

Democracy, that most celebrated of political systems, has in recent decades become a hollow vessel, its substance drained by the very forces it was designed to contain. We herald electoral rituals as triumphs of popular will, yet ignore how corporate lobbying, media manipulation, and algorithmic echo chambers have rendered voting a ceremonial act devoid of genuine agency. The scholar Sheldon Wolin coined the term "inverted totalitarianism" to describe this phenomenon: whereas classical totalitarianism mobilizes the masses for the state, our contemporary system demobilizes citizens through the illusion of participation. We are encouraged to vote, to debate, to protest, but these activities occur within parameters so tightly controlled that structural change becomes impossible. Consider the financial crisis of 2008. Banks gambled recklessly with public money, crashed the global economy, and were rewarded with trillion-dollar bailouts while ordinary citizens lost homes, jobs, and futures. Not a single major executive faced prosecution. The public rage that followed like Occupy Wall Street, the Arab Spring, anti-austerity movements across Europe, all produced impressive spectacles but negligible reform. Why? Because genuine democracy requires not merely the right to speak but the power to be heard, not merely the freedom to choose but meaningful alternatives to choose between. When both major parties serve the same corporate donors, when media conglomerates shape narratives to protect elite interests, when surveillance systems monitor dissent while inequality reaches feudal proportions, the democratic facade crumbles to reveal oligarchic foundations.

Yet we are told to cherish this system, to export it through military intervention, if necessary, to view its absence as barbarism and its presence as civilization's apex. This ideological project serves a purpose: it obscures the reality that what we call democracy is increasingly a sophisticated mechanism for manufacturing consent rather than expressing it. The tragedy is not that democracy has failed, but that we continue to worship its corpse while the forces that killed it grow stronger, more entrenched, and more adept at using democratic language to legitimize fundamentally undemocratic outcomes. Until we acknowledge this uncomfortable truth, meaningful political renewal remains impossible.

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Democracy is a famous political system which plays human rights; Freedom of speech, freedom of choice, free media and equality of citizens in all prospects, not to creating obstacles against citizens and supporting inequality. In recent decades, it is shifting the democratic structure to protect self interest by elite classes and feudal lords.

Democracy balances every opportunity equal towards all, not only to protect personal desires. political institutions are bound to protect every citizen not to promote only political will. These tragedies make democracy not as stable but more self-affirmed. It is not imagined as failure of democracy but the negative approaches of state holder undermines the natural nature of democracy.

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