

## Applying the Models of Democracy


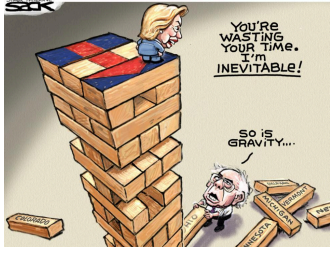
LOR-1.B. Explain how models of representative democracy are visible in major institutions, policies, events, or debates in the U.S.

For this activity, you will see a series of images, quotations and scenarios. For each, you should identify which of the models of democratic government is most visible and explain why you chose that model. You will work with the people in your table group to complete this activity.

The models you will identify are: **participatory** model of democracy, **pluralist** model of democracy or **elite** model of democracy.

- A political cartoon is a type of drawing used to present opinions, comments, or criticisms of a situation, person, or event. Cartoons help us understand information by presenting it in a visual and memorable way. Cartoonists use many different techniques to achieve their goals:
  - Caricature - exaggerating one or more physical features - a large mouth to show someone who often speaks out on an issue.
  - Symbols - using a recognizable item to communicate an idea - an elephant to represent the Republican Party.
  - Caption - having the characters speak or summarizing the message in a few words above or below the cartoon.

These cartoons are also available in the folder on our table in [larger format](#).

Cartoon	Cartoonist's Point of View	Democratic Model	Explanation of your choice
			
			


#### Quotations:

Quotation	Democratic Model	Explanation
<p>The most important question that was ever proposed to your decision, or to the decision of any people under heaven, is before you, and you are to decide upon it by men of your own election, chosen specially for this purpose.</p>		

--Brutus 1		
Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector. --Constitution, Article 2.1		
The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature. --Constitution, Article 1.1		
The instability, injustice, and confusion introduced into the public councils, have, in truth, been the mortal diseases under which popular governments have everywhere perished --Federalist 10		
The influence of factious leaders may kindle a flame within their particular States, but will be unable to spread a general conflagration through the other States. A religious sect may degenerate into a political faction in a part of the Confederacy; but the variety of sects dispersed over the entire face of it must secure the national councils against any danger from that source. A rage for paper money, for an abolition of debts, for an equal division of property, or for any other improper or wicked project, will be less apt to pervade the whole body of the Union than a particular member of it; in the same proportion as such a malady is more likely to taint a particular county or district, than an entire State. --Federalist 10		
--That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and		

to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. --Declaration of Independence		
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#### Scenarios:

Scenario	Democratic Model	Explanation
During the 1760's and 1770's, Great Britain began taxing some items sold in the colonies, including paper, tea and glass. Some colonists protested these policies by boycotting British goods.		
Delegates to political party conventions nominate the candidate for president from their party, sometimes using the votes of Superdelegates, who are elected party officials, to steer the nomination in the direction they prefer..		
Faced with repeated communications from their constituents and numerous interest group pressures, Congress passes an immigration reform bill.		
Knowing through her work in the local chapter of the NAACP that Black leaders were looking for a test case to take to the Supreme Court to challenge Jim Crow laws, a black woman refused to give up her seat in the whites-only section of the bus, sparking a successful bus boycott and providing momentum to the civil rights movement.		
Disturbed by a series of violent encounters between police officers and African Americans, an NFL football player decided to take a knee during the National Anthem as a sign of protest against institutional racism in governmental agencies. His actions set off similar actions by others in both the professional and collegiate		

sports realms and has filtered down to some high school venues as well.		
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