

Democracy is the best form of government



Churchill once said “Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all those other forms that been tired from time to time”. Just like any complex system it is never perfect. So, are there any ways to improve democracy.

Points For	Points Against
Right to free speech, right to assembly, right to practise a religion, and many more. These are just some of the benefits of living in a free and fair democracy. Other forms of government do not have these benefits.	Except for the freedom to choose their government, there is no reason to suggest the other rights cannot exist in another form of government.
By the people and for the people is a great understatement. Being able to have the views of a population in government allows the state to act fairly and best represent the needs of the people as well as they can.	With any form of government the chance of a ruling elite to form at the very top is always quite high. It is not avoidable as most human societies suffer from this problem.
The most developed countries in the world are democracies. To say that they are not capable of long term investments is ridiculous. Freedom is what makes them wealthy since their economy is more advanced.	Non-democratic countries are better at large infrastructure projects where multi-decade investment is needed. These projects would never be completed in democracies because there are too many voices which blur out the overall objective.
Democracy is an ongoing project with no final form. It can evolve, other forms of government cannot.	Democracy is just about money. When there is an election the candidate with the most money to spend on advertising wins. It is no longer about ideas.



Useful language to use in formal debates

In general, you would need to come up with 4-5 main arguments to support your team's debating position. It's also important to remember to also anticipate the opposition's arguments to help you defend your team's point of view.

Building your Argument

Introducing your point: To begin with... First of all...

Connecting your points: Also... Furthermore... What's more...

Showing importance: More importantly... What's worse... Above all else...

Giving examples: For instance... For example...

Opinions, Preferences:

In my opinion..., The way I see it..., As far as I'm concerned..., If it were up to me..., I suppose..., I suspect that..., I'm pretty sure that..., I honestly feel that, Without a doubt...,

Disagreeing:

Don't you think it would be better..., Shouldn't we consider..., But what about..., I'm afraid I don't agree..., Frankly, I doubt if..., The truth of the matter is..., The problem with your point of view is that..., It's a fact that..., According to ..., The reality of the situation is..., The numbers show that..., The fact is this:...,

Partially agreeing:

I agree with you to a point however..., I see where you are coming from but..., I see what you are saying but ...,

Delaying Strategies

I can't answer that directly..., I'll need time to think about that..., That's a very interesting question, because..., That's a difficult question to answer,

Asking someone to repeat

Pardon me? Pardon? Excuse me? Sorry? I'm sorry? I beg your pardon?

Holding the floor

Hold on..., Hold on a second..., Yes, I was about to mention that..., Well, I was about to come to that..., Sorry, I haven't finished yet ., I haven't made my point yet ...

Expressing solutions and alternatives

The solution is to..., Then you will..., The best way to ... is ...,
To ..., you really have to ..., There are many choices....,

Supplementary materials



If needed, each member can be given a card indicating their position in the debate.

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