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*"People should be Led not coerced. My political ideal is a democracy. Let every man be respected as an individual and no man idolized."*

Albert Einstein, German Theoretical Physicist

*"Democracy is when the indigent, and not the men of property, are the rulers."*

Aristotle, ancient Greek Philosopher

*"In a democracy the poor will have more power than the rich, because there are more of them, and the will of the majority is supreme."*

Aristotle, Ancient Greek Philosopher

*"The only thing to do is look into the future and set goals in order to be secure and be consistent, go on reading, studying and stay strong spiritually."*

Maironis, Lithuanian poet, educator, Catholic priest

*"Democracy is not the law of the majority but the protection of minority."*

Albert Camus, French Philosopher, Author, Journalist



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*“Democracy must be built through open societies that share information, when there is information, there is enlightenment. When there is debate, there are solutions. When there is no sharing of power, no rule of law, no accountability, there is abuse, corruption, subjugation and indignation.”*

Atifete Jahjaga, Former President of Kosovo

*“I think democracy is the most revolutionary thing in the world, because if you have power, you use it to meet the needs of you and your community.”*

Tony Benn, British Politician, Writer, and Diarist

*“An informed people is one of the best guarantees of a continuing democracy.”*

Harry F.Banks, Scottish Soldier

*“Democracy must be our answer to terrorism.”*

Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany



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*“Freedom in a democracy is the glory of the state, and, therefore, in a democracy only will the freeman of nature deign to dwell.”*

Pluto, Greek Philosopher

*“Freedom of speech is a human right and the foundation upon which democracy is built. Any restriction of freedom of speech is a restriction upon democracy.”*

Deeyah Khan, Norwegian - British Film Director and Humans Right Defender of Punjabi/Pashtun Descent

*“Only a democratic Lithuania can remain independent in the present world. Only free people, only responsible citizens can save people and freedom of the state.”*

Valdas Adamkus, Former President of Lithuania

*“Freedom is something that is infinite. There are many forms of it, for instance, political, economic, religious, moral freedom. If a person is granted one form of freedom, he already believes that he is free. But this is not the case, as it is a long way to freedom for mankind to go.”*

Justinas Marcinkevičius, Lithuanian poet, playwright

*“It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all the others that have been tried.”*

Winston Churchill, Former British Prime Minister



*“Democracy...is a charming form of government, full of variety and disorder and dispensing a sort of equality to equals and unequals alike.”*

Plato, Greek Philosopher

*“The love of democracy is that of equality.”*

Baron De Montesquieu, French Judge, Man of Letters, and Political Philosopher

*“The examples of female success stories are important on the global scale, as they help to disseminate the idea of gender equality and to spread the roots for the actual implementation of equal rights for women and men and democratic values among different cultures, societies and traditions.”*

Dalia Grybauskaite, President of Lithuania

*“The motive power of democracy is love.”*

Henri Bergson, French Philosopher

