

# Democracy

## Background

Democracy is not an ideology!

Democracy is a form of government with its origins in ancient Greece, and its development in the European Enlightenment.

Socialism, liberalism, and conservatism are ideologies that employ a democracy as a form of government.

Why are we studying democracy?

We study democracy because it failed in Italy, Germany, and Spain.

Social, economic, and political circumstances in these countries promoted growing popular support for an authoritarian government.

## Assignment

1) Define . . . Democracy.

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2) Justify democracy as a product of the European Enlightenment.

*The Enlightenment was an 18<sup>th</sup> Century philosophical movement in which reason and individualism were emphasized at the expense of tradition.*

- Canadian Oxford Dictionary

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3) Identify the characteristics of democracy.

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