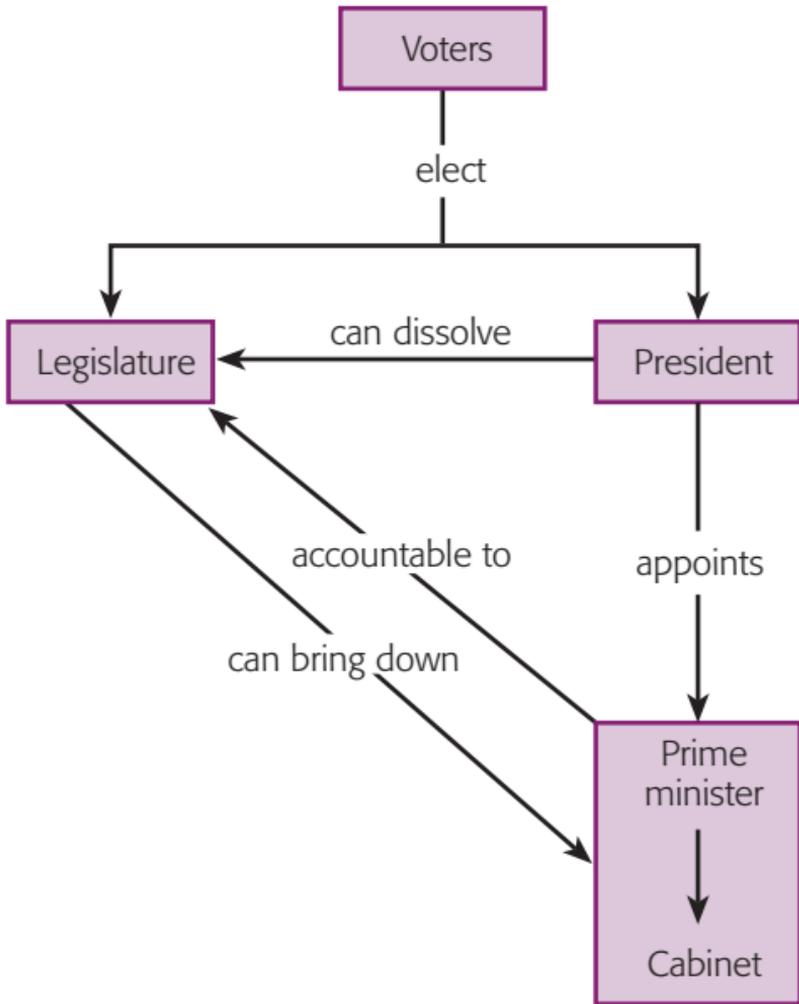


Figure 16.5 Semi-presidential government

Semi-presidential government combines an elected president (who usually appoints the prime minister and can dissolve the legislature) with accountability of the prime minister and cabinet to the legislature



Note: Within semi-presidential government, Shugart and Carey (1992) distinguish between premier-presidential and president-parliamentary regimes. In the former, the cabinet is responsible to parliament; the president cannot dismiss ministers unilaterally, weakening the president. In the latter, the president as well as the assembly exerts authority over the cabinet's composition, strengthening the president.