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Types of Deliberation:

- 1) deliberation intended as a feature of a specific form of democracy;
- 2) deliberation intended as the practice implemented by the representatives;
- 3) deliberation intended as a preparative stage to aggregation or representation.

 (Faces, 2012)

Definition of Deliberation:

- Debate and discussion aimed at producing reasonable, wellinformed opinions;
- Participants are willing to revise preferences in light of discussion, new information, and claims made by fellow participants.
- Although consensus need not be the ultimate aim of deliberation, and participants are expected to pursue their interests, an overarching interest in the legitimacy of outcomes (understood as justification to all affected) ideally characterizes deliberation.

(Chambers, 2003)

Forms of Democracy

Direct & Indirect Democracy

Direct-Citizens directly participate in governance.

Indirect-Individuals delegate legislative and executive affairs to representatives.

Aggregative Democracy

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- A form of participation in political decisions in which citizens are requested to give their opinion. It can be one of the possible realizations of direct democracy.
- Aggregative democracy is mainly characterized by the fact that citizens are not required to justify their choices. They are just required to make a choice (vote).

Deliberative Democracy:

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- Puts emphasis on the role of the reasons behind a given choice;
- It stresses the need for and the importance of the offered justifications.
- What really matters is not just the final moment of the actual choice, but the relevant process that leads to the choosing,
- Such a process is always collective, since individuals with diverging positions should rationally dialogue with each other in order to achieve a common result.

Theoretical Principles

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- 1. Inclusiveness of positions: each position has the same right of exposure as any other.
- 2. Inclusiveness of participants: each participant has the same right to speak as any other.
- 3. Centrality of reason: the tenability of each position must be evaluated relatively to the arguments against and in favor of it.
- 4. Centrality of justification: the position is relevant, but reasons for or against it are even more relevant.

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- 5. Centrality of acquaintance with the problem: you cannot speak of what you are not acquainted with.
- 6. Centrality of reflection on the tenability of the different positions.
- 7. Centrality of the possibility of changing position on the basis of a better justification.

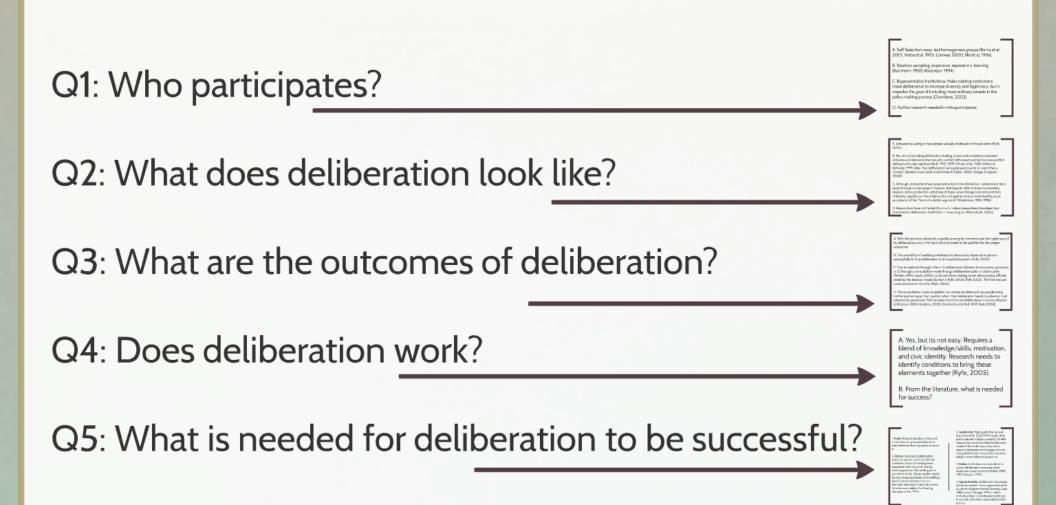
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- 8. Centrality of the thesis that the common good (which must not be without maximum possible individual liberty) is the overall aim of any deliberative process.
- 9. Centrality of moral commitment to the collective choice that has been deliberated.
- 10. Centrality of the participants' honor and integrity.

(Boniolo, 2012)

Questions in Deliberative Democracy



Deliberative Democracy in Public Administration

Current indicators of the citizenship and democratic deficits suggest wide-reaching and pervasive problems that threaten the legitimacy and stability of the political system (Dalton, 2006; Durant, 1995; Macedo et al., 2005; Rimmerman, 2001).

Public administration plays a role in this matter.



- Democratic ethos guides the field to do so; public administration has historically accepted among its responsibilities educating citizens about government an governance and promoting and maintaining democratic practices.
- 2) Public administration has contributed to these deficits with its long-standing embrace of bureaucratic ethos: the fields focus on managerialism and instrumental rationality has eroded its abilities to consider and implement effective citize engagement processes.
- Relatively recent shifts to network and collaborative governance structures require new processes that better engage citizens in the work of government.

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