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| Why Desire and Build Accurate Democracy?  A good democracy develops, improving itself,  the quality of our society and our social agreements & services. It tends to boost **peace** in a diverse society & world.  The best rules strengthen some reasons for voting. We will see how ranking choices can speed up meetings.  Well-designed ballots and tallies promote equality:  Even busy or unassertive people can cast full votes.  Democracy tools are powerful means for building  social equity and trust, peace and prosperity.  Consider the [1998 Northern Ireland  Good Friday Agreement referendum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1998_Northern_Ireland_Good_Friday_Agreement_referendum).  The major factions in the RCV election were these:  The Catholics who were  opposed to the peace deal and for  union with the Republic of Ireland.  The Catholics for peace with  the Protestants in N. Ireland  The Protestants for peace with  the Catholics in N. Ireland  The Protestants who were  opposed to the peace deal and for  closer ties to the United Kingdom.  In some districts, no faction got a majority. If you wanted peace, who was your second choice? Some Catholic candidates for peace asked  followers to rank to the Protestants for peace  above the Catholics opposed to the peace deal. Some Protestants for peace made a similar ask.  **Peace won.** 🕊️  RCV helps as it “gives you proportionality on every axis.” — Moon Duchin, MGGG Redistricting Lab  **Where else do you see a polarized society?** | **ACCURATE DEMOCRACY**  **FairVote**  **Loring** | A Bookmark for Accurate Democracy  What Good Is a Good Democracy?  **The best tools for democracy raise the  levels of liberty, social trust, health and happiness.**  As the numbers on page 61\* show us, to elect reps who   enact the best health, education, tax and other policies,   a country needs effective voting rules, not wasted votes. The tools also raise the rewards for consensus builders; so  they reduce polarizing fear, anger and gridlock.  *“Democracy is broadly understood to mean ‘rule by the people’.*  *In practice, it is often defined as people choosing their  leaders in free and fair elections.*  *Other definitions go beyond this. For example, some of them  see democracy as people having additional individual rights  and being protected from the state.*  *(It) gives citizens the right to influence important decisions over their own lives and allows them to hold their leaders accountable.*  *But it can have other benefits too: democratic countries seem  better governed than autocracies, seem to grow faster, and  foster more peaceful conduct within and between them.”*  from [ourworldindata.org/democracy](https://ourworldindata.org/democracy)  [progress through **peaceful competition** between different interests & ideas](https://www.chathamhouse.org/2021/04/importance-democracy).  Why Support More Democracy?  It fights against corruption by wealthy plutocrats. It protects and strengthens our rights and freedoms,  social trust and safety, health and leisure. Peace ⇒ prosperity ⇒ successful cities and states.  \* **AccurateDemocracy.com/AcDem.pdf**  All are aided by non-partisan government workers |
| Humorous Questions from PoliticalSim  The game PoliticalSim™ has dozens of “interview questions.”  This sample teaches players to tell the difference between  **⇐** more democratic & more authoritarian points of view ideas. **⇒**  Who said (and thought?) “When the president does it,  that means it is not illegal.” 1) Jimmy Carter  2) George Washington 3) Richard Nixon 4) Donald Trump.  Complete this French proverb:  “If you are under 30 and are not a socialist you have no heart.   If you are over 30 and are still a socialist you have no \_\_\_\_”  1) Eyes 2) Stomach  3) Feet 4) Brain.  Who said, "He is a barbarian and thinks the customs  of his tribe are the laws of nature." 1) George Bernard Shaw 2) Mark Twain 3) Rev. Billy Graham 4) J.D. Vance https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Religious\_right\_in\_the\_United\_States#Notable\_people  A reformer is a person who:  1) Insists on his conscience being your guide;  2) Makes associates feel miserable about their pleasures;  3) Rides through sewers in a glass-bottomed boat.  An elected official gets 55% of the popular vote, from a turnout of 50% of registered voters, who are 70% of voting-age adults. About what percent of voting-age adults supported the winner? A) 19% B) 25% C) 33% D) 55%.  Which voting system always gives each voter  just what he or she votes for? 1) Voting with your feet  2) Fair-share spending 3) Condorcet’s rule 4) Plurality rule.  Which candidate for president joked “... a free society  is a society in which it is safe to be unpopular.”  1) Adlai Stevenson 2) George W. Bush  3) Donald Trump 4) King George IV. | **ACCURATE DEMOCRACY**  **FairVote**  **Loring** | Humorous Quotations in SimElection  Who said: “In Paris they simply stared when I spoke to  them in French; I never did succeed in making those idiots understand their own language.” 1) Mark Twain 2) Ronald Reagan 3) George W. Bush 4) Donald Trump.  “We have always known that heedless self-interest was  bad morals; we know now that it is bad economics.” said  1) FDR 2) Boris Yeltsin 3) R. Reagan 4) D. Trump.  Anthropologist Ashley Montague wrote, “It is the mark of the cultured man that he is aware of the fact that \_\_\_\_\_ is an ethical and not a biological principle.” 1) Equality 2) Interdependence 3) Succession 4) Survival of the fittest.  Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr wrote, “The tendency to claim God as an ally for our partisan values and ends is  . . . the source of all religious \_\_\_\_\_.”  1) Awakening 2) Growth 3) Dogma 4) Fanaticism.  Publisher Clare Boothe Luce wrote, “\_\_\_\_ has done more to cause the social unrest of the 20th century than any other single factor.” 1) Revolution 2) Democracy  3) Socialism 4) Advertising.  Who said the US is “the greatest poem.”  1) Walt Whitman 2) Abraham Lincoln  3) Barak Obama 4) Donald Trump.  The answers to these and more are in  our inline game. https://accuratedemocracy.com/a\_humor.htm Do you know some provocative or humorous quotations  about voters, elections or democracy? Please send them! VotingSite@gmail.com  **AccurateDemocracy.com/AcDem.pdf** |