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What is a democracy?

Democracy started in this country almost 250 years ago and up to this day it is still around and our government is mainly based of it. What is democracy you may ask? Well democracy is a form of government which is governed by the people. This implies that democracy is basically ruled by the votes of the people on an issue. Democracy is the opposite of a republic which is power is held by the people and their elected representatives.

Current findings (Do you think your vote really counts)

- Voting
- elections
- electoral college

Interesting content in my topic

- What I found to be interesting about my topic is that even though the United States says we're a democracy the people have no say and nothing whatsoever in many things. For instance even though we vote in the elections it still comes down to the Electoral College who makes the official vote for presidency.
- Another interesting fact was that the United States is the second largest democratic nation in the world following after India which is the first largest.

Plans for the future

Now that I have a better understanding of political science it can most definitely come in handy in the future. I'm currently majoring in criminal justice because I want to become a detective so I will most likely have to take American government which is another part to political science and right now this is helping me because I did not care to know anything about politics but I see that has to do with the field of work that I am preparing to go to. Now that I am of age also plan on voting even though I don't think it makes a big difference.

Question/ Feedback

How do you feel about voting and democracy in our country?

- Kayla 18: “ I feel like it supports the country, if we don't vote we get elected president and Congress that doesn't really have America's best interest at heart. The more people we get to vote the better it will be for America.”
- Caj 18: “When it comes to democracy, I feel like it's the best suited government system for what most people want. It helps create a sense of unity within its population because of the idea that the people have the power; the power being to vote I mean.

Conclusion / Summary

The information that I found about democracy gave me a better understanding of the topic and how it differentiates from a republic. My overall midterm paper was about democracy and non democracy so I basically decided to choose one topic to do on my final presentation which was democracy. Both of these topics were very interesting because I learned a lot that I did not know before about these topics even from way back in the days. The key concepts of democracy and non democracy was addressed in these chapters of the text. They gave clear examples of the differences between the two and how they work. Overall the key concept of democracy and non democracy are, democracy is mainly ran by the people and they have a say. While non democracy lean more toward self power. With that being said, to summarize my overall final, my first paper basically talked about the impacts that a non democracy has on this nation and the impact that democracy has on this Nation so I decided to use the Democracy part of my paper in my final PowerPoint presentation.

reference

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