

Democracy (A ruse by any other name)

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There are millions of people all over the world who dream of Democracy. They long for the freedom and choice of lifestyle that Democracy brings. But the fact is - **Democracy does not exist!** It is suppressed before it can even begin - by individuals with fixed ideas who want to sway people *their* way, to influence their way of thought, to control their way of life.

Democracy is defined as “the rule of the people - *by the people*”. Yet no political representative of the people looks around to find out what the views and principles of the people are, or what their wishes are, so that he can implement them. That **would** be rule by the people, in a way.

Instead, he already has his own definite, preconceived ideas, and he has no intention of changing them. He conspires to override the wishes of others. No party could possibly represent Democracy. Governments merely represent dictatorships - the ideas of the ruling Party imposed upon the people.

There are many different forms of government across the world which call themselves Democracies, and they are usually accepted as such by others. Yet each so-called “democratic” country is ruled by a power group which, once elected, puts its own pre-arranged plans, rules and laws into operation - without regard for public opinion. Some governments do their utmost for their country - **as they see it**. But that rules out Democracy.

Governments of other lands, however, **are** merely pawns in the hands of the established Religions or Civil Service of their country - making laws and rules to suit the purposes of those within the established Religion or Civil Service, or both.

These are the unseen masters, who pull the puppet strings behind the scenes. No Democracy there.

Let us consider so-called Democracy in Britain. Let us look at our representatives in Parliament. Who really rules - and on whose behalf?

If, in elections, there is no candidate in your area who holds the same basic views or principles as yourself - *you* cannot be represented.

If there is a candidate who does hold some of your views, but he is not elected - *you* are not represented.

If the candidate of your choice is elected, and his party does not have a majority - again *you* cannot be represented.

If your chosen one is elected, and his party comes to power, but he is not selected as a member of the cabinet - then he plays no part in government, for he must toe the party line - and *you* are denied representation.

Even if your chosen one is appointed to the cabinet by the party leader, and he puts forward views or implements ways that are against the wishes of the party leader, he is “reshuffled” - and once again *you* are not represented.

The chances that you find a person who represents your basic principles, and that he or she fulfils all the positive conditions that I’ve just mentioned to enable him to have a say in governmental decisions, are about a million to one. Never do you get a situation whereby, once all the proposed parliamentary motions have been put forward several weeks in advance, the Member of Parliament goes back to the population of his area and says, in effect:

“These are all the new laws proposed for the next month. All those who have views on these topics please contact my secretary to let me know how you wish me to vote, so that I may truly represent you by putting forward the view of *the majority of you* in these matters.”

That - plus a *free vote* for all the people’s representatives (Members of Parliament), would at least be the beginnings of democracy.

It is interesting to observe that, where Democracy is thought to be in operation, wars or strife are always imminent - because the various factions within it always want change - a change to *their* way of thinking, *their* ideas of ruling people.

You may still say that it is not possible to consult the whole population on every major or minor issue, and not practical to carry out their wishes, even if we knew what they were (after all, they may wish to abolish armies, taxes, T.V. licences, police, closing times, and so on). But in that case, *why pretend there is Democracy?* Why not just say you believe that it’s neither practical, nor desirable to certain people.

But to get back to those people who want to throw off their dictatorships and embrace the illusion of Democracy, believing it to be freedom - *Democracy is not freedom* (as citizens of the former Russian empire have found out). They need to realise that what they are chanting for is wealth and, in a way, a little freedom of movement, for it is not always in the interests of a government to have its people leave its area of land.

So - what am I advocating? Dictatorships? Totalitarian regimes? Religious fundamentalist states? Or just plain anarchy?

No - *democracy would suit me fine*. But before this can come about, we have to

realise that what we have been fobbed off with so far is nothing like democracy. At present, it is merely the privilege of selecting one of a small number of package deals offered by two or three power groups, who have their own agenda all worked out **before** they even present their cover story to the general public, in the form of a manifesto.

When Ghandi was asked what did he think about Western civilisation, he replied, “I think it would be a good idea.”

Some of us might say the same thing about Democracy.

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