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3.1 SOCIETY, THE STATE AND DEMOCRACY

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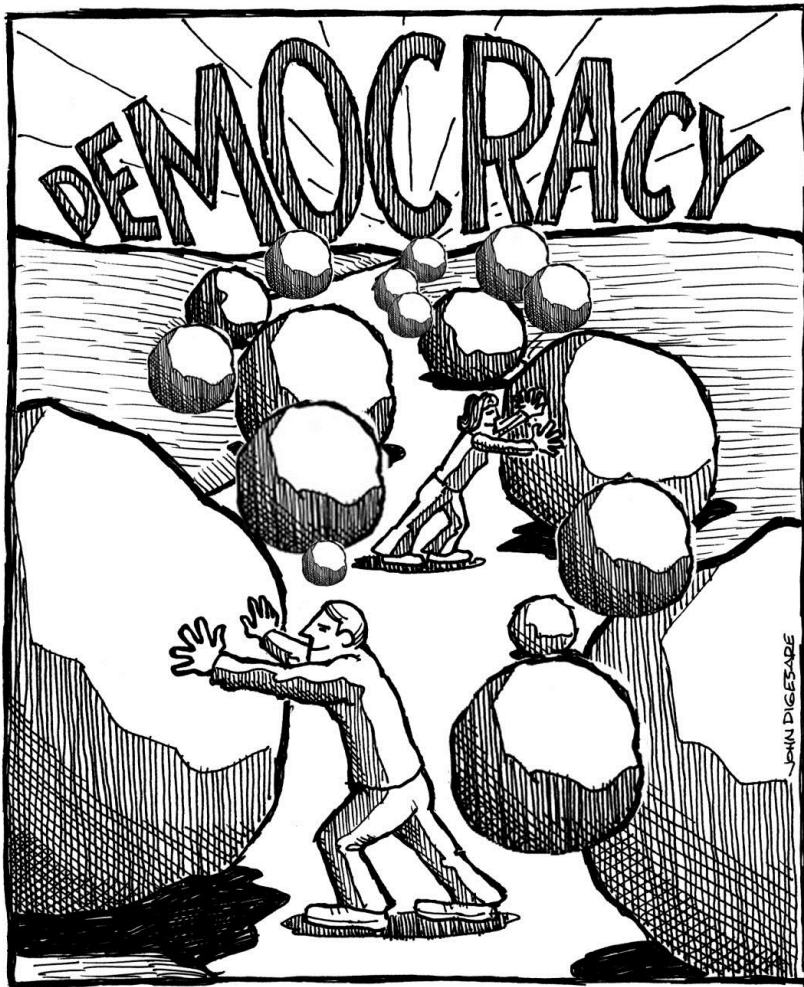
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Democracy may be a word familiar to most, but it is a concept still misunderstood and misused at a time when dictators, single-party regimes, and military coup leaders alike assert popular support by claiming the mantle of democracy.

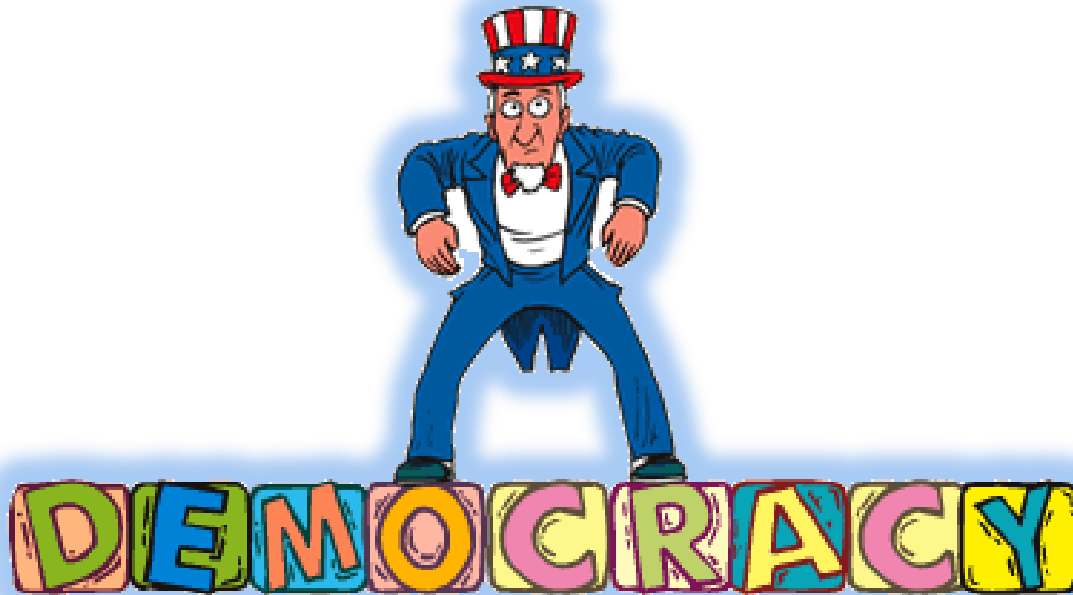
Democracy is a political system in which the will of the majority of the governed becomes the law. It's where the people are the supreme power, the only lobby that matters to every legislator.





So, the characteristics of democracy can only be imagined, since there has never been a democracy on Earth, yet. A real democracy would first systematically uncorrupt itself. Then it would create laws that promote peace, justice and prosperity, because this is what the vast majority of all populations desire and would vote for without hesitation.

Or, in the memorable phrase of President Abraham Lincoln, democracy is government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Freedom and democracy are often used interchangeably, but the two are not synonymous.





Democracy is indeed a set of ideas and principles about freedom, but it also consists of practices and procedures that have been molded through a long, often tortuous history. Democracy is the institutionalization of freedom.



Mankind only recently got the technology to define the true will of a population or even all of humanity. So, you can expect to see an emerging effort start real democracy very soon. When it happens, support it and become involved for your children's children's sake.

In the end, people living in a democratic society must serve as the ultimate guardians of their own freedom and must forge their own path toward the ideals set forth in the preamble to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world.



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“That’s all Folks!”