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The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government; to prevent the foreigner from imposing his will on our fellow citizens - Thomas Jefferson (181)



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Explore the extent to which governments should reflect the will of the people
Unit-3

Every liberal democracy strives for the perfect society, whether addressing issues directly in a direct democracy, or through elected officials who represent the people and make laws in their interest in a representative democracy. Democracy is rooted from the Greek word meaning "rule by the people" or "people power". Government should always address the will of the people in a democracy, as long as it is for the betterments all of mankind as a whole. The citizens are the heart of a democracy, with happy citizens makes a happy government, leading the way to a perfect liberal democracy.

In government, it is the opposition's job to make sure the majority is accountable for its actions.

Not all political representatives are able to meet the requirements of the nation. When this happens, certain groups are formed to voice the public's opinions, reflecting their will.

M.A.D.D



MADD is a national organization that works to prevent drunk driving and to support victims in Canada.

The Green party is a formally organized political party based on the principles of Green politics. These principles usually include social justice, reliance on grassroots democracy, nonviolence, and an emphasis on environmentalism. "Greens" believe that the exercise of these principles leads to world health.



W.W.F



World Wildlife Fund is the leading organization in wildlife conservation and endangered species.

The 2011 turnout marked an improvement over the participation rate seen in 2008 (58.8%).

The 2011 election saw a rise in voter turnout compared to the 2008 elections, with the preliminary estimate of 61.4%. This rate may rise modestly as the initial figures do not include some special ballot votes.



The voter turnout affects the will of the people. If not many citizens vote it will not reflect the true will of the people.

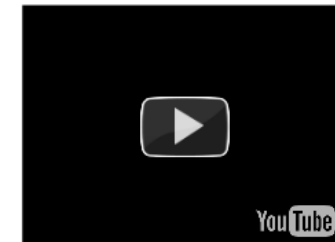
- voter registration rates
- voter turnout rates
- voter participation rates
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NORTH KOREA

As Canadian citizens we are so privileged to have a government that supports the will of the people. Compared to corrupt democratic countries such as North Korea where Kim Jong Il is their superior leader and has complete control over all of the nation, and does not reflect the will of the people.

In the previous poll in 2003, the country reported a 99.9 percent voter turnout and total support for the single candidate running, Kim Jong Il



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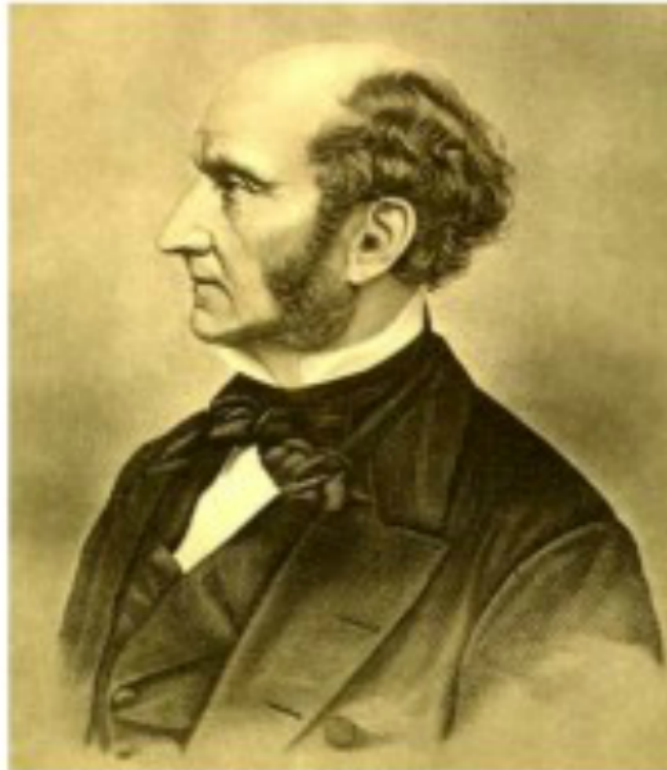
Through our exploration

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Through our exploration of liberalism, we have examined how the values of liberalism have shifted in society. Classical liberal values are rooted in the individual, where as the values of modern liberalism also considers the equality, needs and welfare of the nation

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Governments exist because individuals need an institution to organize society. In a democracy, governments are expected to organize society according to the wishes of society.

Reflecting the will of the people

- allowing public input
- Provide representation that reflects a range of public opinion
 - Hold politicians and their actions accountable to the voter



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