

Democracy

* + A democracy is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system in which the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ power rests with the people.
  + In a democracy, the elected \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are responsible for answering to the popular will of the people.

Characteristics of Democracy

* + Government works to secure an equal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for people to develop their own abilities.
  + Government is based on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rule through the people’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ representatives, but respects the rights of minorities.
  + Government is based on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and open \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in which every citizen has the right to vote, every vote has equal weight, and candidates for office can freely express their views.
  + Political \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ choose candidates for office, respect the voters’ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in elections, and act as loyal opposition.

Essential Elements of Democracy

Certain \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or environments favor the development of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system of government.

* + Countries where citizens participate fully in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life are more likely to maintain a strong democracy.
  + Stable, growing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with a large middle class help strengthen democracies.
  + A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ public school system open to all people helps promote democracy.
  + The people accept democratic values such as individual \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for all in a social consensus
  + A network of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ organizations:
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ groups, religious groups, and many others
  + These exist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of government and help a democracy to flourish.