Define federalism and explain its significance.

Where do the federal and state governments get their authority?

Define unitary government and compare/contrast it with our own.

Federalism

This is not the way most governments work.

This was NOT in the original plan.

It's the idea of organizing a nation so 2 or more levels of government have authority over the same region.

Where do they get authority?

From the people via constitution.

A system of shared power between units of government.

UNITARY GOV'T

- Most other nations
- All power resides in the central government
- Ex: if the German parliament wants to redistrict or change boundaries, they can.

Can't in US.
Can't eliminate a state, for ex.

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