

Dialogue On Why Elections Need To Be Replaced With Sortition

Proponent: I believe that elections need to be replaced with sortition.

Opponent: Why? Elections are the foundation of democracy.



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Proponent: I agree that elections are a key part of democracy, but I do not believe that they are the best way to select our leaders. Sortition, a system of randomly selecting citizens to make political decisions, is a more democratic and efficient way to do so.

Opponent: I don't understand why you would say that. Elections give all citizens an equal opportunity to participate in government.

Proponent: Yes, but in practice, elections are often dominated by the wealthy and powerful. Sortition, on the other hand, would give all citizens an equal chance to participate, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

Opponent: But what about the quality of decisions? Wouldn't sortition lead to unqualified people making decisions?

Proponent: Not necessarily. Sortition could be used to select a group of citizens who are representative of the population as a whole. This group would then be given training and support to help them make informed decisions.

Opponent: I still have my doubts. I think that elections are the best way to ensure that we have qualified leaders.

Proponent: I respect your opinion, but I believe that sortition is a more democratic and efficient way to select our leaders. I encourage you to learn more about it and consider its benefits.

The Benefits of Sortition

There are many benefits to using sortition to select our leaders. Here are a few of the most important:

- **Sortition is more democratic.** Elections are often dominated by the wealthy and powerful. Sortition, on the other hand, would give all citizens an equal chance to participate in government, regardless of their socioeconomic status.
- **Sortition is more efficient.** Elections are a time-consuming and expensive process. Sortition could be used to select a group of citizens

who would make decisions on behalf of the population as a whole, eliminating the need for expensive and time-consuming elections.

- **Sortition leads to better decisions.** Studies have shown that sortition can lead to better decisions than elections. This is because sortition selects a group of citizens who are representative of the population as a whole, rather than a group of self-interested politicians.

I believe that sortition is a more democratic, efficient, and effective way to select our leaders than elections. I encourage you to learn more about it and consider its benefits.



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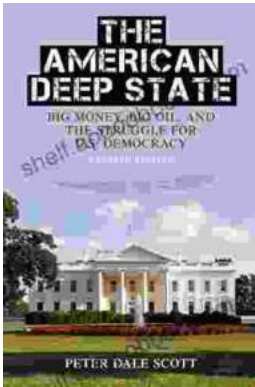
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