

18. Democracy, so long as it is what it is, imperfectly educated, throws a great responsibility on the leaders. The average voter even in educated England has no opinion of his own on many questions. He chooses his party by tradition or by his agreement with its central aims in those matters on which he has strong views. On other questions he takes his opinion from the leaders. His conscience is clear when the party is chosen and for the rest the leaders decide and the voters obey. In a complex social machine, it is difficult for the units to exercise thought. It is more easy to be obedient automata. It does not even pay to think. Perhaps thought may prove costly. If the leaders want to create public opinion, the machinery of the press and the wireless makes it most easy. Modern conditions afford propagandists vastly increased opportunities of promoting collective excitement and setting the world in a conflagration. A few clever and adventurous leaders can excite people's passions and suppress intellectual freedom. In these circumstances, truth does not win as there is no attempt to find out truth. (190 words)

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The Role of Party Leader in Democracy

In the educated democracy like England, people are contingent on their leaders. It is not even possible for them to think openly and candidly. Their only concern is voting for their party candidates. Resultantly, it becomes easy for leaders to influence them by propaganda through newspaper and radio. Additionally, their leaders can exploit even their sentiments and passions. Hence, the truth under these circumstances often remains hidden.

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