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gy·ne·coc·ra·cy (gī'nī-kōk rə-sē, jīn'ī-) or **gy·noc·ra·cy** (gī-nōk rə-sē, jī-)

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n. pl. **gy·ne·coc·ra·cies** or **gy·noc·ra·cies**

1. Government by women.
2. A society ruled by women.

[Greek *gunaikokratiā* : *gunaiko-*, gyneco- + *-kratiā*, -cracy.]

gy'ne·co·crat ic (-kə-krăt ĭk) *adj.*

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