

GLOBAL DEMOCRACY

Vocabulary Words

Democracy is a form of government. In a democracy, the people have a say in how the government is run and the laws that are passed. They do this by voting, although usually there are rules about who can vote. These rules vary from government to government.

The two main types of democracy are direct democracy and representative democracy.

Direct democracy means that everyone votes and makes the decisions. This tends to only work for small countries.

For larger countries, representative democracy works a lot better. In a representative democracy, the people elect representatives to speak for them.

Democracy: The word democracy comes from the Greek word, *dēmos* (people) and *kratos* (rule). So it is literally a government where the people rule.

Government: A group of people that has the power to rule in a territory, according to the law. The territory may be a country, state, province or region.



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