

CHARACTERISTICS OF DEMOCRACY

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.