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| **Republic of Kenya** | Kenya became independent from Great Britain in 1963. | Unitary | Presidential  Democracy | President | The prime minister is usually the head of the dominant political party. There are two major political parties in Israel and many smaller parties. | Parliament bicameral legislature | Freedoms are written into the constitution but government is dominated by the president. There have been improvements in citizens’ rights in recent years though. |
| **Republic of South Africa** | South Africa became independent form Great Britain in 1910. The racially segregated government was ended in 1994, when majority rule was established. | Unitary | Parliamentary Democracy | President | Citizens vote for members of the National Assembly. The party with the most members selects the president. | Parliament – bicameral legislature | Citizens must be 18 to vote, but voting is not required by law.  Personal freedoms are numerous in South Africa since Apartheid (legal separation of the races) has ended. |