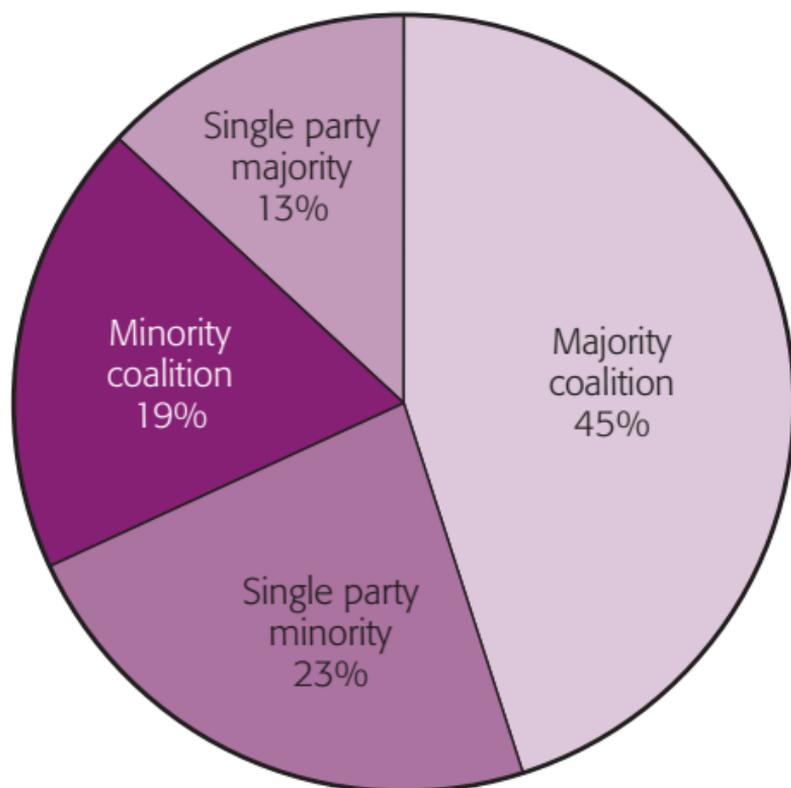


Figure 16.3 Governments in Western Europe, 1945–99

Coalitions between parties which together possess a majority of seats in the assembly are by no means the only form of government in parliamentary systems. Minority administrations, whether by a single party or a coalition, are also common.



Notes: Based on 424 governments from 17 countries, including the UK. Non-party administrations (3 per cent) excluded.

Source: Adapted from Strøm and Nyblade (2007), table 32.1.