

Young and older people participation in the democratic life in Greece

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Democracy

- ▶ What is **democracy**?

The word “democracy” comes from two Greek words that mean people (**demos**) and rule (**kratos**).

- ▶ How was **democracy** established and applied in ancient Greece?

The first known democracy in the world was in Athens. Athenian democracy developed around the fifth century B.C.E. The Greek idea of democracy was different from present-day democracy because, in Athens, all adult citizens were required to take an active part in the government. If they did not fulfill their duty they would be fined and sometimes marked with red paint.

Each year 500 names were chosen from all the citizens of ancient Athens. Those 500 citizens had to actively serve in the government for one year. During that year, they were responsible for making new laws and control all parts of the political process. When a new law was proposed, all the citizens of Athens had the opportunity to vote on it. To vote, citizens had to attend the assembly on the day the vote took place.

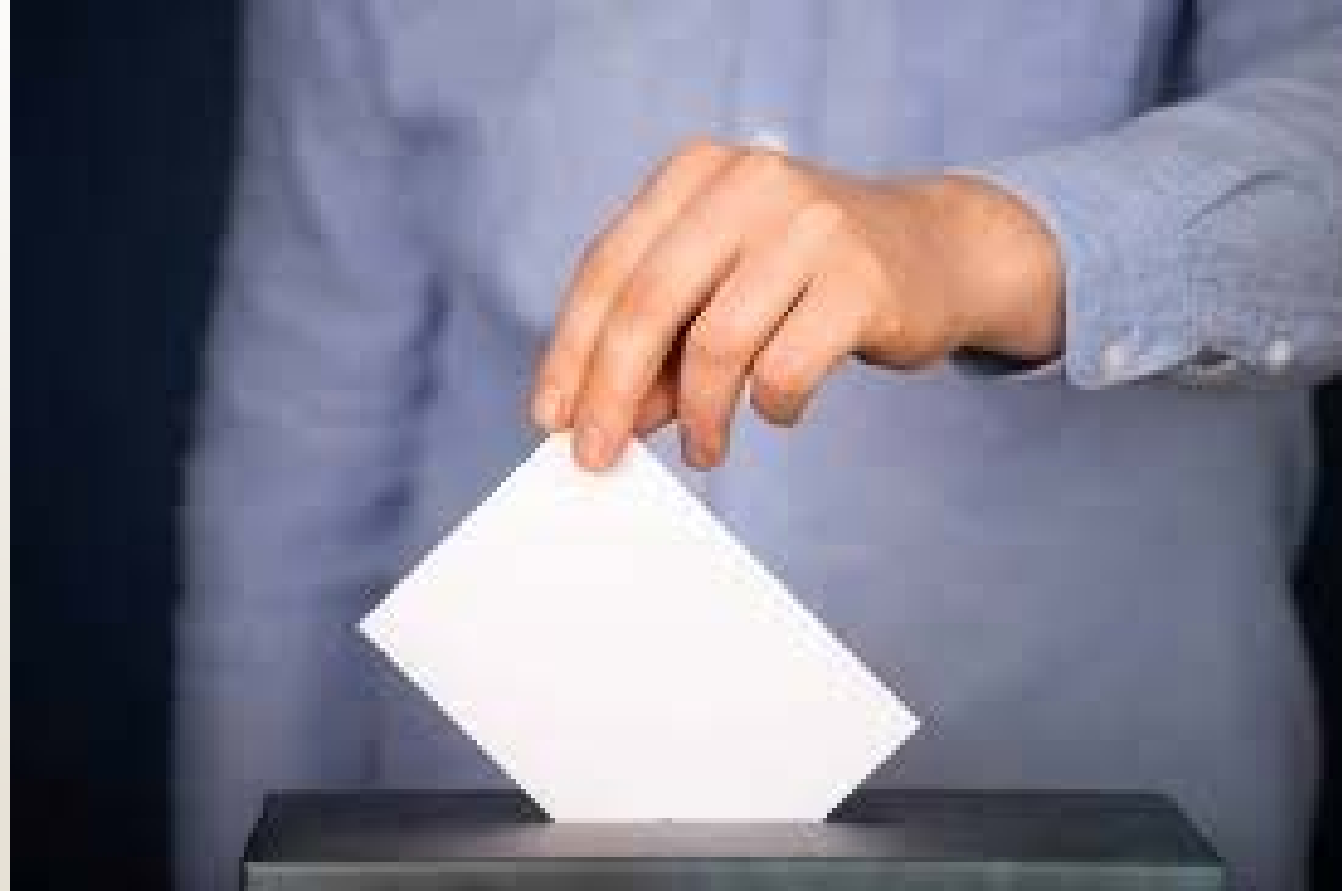
This form of government is called **DIRECT DEMOCRACY**.



Democracy today...

- ▶ Many countries use the institution of democracy and alter the function according to their needs
- ▶ Representative Democracies
 - Parliamentary Democracy
 - Crowned Democracy
 - Presidential Democracy

Democracy today...

