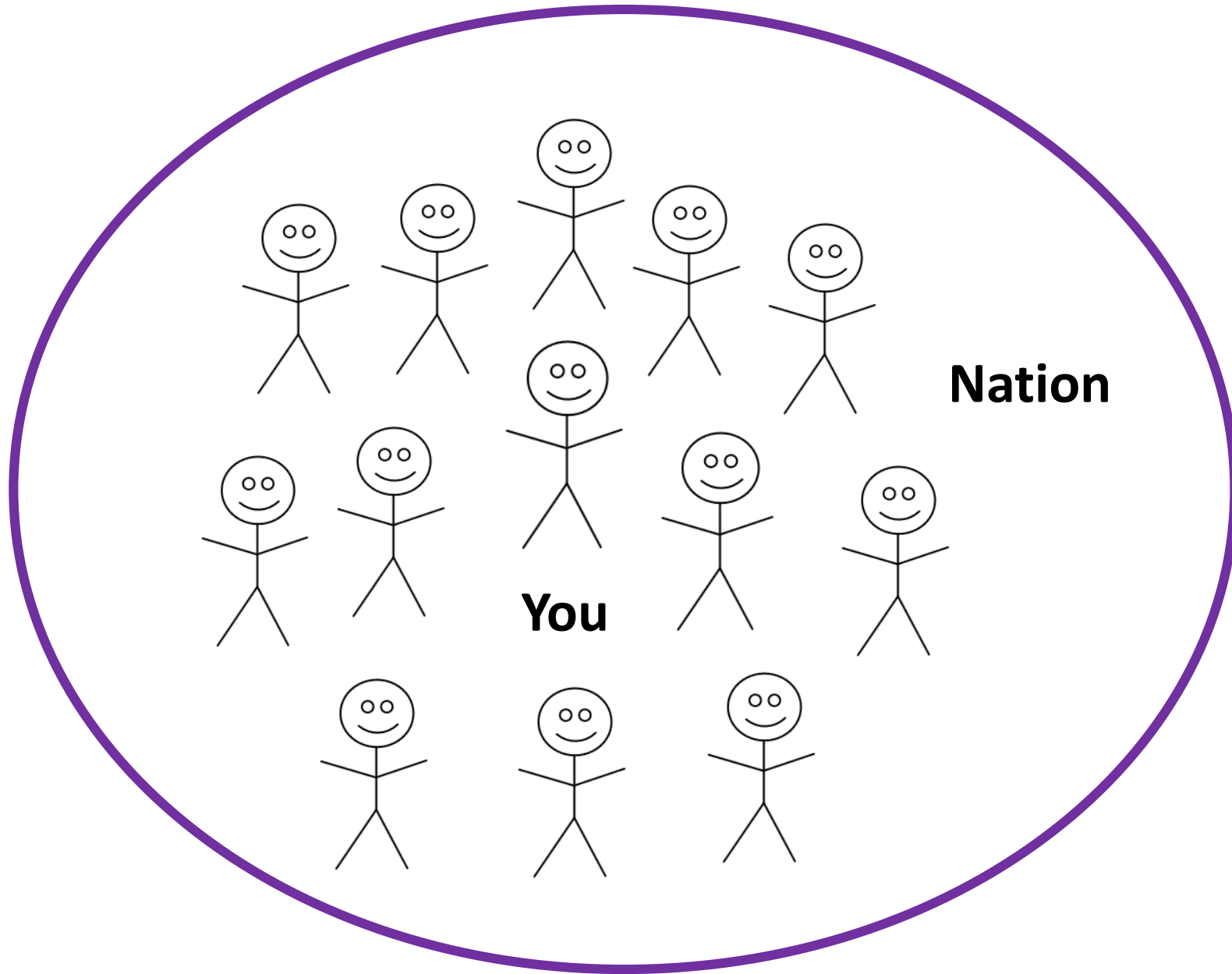
Government



Institution that controls or
rules a state through public
policies



What Is a State?



State

**Group of people in a
defined territory under a
government**

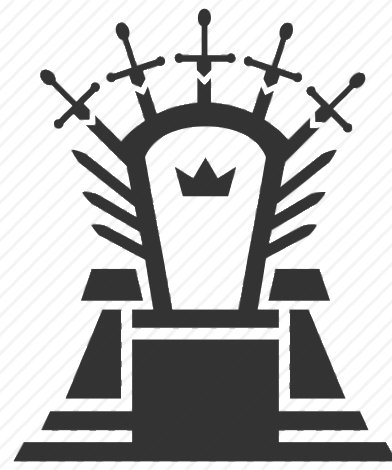
Do Now Activity



How Is Your Home Governed?

- How are decisions made?
- Where?
- Who makes the decisions?
- Who gets a say?
- What would you change?





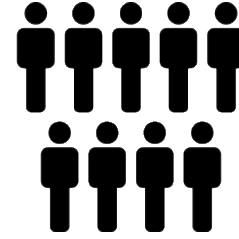
“To rule” Sovereignty

Supreme & ultimate power

- The power to dictate/decide foreign and domestic policies with no interference
- i.e. sovereign state – U.S., Russia, etc.

