**Democracies**

**Advantages**  
  
Democracy can provide for changes in government without violence. In a democracy, power can be transferred from one party to another by means of elections. The jurisdiction of the citizens of a nation determines its ruling authority.   
  
Moreover, any government is bound by an election term after which it has to compete against other parties to regain authority. This system prevents monopoly of the ruling authority. The ruling party has to make sure it works for its people for it cannot remain being the authority after completing its term unless re-elected by the people.  
  
This brings in a feeling of obligation towards the citizens. The ruling authorities owe their success in the elections to the citizens of the nation. They feel grateful towards people. It can serve as their motivation to work for the people for it is the common masses that have complete power over choosing their government.  
  
Another important advantage of democracy is that the people gain a sense of participation in the process of choosing their government. They get the opportunity to voice their opinions by means of electoral votes. This breeds a sense of belonging towards society.  
  
**Disadvantages**  
  
In a democratic nation, it is the citizens who hold the right to elect their representatives and their governing authorities. According to a common observation, not all the citizens are fully aware of the political scenario in their country. The common masses may not be aware of the political issues in society. This may result in people making the wrong choices during election.  
  
As the government is subject to change after every election term, the authorities may work with a short-term focus. As they have to face an election after the completion of each term, they may lose focus on working for the people and rather focus on winning elections.  
  
Another disadvantage of democracy is that mobs can influence people. Citizens may vote in favor of a party under the influence of the majority. Compelled or influenced by opinions of those around, a person may not use his own judgment when voting.   
  
Every form of government is bound to have some shortfalls. Different people have different views about the various political systems. The advantages and disadvantages of any political system have to be weighed carefully before arriving at any conclusion.

**Dictatorships**

**Advantages of dictatorship**

Dictatorship in this case would mean that the decision making power would lie with a single individual and hence a faster decision making is possible. The ever growing delay for anything is overcome in a dictatorship set up.  
If the dictator is sure of the outcome of development project it would be said that the project would immediately go into operation. This would prevent the unnecessary wastage of time dealing with the various legal setups of the government policies.

Dictator ship also will ensure that the government is stable irrespective of the passage of time. Whereas in democratic setup every 3-5 years elections will have to be conducted which will done by the money provided by the taxpayers. A stable government after years and years is quite possible in a dictatorship.

**Disadvantages of dictatorship**

Considering the advantages this type of government will give, the lies far serious problems with dictator hip model of formation of government.

But this would mean that the country would run on the whims and fancies of a singular man who will try his best to do everything to make sure he runs in full luxury. He can run the country in whatever manner he likes and further the rights of the citizens to protest against him will be less. Any protests will be dealt with strong power and the press freedom too will be hampered.

We have seen many instances where the dictators have used their powers particularly for accumulating the wealth and live luxury not caring anything about the life of the people in the country.  
There also arises the problem of over spending of public resources.If I am asked to choose between the democratic setup and dictatorship, I would definitely go after the democratic setup where the rights and life of people are valued. The speed of progress may be slow but it si sure no way top trade for a life with dignity.