

Oligarchy

**Democracy leads to oligarchy
and necessarily contains
an oligarchic nucleus.**

**In making this assertion,
it is far from the author's intention
to pass a moral judgment upon any
political party or system of government,
to level an accusation of hypocrisy.**

**The law that it is an essential
characteristic of all human aggregates
to constitute cliques and sub-classes is,
like every other sociological law,
beyond good and evil.**

**Robert Michels,
*Political Parties: A Sociological Study of the
Oligarchical Tendencies of Modern Democracy***