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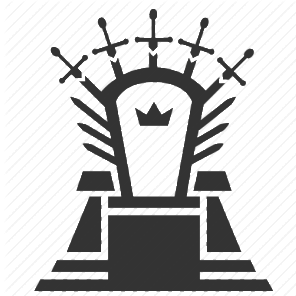
- Nation/Population



- Defined Territory



- Sovereignty



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Examples of States



	United States	Saudi Arabia	Room 201	Home
Nation/ Population	Americans	Saudis	All of you	?
Defined Territory	United States and its territories	Saudi Arabia	Four walls	?
Government	Federal Republic	Monarchy	Chang	?
Sovereign	The people	King of Saudi Arabia	Mr. Chang	?

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Preamble of the Constitution

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

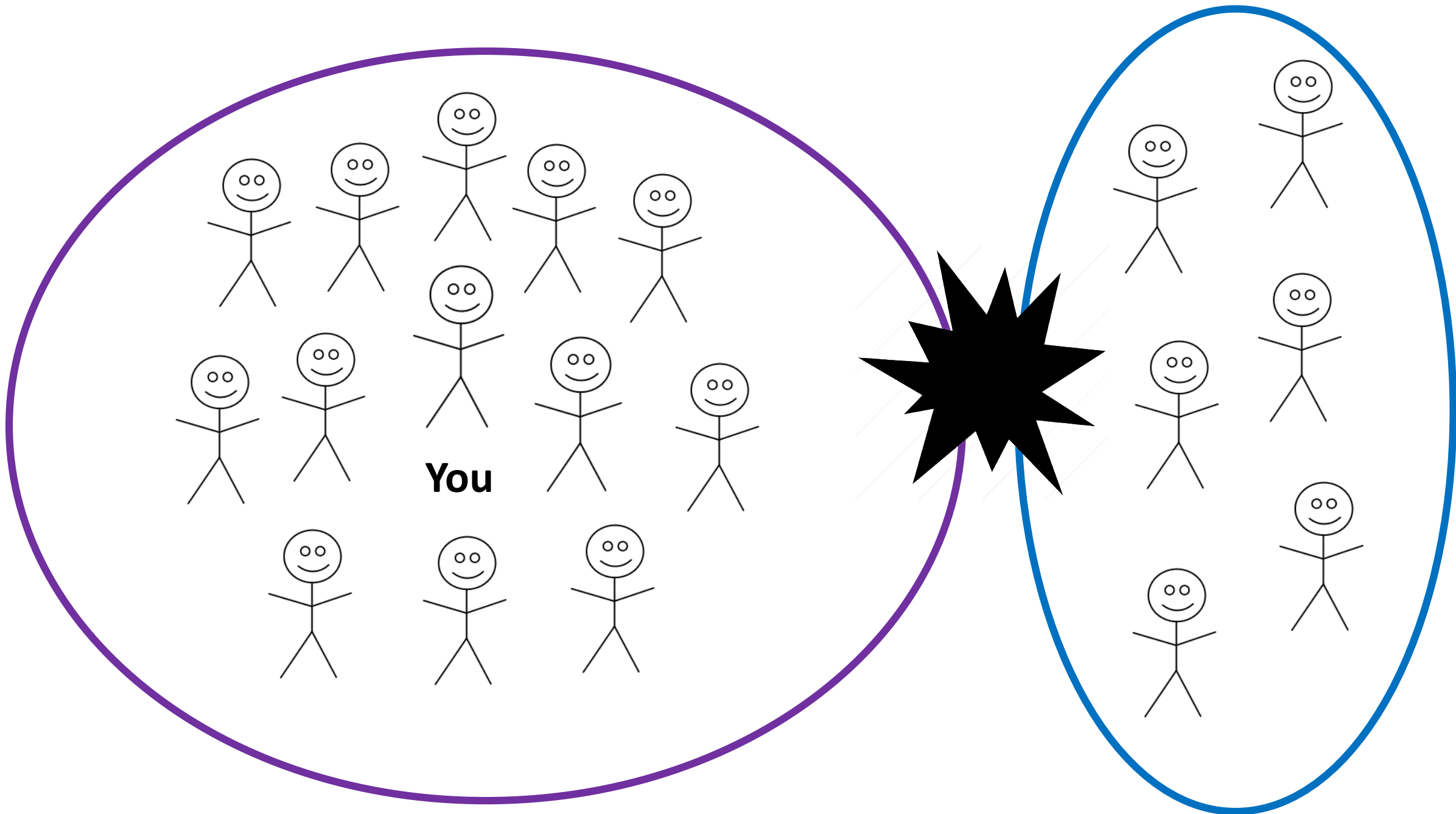
Condensed Purposes

- Form a more perfect union
- To establish justice
- To insure domestic tranquility
- To provide for the common defense
- To promote the general welfare
- To secure the blessings of liberty

But most likely, why?

Survival





Where and how do the
governments get their
power, or sovereignty?

See “Types of Government” notes