

Democracy

**Key to the smooth running of democracy
is the indifference of much of the
population, much of the time.**

**Voters are crucial as an eye on things,
as a righter of the ship of state
when it lists.**

**That requires a measure of knowledge.
Round-the-clock absorption
is something else.**

**It causes
politics to take place in too loud a setting,
laws to be made in too hot a smithy.**

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