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Ch: WHAT IS DEMOCRACY? AND WHY IS DEMOCRACY? (Notes)

What is a democracy? What are its features? Chapter 1 from CBSE Class 9 Political Science textbook, Democratic Politics-I builds on a simple definition of democracy. The aim of the book is to help students understand clearly the bare minimum features of a democratic form of government. After going through this chapter, you would be able to find the difference between a democratic form of government and a non-democratic government. Democracy is the most prevalent form of government in the world today and it is expanding to more countries. But why is it so? What makes it better than other forms of government? Students can just browse through these CBSE Notes Class 9 Political Science Chapter 1-What is Democracy? Why Democracy? and understand these concepts thoroughly.

Chapter 1 What Is Democracy Why Democracy

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Definition of Democracy

Democracy is a form of government in which the rulers are elected by the people. One chief factor common to all democracies is that the government is chosen by the people. It also helps students to demarcate between democratic and non-democratic governments. From the non-democratic government, take the example of Myanmar, where rulers were not elected by the people. Those who were in charge of the army of the country took over as rulers and people had no say in this decision. Dictators like Pinochet (Chile) are not elected by the people. This also applies to monarchies.

Features of Democracy

The simple definition of democracy gives rise to various questions, which are given below:

- Who are the rulers in this definition?
- What kind of election constitutes a democratic election?
- Who are the people who can elect the rulers or get elected as rulers?

- Finally, what form of government is a democracy?

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