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American Democracy- Why is it so SPECIAL?
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The success of American Democracy has developed from several key factors: pleasing the people, limiting the power of the people, and the changing of the government with society. Democracy has a compromise in power between the government and the governed that is contracted in a living document called a constitution. This living document helps the government conform to the needs of the governed. Democracy appeases the governed by allowing people to sustain their natural rights to life, liberty and property. People are given the same opportunities in society, as well, by having equal rights. People in a democracy are allowed the right to voice their opinions. People's opinion, in a democracy, can be voiced through voting, protests, and petitions. Each governed person in a democracy may not have their opinion heard on a personal level directly by the government, but the governed can elect other individuals to run for a political office to represent them.

Although the governed is allowed a certain amount of control, the government limiting the people's power balances the power between the government and the governed. In limiting the people's power, laws are made by the government that sustain and protect the natural rights of the governed. Laws are also enforced by law officials (police, sheriff, ect.) who can play a part in the penalizing of a criminal. For an example, if someone robs a bank and is caught by the local police, that person can be arrested and held by the police until the trial. Democracy's success comes from its change with society as well. With new technology that brings new inventions, new laws and rights are developed. In example, since technology brought about video games, makers of the video games are allowed to make the video game about what they want, but there must be a rating on the video game in order for it to sale.

Pleasing the people, limiting the power of the people, and changing with the society, are key factors that not only helped in the success of American Democracy, but have enabled the United States to sustain its democratic government for over 200 years. The United States has been greatly shaped by its governed through the years. Applying these factors to the United States government has continued to allow the governed people of the United States to have a say in the running of the government that will benefit both each individual and the society as a whole. The United States government will also be able to keep up-to-date on the changes in society in order to meet the needs of the governed.

The United States government has evolved with the change in time over the past 200 years. In the past 200 years there have been country-changing wars, population changes, political movements, and more. Through all of these many changes, the United States' government has kept up with society. The Civil War was a time that changed the face of the country. The change the Civil War made was mainly by it being a part of the abolishing of slavery. The end of slavery brought a separation between the northern and southern hemispheres of the country and influenced laws against slavery and discrimination. Free blacks were given the opportunity, by law, to get an education and a job in order to better themselves and gain further independence. The reconstruction of the United States after the Civil War was another change in the country that the United States government adapted to. In the reconstruction of the United States, the building of railroads brought an increase in immigrants to the nation. This time of rebuilding and immigration brought laws about the function of trains and railroads. This time also brought the idea about systems that placed immigrants in project societies away from the "American" society. In the 1900s, the government adapted once again to the changes in society when the long years of the Civil Rights Movement began. In the Civil Rights Movement people began to speak out about issues that the government needed to address. In seeing these presented issues, the United States government eventually made issues to enforce laws against discrimination, enforce voting rights for all Americans, and made laws that contests segregation in schools and public facilities.

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Another change in society the United States government has had to conform to is the change in technology and inventions. With the inventions of cars, speed-limit laws have been passed, laws about being qualified to drive have developed, laws against drunken driving have come about, and laws against misconduct of a vehicle (street races) has been made. These are only a few of the many laws made for cars. Laws for computers are always being made, even today. This is mostly because technology for computers is increasing rapidly everyday. Some laws may include restrictions on downloading information and an increase in the monitoring of computer usage by the government.

In order for the United States' democratic tradition to survive, it must sustain a concrete foundation built upon the morals of the Founders. The government must continue to protect the people's natural rights to life, liberty, and property. The government must also limit the rights of the people to sustain order in the community and a balance of powers between the government and the governed. However, if the United States does not meet these requirements, its democratic tradition will not be able to survive. The fact that many young people are becoming less interested in politics and government is a very large factor in the survival as well. If young people aren't interested in government and politics, they will most likely not be able to vote wisely because they will be ignorant to the issues in society. Therefore, an unfit leader who will not meet the requirements for a surviving democratic tradition may be placed into a political office.

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Facts about the Convention of 1787



Where was the Constitutional Convention?

- Philadelphia Pennsylvania at Constitutional Hall

How many days did it take to create the Constitution?

- About 100 working days

What were the conditions like in Independence Hall?

- Hot - It happened in the summer of 1787 and the delegates decided to shut all the windows to insure secrecy

How many delegates were at the convention?

- 55

Who was not at the Constitutional Convention?

- Thomas Jefferson who was in France, and John Adams who was in Great Britain

Who presided over the Convention?

- George Washington

Who is known as the Father of the Constitution?

- James Madison - He had the greatest influence on the organization and structure of the Constitution.

Who was not represented at the Constitutional Convention?

- Women, African Americans, Native Americans, or what we might call commoners.



Constitutional Delegates Resume

Race: White

Sex: Male

Average Age:

44 - Oldest member was Benjamin Franklin 81, and the youngest was Jonathan Dayton who was 26

Education: College Graduates

Current Occupations:

Most were Lawyers (33), doctors, small business and landowners, soldiers, educators, ministers, and physicians

Past Government Experience:

44 attended the Continental Congress that created the Declaration of Independence. Many had experience in state government.

Wealth:

Extremely wealthy - George Washington was the richest member.

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Name: _____

HELP WANTED!

Based on your knowledge of the delegates, write a help wanted ad calling for individuals to attend the Constitutional Convention. Be sure to include information that we covered in class such as the characteristics of the delegates and facts of the convention. Be creative with the assignment; think about what an ad would look like back in 1787.

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Define:

- 266 1. Limit: _____
- 160 2. Factor: _____
- 438 3. Society: _____
- 88 4. Compromise: _____
- 321 5. Opinion: _____
- 342 6. Petition: _____
- 263 7. Level: _____
- 146 8. Enable: _____
- 2 9. Abolish: _____
- 224 10. Immigrate: _____
- 181 11. Function: _____
- 417 12. Segregate: _____
- 160 13. Facility: _____
- 126 14. Discriminate: _____
- 91 15. Conform: _____
- 90 16. Conduct: _____
- 467 17. Sustain: _____
- 32 18. Balance: _____
- 494 19. Tradition: _____
- 264 20. Liberty: _____

Write two sentences using two different word from above.

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