

Democracy

**Democracy can be defined as
a civilised civil war.**

**It recognises the existence of differences
of opinion, but resolves these peacefully,
through elections, which are the fundamental
institution of representative democracy.**

Elections determine legitimacy.

But to do so they must be recognised as fair.

**A lie about the outcome of an election,
then, is not just any lie.**

It is not even just any political lie.

It directly threatens democracy.

**It is an attempt to overthrow elections
as the arbiter of power.**

**Martin Wolf,
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