

POSC 4821: Democracy and Its Problems

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421 Wm. Wehr Physics

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Course Rationale

It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government -- except for all the others. Prior to the early 19th century, it was difficult to find a respectable person who would call himself a democrat. Classical political theorists regarded democracy as an aberration, the swelling of political power in a mob unable to distinguish statesmen from demagogues and prepared to betray liberty to tyrants.