

republic

a state in which the supreme power rests in its voting citizens and is exercised on their behalf by representatives elected by them and responsible to them

revolution

the complete overthrow of the existing sociopolitical system and replacement with a new system

rule of law

the idea that everyone is subject to the law, including politicians and government agencies

secede

to withdraw from a political entity in order to become independent

secessionists

those having a desire to separate from a political union

secularist

separating religion  
from politics

sovereignty

autonomous, self obtained  
and self constituted power  
to control and govern a  
state

state

a territory that has a well-defined  
boundary and is autonomously and  
effectively governed by a  
sovereign government; also known  
as a country nation state

subordinate

to assign to a lower  
priority than other  
obligations

subservient

compliant and  
obedient to authority

superpower	a country that has the power and the capacity to influence events on a global scale
supra-region	a large regional entity made up of smaller, distinctive regions
supra-state	a political federation made up of individual states with various degrees of political sovereignty
terrorism	the use or threat to use violence against innocent people to achieve political goals
think-tank	an organisation or group of experts researching and advising on issues

totalitarian	the political system in which absolute power is vested in a single party or dictator
transboundary	across borders
unification	the coming together of separate political entities to form a single political entity
United Nations	an international organisation whose stated aims are to facilitate cooperation in international law, international security, economic development, social progress and human rights issues
warlords	individuals who run organised crime syndicates that are involved in drug and people smuggling, arms dealing and piracy

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westernising

the process by whereby  
non-Western societies  
come under the influence  
of Western culture

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