



What Is A Representative Democracy? - Quiz

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Q1. What is a representative democracy?

- A. A system where citizens vote directly on laws
- B. A system where citizens elect officials to make laws
- C. A system where laws are made by a single ruler
- D. A system where laws are made by military leaders

Q2. Which country is a prime example of a representative democracy?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Ancient Athens
- C. The United States
- D. North Korea

Q3. What was the alternative to representative democracy considered by the framers of the U.S. Constitution?

- A. Monarchy
- B. Direct democracy
- C. Oligarchy
- D. Theocracy

Q4. How are U.S. Senators currently selected?

- A. By state legislatures
- B. By the President
- C. By direct popular vote
- D. By the Supreme Court

Q5. What is one benefit of representative democracy?

- A. Citizens must vote on every law
- B. Officials are legally obligated to reflect the will of the people
- C. Elected representatives can focus on lawmaking
- D. It eliminates the need for elections

Q6. What is a major disadvantage of representative democracy?

- A. Officials may not reflect the will of the people
- B. Citizens have too much direct power
- C. It requires constant voting on laws
- D. It is only effective in small countries

Q7. Which country currently uses a modified form of direct democracy?

- A. The United States
- B. Switzerland
- C. The United Kingdom
- D. China

Q8. What is an example of direct democracy in the U.S.?

- A. Presidential elections
- B. Town hall meetings
- C. Supreme Court rulings
- D. Congressional hearings

Q9. What is one benefit of a direct democracy system?

- A. Less transparency in lawmaking
- B. More opportunities for corruption
- C. Greater public involvement in decision-making
- D. Faster lawmaking process

Q10. Why did the framers of the U.S. Constitution choose representative democracy?

- A. They feared a tyranny of the majority
- B. They wanted to eliminate all forms of voting
- C. They preferred a monarchy
- D. They wanted to give all power to the Supreme Court

Answer Key

1. Q1: B
2. Q2: C
3. Q3: B
4. Q4: C
5. Q5: C
6. Q6: A
7. Q7: B
8. Q8: B
9. Q9: C
10. Q10: A