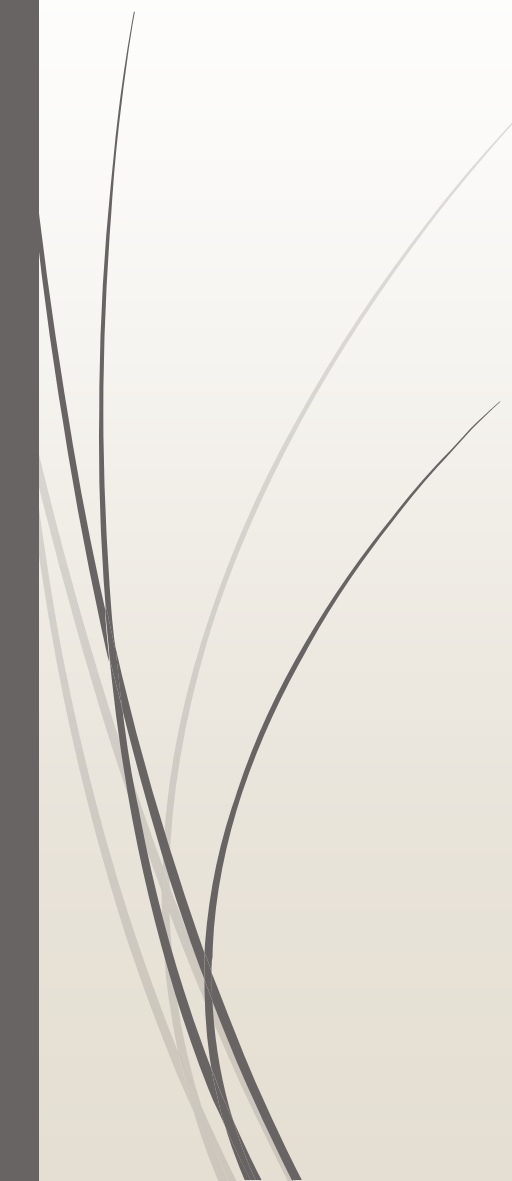


Democracy today





Factors that affect Democracy

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- Unemployment
 - Financial distress
 - Corruption in the political world
 - Violation of human rights
 - Lack of free education
 - Limited access to free health
 - Inequality

Democracy???

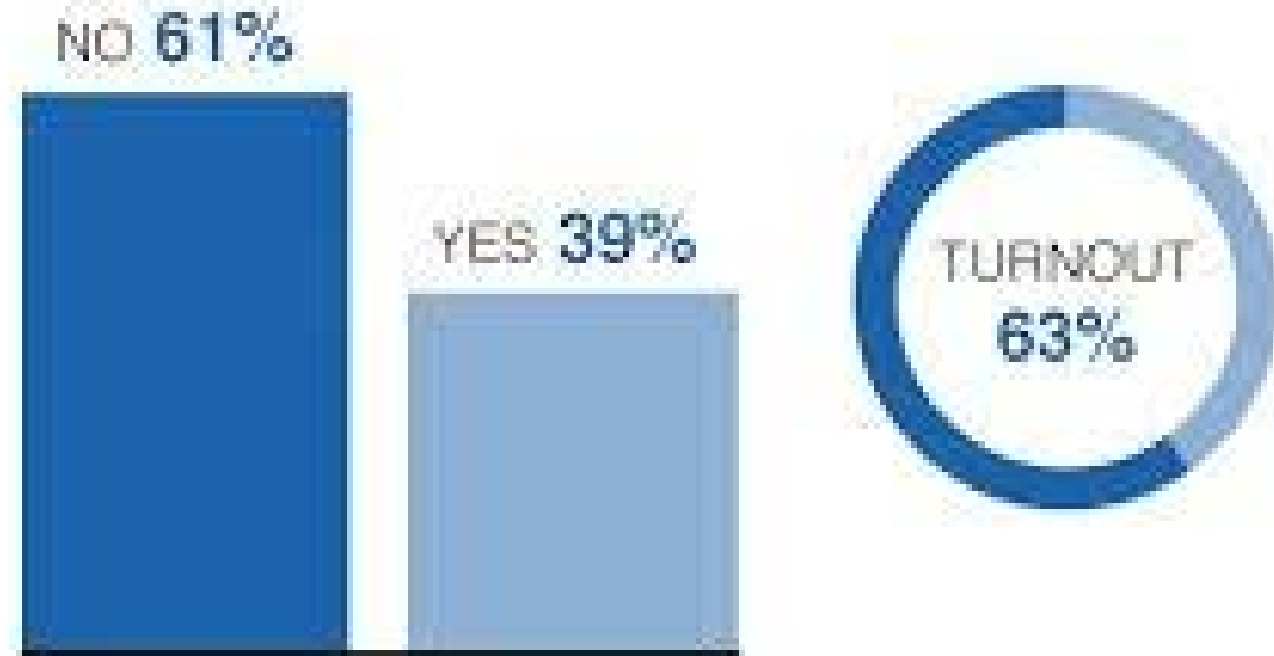


Democracy in Greece



Referendum in Greece 2015

Greek referendum result



Source: Greek Interior Ministry

Greek voters were asked whether they accept the terms of an international bailout submitted by the European Commission, the ECB and the IMF

Democracy in Europe





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Democracy should be one; ***DIRECT democracy***, or ***pure democracy***, where the people govern directly, by voting on laws and policies. It requires wide participation of citizens in politics.

Until this is applied, there is no need to discuss about democracy nowadays.

Today, something else is applied. And this is not democracy.

