

# Liberty

**[I]n the end,  
a democratic society cannot depend  
on its constitutional systems for  
the preservation of its liberties.**

**It can depend only on  
the beliefs and cultures shared by  
its political, legal, and cultural elites  
and by the citizens to whom  
these elites are responsive.**

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