

DEMOCRACY

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What is democracy?

According to a lecture that was given at Hilla University for Humanistic Studies;
Democracy consists of 4 key elements

- ❖ A political system for choosing and replacing the government through free and fair elections.
- ❖ The active participation of the people, as citizens, in politics and civic life.
- ❖ Protection of the human rights of all citizens.
- ❖ A rule of law, in which the laws and procedures apply equally to all citizens.

Measuring Democracy

We measure democracy using the 5 components of a democratic government:

1. Participation
2. Pluralism
3. Developmentalism
4. Protection
5. Performance

Participation

1. Voting
2. Debating
3. Campaigning

Pluralism

- Diversity
- Plurality of opinions
- Freedom of expression

Developmentalism

When citizens have awareness of their actions, citizens develop their potential enough to know how their actions effect the democratic process.

Protection

- Checks and Balances
- Protecting the rights of the people
- Law enforcement
- Bill of Rights

