

Democracy

There are two circumstances in particular in which a minority may feel that majority rule *violates* political equality. One ...[is]... the case where those who vote with the majority are affected much less by the decision, or have fewer interests at stake, than those who form the minority. Although heads have been counted equally, it appears as though preferences or interests have not. The second circumstance is where one group finds itself in a minority repeatedly when votes are taken. ... In other words, we have the problem of the *intense* minority and the problem of the *persistent* minority.

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