

Democracy

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I was inspired by SubStack writer 'Aurelian' to add a definition of democracy to the glossary yesterday. This is as follows:

There is no consensus about what "[democracy](#)" means.

To the extent that a definition is required, democracy is a political system where the political unit in question is run broadly as desired by the people who reside in it.

Note that such a definition is about the nature and purpose of a democracy, not its structure and the way it functions. These vary too widely to be described.

Democracy is an idea, not a specific system of government.

Based on the work of Substack writer '[Aurelian](#)'.

Comments are welcome. Revisions are possible.