

Democracy

It is of course easy to show that on any definition that is not simply vacuous, a majority *might* harm the interests of a minority, *might* act unjustly, *might* might indeed act tyrannically.

But if every other alternative kind of regime would also permit injustice and tyranny, then it can hardly be counted as a unique defect of democracy or the majority principle that they do not totally foreclose these possible wrongs. Surely a question to ask is whether democracy is more prone to this kind of wrongdoing than any of the alternatives to it.

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