# Democracy

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#### What is a Democracy?

Democracy is a system of government that bases its legitimacy on the participation of the people. Which is a way of saying that majority rules. Democracies are made up of competitive elections, the principle of political and legal equality, and it protect our civil liberties. Some examples of democratic countries are the United States, Norway, and Sweden. There are different types of democracies. There is a direct democracy which the citizens of the country vote on each issue the government takes. Another one is a representative democracy which s a form of government in which representatives are elected to make policy and enforce laws while representing the citizens.

## Current Findings

My current findings on this topic is that the United States democracy is different than many other type of countries. Usually most countries who are under a democracy are constitutional democracies and they also have a unitary democracy but the United States has a Federal democracy. The difference between the two is that a unitary democracy is a system of government in which constitutional authority lies in the hands of a single central government. Which means that one government makes all the decisions and laws for the people. A federal democracy is a system of government in which power is constitutionally divided between a central governing authority and constituent political units. Another finding is that a non democratic government is a a form of government in which the supreme power is bestowed in the people and exercised directly by them or by their elected agents under a free electoral system.

## What I found Interesting

The things that i found interesting in my topic is that most people would think that the the United States has the best type of democracy in the world because of how much people move over there for freedom, but it isn't. The most democratic countries in the world are Sweden, Norway, and Iceland. Obviously those countries don't have nearly as much people as America does but they usually give a good taste on how a real democracy is.

## Why I was Interested

The reason why I am interested in this topic is because I want to find out if the system I currently live in is a true democracy or not. I also wanted to know how other countries had their own political ideologies or systems.



#### What I planned for the future

For the future I plan to register myself to vote for the elections. This is a good way to start not only for myself but it will help other because voting matters especially for your community. Also it will make me be more inform on who is running the government and it will give me more information on some of the topics that are always being discussed in the country or in the world.

#### Opinions on Topic

I asked three people on how they felt about democracy and they said.

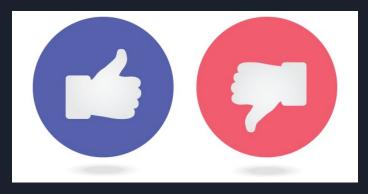
Mom-Thinks that democracy is the best type of government policy in the world. She says because it allows more freedom to the people living in the country and that is the most important reason for liking democracy.

Dad- Thinks that democracy is a good thing for everybody. Says that obviously democracy has its flaws but if you try to compare it to the other systems out there it is far much better,

Brother - Thinks that every system or political ideology has something good to offer for its people. Thinks that some people don't understand what a true democracy is and that it is crucial that you know what it actually means. Also thinks that we should show differences more between the different types of democracies.

## Similar and Different responses

The similarities in their responses is that they all feel that democracy is one of the better if not the best type of government their is. Also they all agree that a democracy can be many different things in one type of government. For example it can be an republic and a democracy at the same time. The differences is that they don't all believe that it is the most popular type of system each of them have their own opinion own how they think the world views democracy. Some think that a lot of people actual want to live in a democratic society while another thinks that is just an opinion from people who have not been to other types of places.



#### What I learned

I learned a few things about the topic. I now understand that a democracy is more than a type of government who just give out laws. A democracy is more than that, it gives out different types of values and views of the world. Many people support democracy but can have totally different views of how it should be used. It also shows practices which may take different forms among cultures and societies around the world.

## The Differences in My new Research

The things that i found in my new research is how democracy in the United States works. The United States has a branch system. There are three different branches in this system. They are called Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. Each of these branches serve a different kind of purpose. The legislative branch is the one that makes the laws for the country then they are written and discussed by the people in congress. The executive branch is the one that holds all the authority and make sure that the laws are enforced. The judicial branch is the one that interprets the laws to the people it also has the supreme court. I wanted to research this because I didn't explain how The United States government works i just mentioned it. Also to show the difference in a democracy and nordemocracy because here you can see how the power is just not held in one person hands but split between people.

#### Conclusion |

My conclusion is that democracy isn't just one type of political ideology or system it is a way of life that people live. The majority rules is a saying that comes from it because the citizens of the country have the right to vote for who they want to run the country, basically rule by the people. It's also not only about voting it's about the freedom that comes with it which is why most people like being in a democracy. Also it can be a different type of democracy than another country because every country isn't the same.



#### Summary

This project was about what makes up a democracy and the freedom that it gives its people. It also explains how there are different types of democracies in the system. I also explained the many different types of systems like direct democracy, representative democracy and more others. The other things i talked about was comparing the level of democracy between other countries. After some research i found out that some other countries have a better democratic system in place than the US. A direct democracy would be the most efficient type because the people are involved in everything. The feedback i put in was how I talked about how I planned to register to vote to take a step into getting learn more about the system and actually be apart of the elections. In my new research I explained how The United States breaks down its powers through the branches of the government. The question i asked was about what the people thought about democracy. They all had their opinion and thought it was a good system. This project shows the ins and outs of a democracy and explains the values of democracy.

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