Why Support Accurate Democracy?

A good democracy develops, improving itself, the quality of the society and its social agreements.

The best rules strengthen some reasons for voting. We will see how ranking options can speed up meetings.

Democracy tools are powerful means for building social equity and trust, peace and prosperity.

Consider the 1998 Northern Ireland Good Friday Agreement referendum.
The major factions in the RCV election were:

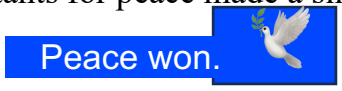
The Catholics who were opposed to the peace deal and for union with the Republic of Ireland.

The Catholics for peace with the Protestants in N. Ireland

The Protestants for peace with the Catholics in N. Ireland

The Protestants who were opposed to the peace deal and for closer ties to the United Kingdom.

In some districts, no faction got a majority.
If you wanted peace, who was your second choice?
Some Catholic candidates for peace asked followers to rank to the Protestants for peace above the Catholics opposed to the peace deal.
Some Protestants for peace made a similar ask.



RCV helps as it "gives you proportionality on every axis."
— Moon Duchin, MGGG Redistricting Lab
Where else do you see a polarized society?

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What Good Is a Good Democracy?

The numbers on page 61* tell us, to elect reps who enact the best health, education, tax and other policies, a country needs effective voting rules, not wasted votes.

"*Democracy is broadly understood to mean 'rule by the people'.*

In practice, it is often defined as people choosing their leaders in free and fair elections.

Other definitions go beyond this. For example, some of them see democracy as people having additional individual rights and being protected from the state.

(It) gives citizens the right to influence important decisions over their own lives and allows them to hold their leaders accountable.

But it can have other benefits too: democratic countries seem better governed than autocracies, seem to grow faster, and foster more peaceful conduct within and between them."
from ourworldindata.org/democracy

Why Support More Democracy?

It fights against corruption by wealthy plutocrats.
It protects and strengthens our rights and freedoms, social trust and safety, health and leisure.
Peace ⇒ prosperity ⇒ successful cities and states.

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Humorous Questions from PoliticalSim

The game PoliticalSim™ has dozens of "interview questions." This sample teaches players to tell the difference between ⇐ more democratic & more authoritarian ideas. ⇒

Who said (and thought?) "When the president does it, that means it is not illegal." 1) Jimmy Carter 2) George Washington 3) Andrew Jackson 4) Richard Nixon.

Complete this French proverb:
"If you are under 30 and are not a socialist you have no heart. If you are over 30 and are still a socialist you have no ____"
1) eyes 2) stomach 3) feet 4) brain.

Who said, "He is a barbarian and thinks the customs of his tribe are the laws of nature." 1) George Bernard Shaw, 2) Mark Twain 3) ~~Sen. Trent Lott~~ 4) ~~Rev. Pat Robertson~~.

A reformer is a person who:
1) insists on his conscience being your guide;
2) makes associates feel miserable about their pleasures;
3) rides through sewers in a glass-bottomed boat.

An elected official gets 55% of the popular vote, from a turnout of 50% of registered voters, who are 70% of voting-age adults. About what percent of voting-age adults supported the winner? A) 19%, B) 25% C) 33% D) 55%.

Which voting system always gives each voter just what he or she votes for? 1) voting with your feet, 2) Fair-share Spending 3) Condorcet's rule 4) Plurality rule.

Which candidate for president joked "... a free society is a society in which it is safe to be unpopular."
1) Adlai Stevenson 2) George W. Bush 3) Donald Trump
4) King George IV.

Humorous Quotations in SimElection

According to Ashley Montague, "It is the mark of the cultured man that he is aware of the fact that _____ is an ethical and not a biological principle." 1) survival of the fittest 2) interdependence 3) succession 4) equality.

Who said: "In Paris they simply stared when I spoke to them in French; I never did succeed in making those idiots understand their own language." 1) Mark Twain
2) Ronald Reagan 3) George W. Bush 4) Donald Trump.

"We have always known that heedless self-interest was bad morals; we know now that it is bad economics." said
1) FDR 2) Boris Yeltsin 3) R. Reagan 4) D. Trump.

According to Reinhold Niebuhr, "The tendency to claim God as an ally for our partisan values and ends is . . . the source of all religious _____."
1) awakening 2) growth 3) dogma 4) fanaticism.

According to publisher Clare Boothe Luce "____ has done more to cause the social unrest of the 20th century than any other single factor." 1) Revolution 2) Democracy 3) Socialism 4) Advertising.

Who said the US is "the greatest poem."
1) Walt Whitman, 2) Abraham Lincoln
3) Barak Obama 4) Donald Trump.

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Read the answers in our online game.
https://accuratedemocracy.com/a_humor.htm
Do you know some provocative or humorous quotations about voters, elections or democracy? Please send them!