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**DEMOCRACY AND POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS**

**SUMMARY:** The concept of democracy has influenced the development of human society ever since the times of ancient Greece. For the common people, democracy is an idea that provides the minimum conditions for a life of dignity. Without democracy, as many believe, it is impossible to achieve or respect human rights and freedoms. Naturally, the quality of life, or at least a higher level of equality among people, is impossible to attain without democratic institutions. Political institutions, which inspire state government bodies to provide the necessary quality of life, may be the most important link in the process of achieving human rights and liberties throughout history.

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