

Democracy

... let me once again view democracy as, ideally at least, a political system designed for citizens of a state who are willing to treat one another, for political purposes, as *political* equals.

Citizens might view one another as unequal in other respects. ... But ... they ... assume that all citizens have equal rights to participate, directly or indirectly through their elected representatives, in making the policies, rules, laws or other decisions that citizens are expected (or required) to obey ...

Robert A. Dahl,
*How Democratic Is the
American Constitution?*