Ch. 1 Sec. 3 Notes

Democracy exists in this country because the American people believe in its basic concepts. The American concept of democracy rests on these basic notions:

1. A recognition of the fundamental \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of every person;
2. (2) A respect for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all persons;
3. (3) A faith in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and an insistence upon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;
4. (4) An acceptance of the necessity of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; and
5. (5) An insistence upon the widest possible degree of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Democracy does not insist on the equality for all persons. It does not claim that all are born with the same \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ abilities. Nor does it argue that all persons have a right to an equal share of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The democratic concept of equality insists that all are entitled to:

1. equality of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. equality before the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

MAJORITY RULE, MINORITY RIGHTS

* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and not the dictate of the ruling few determines public policy
* The only satisfactory device democracy knows is that of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Democracy argues that a majority of the people will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ more often than they will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* They also argue that the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will also be right more often than will any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Necessity of Compromise – the process of finding the position most acceptable to the largest number.

Two major reasons:

1. Democracy puts the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ first and at the same time, insist that each individual is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Few \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ have only two sides. Most can be answered in several ways.

Democracy and the Free Enterprise System

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can only exist in a state of anarchy – the total absence of government.
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is an economic system characterized by private or corporate ownership of capital goods; investments that are determined by private decision rather than by state control; and determined in a free market.
* Decisions in a free enterprise system are determined by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* An economy in which private enterprise exists in combination with a considerable amount of government regulation and promotion is called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Examples are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ standards.

Democracy and the Internet

* Democracy demands that the people be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about their government.
* Theoretically, the Internet makes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in democratic process easier than ever before.
* However, all data on the World Wide Web is not necessarily true, and the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Internet on democracy has yet to be determined.