

Change

[P]ublic opinion and policy do mostly tend to move together. Policy is more likely to change when majorities of citizens favor a change than when majorities oppose it. Average citizens fairly often get what they want. ... This could be called "democracy by coincidence." It occurs even though ordinary citizens have little or no influence on their own, becauss those citizens fairly often agree with the policies that are also favored (and won) by their affluent fellow citizens who *do* have a lot of clout.

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