

Chapter 1

Transitioning Governments and Laws

ABSTRACT

This chapter focuses on governments, what type of government each country has, and how these governments transitioned as laws changed regarding within each country. Some references will be made to Australian and South African laws in comparison to the United States. For example, South Africa was a tribal land that became an Apartheid state that then became a democracy. The chapter will mainly focus on introducing the reader to each system of government and discuss any transitions in types of government. These instances will be reviewed, analyzed, and discussed. For more specific country-case-specific laws, see the three chapters on case studies.

*My hip hop will rock and shock the nation like the Emancipation Proclamation...
-Wu Tang Clan, Da' Mystery of Chessboxin', 1993*

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INTRODUCTION

MAIN FOCUS OF THE CHAPTER

The main focus of this chapter is to introduce different types of government specific to this book and the countries that have been introduced previously. Therefore, the reader will briefly learn about the Apartheid government of South Africa, Colonization (i.e., of America, Australia, and South Africa), and the UK/British Commonwealth and then Commonwealth Democracy as well as Democracies in general – and specifically to the United States. The author will also introduce how each government was/is dictates its governmental structure and how grievances are addressed. With that being said, let's begin delving into this topic.

Government

“Much of American law itself, whether we’re aware of it or not, is codified to protect the very system of white supremacy pioneers like Thurgood Marshall and Pauli Murray aimed to dismantle” (Sharpton, 2022, p. 180).

Government is a term that describes “an organization with the authority and power to make and enforce laws and enact policy to control an area of land or a group of people” (Johnson, 2006; Open Education Sociology Dictionary, 2022), which is “a nation, state, or other political entity founded on law and united by a compact of the people for the common good” (Central Intelligence Agency, n.d., p. 1). According to Philpott (2010) regarding American governance, the government is “any entity of the legislative or judicial branch, any executive agency, military department, government corporation, or independent establishment, the United States Postal Service, or any nonappropriated - fund instrumentality of the Armed Forces (FAR 8.701)” (p. 104). It is a form of authority that leads one to hold an office and make the final decisions for the people (Fasenfast, 2010) who live in a certain region. Throughout the world, there are various governments (Central Intelligence Agency, n.d.; Fasenfast, 2010). These governments had/have a myriad of laws (Central Intelligence Agency, n.d.; Fasenfast, 2010; Johnson,

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