

# Democracy

The belief that  
a very high level of participation  
is always good for democracy  
is not valid.

As the events of the 1930s in Germany demonstrated ... an increase in the level of participation may reflect the decline of social cohesion and the breakdown of the democratic process; whereas a stable democracy may rest on the general belief that the outcome of an election will not make too great a difference in society.

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