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My View of Democracy

Democracy is when people come together to vote on big decisions or for government officials. There are many benefits to democracy such as: equality before the law, a more safe and secure community, and a voice in the government.

Equality before the law is very essential to a democracy. Everyone must receive the same benefits and punishments from the government in order for a democracy to remain peaceful, otherwise citizens become discontent and may become violent.

Without democracy many people don't have a voice and they can't do anything to change or make laws that will benefit them. But in a democracy people can speak up for themselves by writing letters to officials to change laws, or by visiting elected officials. Since we have a democracy, people have a bigger voice.

Without democracy people might start riots to change government officials' minds, because they have no other way to change laws. Therefore the U.S is a safer place to live than it would be without democracy. Since people can also vote, they can vote on what would make their state safer and more secure.

I am in a 4-H club that has to have some sort of government. We currently run our club like a democracy, where every member votes on officers and important topics. We vote on officers but after we vote on those officers they are not in complete control. We always vote on important topics such as whether or not to donate money, buy T-shirts or have a club outing. No one person gets to decide things by themselves, unless they have a certain job that requires it. My club is a democracy and because of that I get to vote on issues too. I love that my club is a democracy because it is more interactive for everyone, and I get to help determine the activities of the club.

Democracy can help with providing a voice to citizens, civilian and government equality, and a safer and more secure community. It gives civilians and officials equality that helps people function. It makes a safer and more secure community which allows people more freedom outside their homes. Democracy can be the best way to run a government, if done right.