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Is the US a democracy?

To determine whether the US is a democracy or not, we have to look at different branches of the government and how they either enhance or hinder the principles of democracy within the system. By looking at the principles of democracy which include equity, equal opportunities as well as human dignity. Though the government of the US might fit within the definition of a democracy, I tend to believe that it is more of republic than a democracy. There is a very slight difference between a republican and democracy. The constitution plays an important role in this difference. Within the United States, the powers of the president as well as other representatives who are elected by the majority are controlled by the constitution. This is one of the features of a republican form of government.

Another feature of the republican form of the government is the majority have the say while minority is right. When voting is done, the citizens of the country and tasked with the duty of ensuring that they elect the leaders who will represent them in the government. They have to trust the person they are electing that he or she will be able to deliver to their expectation. They have the say in this case. When the minority who have been elected go and form government, they are tasked with coming up with laws on behalf of the people. This means that the people have tasked them with the duty of making right decisions on their behalf.

Another factor that makes the US a republican is the fact that they have the sense of majority rule. It is not possible for any person to make rules on behalf of the citizens before a new law is enacted. That is why the country continues to engage the public when coming up with laws that affect their welfare as citizens. Though the minority is sent to form the government and make laws on behalf of the citizens, the citizens still control their operations. In case the people feel that the person they elected is not performing to their expectation, they can as well go ahead and elect another new member to replace the one they currently have. The constitution provides for different ways that can be used by the citizens to remove any of the representatives as long as they have lost faith in the person. It is through this that they can force the senior government officials to resign and give them the opportunity to elect a leader that they prefer. In the US, there have been many cases of leaders getting impeached constitutionally to give the citizens the chance to elect the new leaders that will take the position.

The common welfare of the people is the goal of the government. Even in cases where the government might not be in good terms with the other neighboring countries then the goal is to safeguard the welfare of the citizens they have. There have been many cases where the US has been forced to come up with laws that enable them to improve of safeguard the welfare of the citizens. In this case, the government is divided into three parts. These include the legislature which has the duty of making laws for the country, the executive that is charged with running the government as a whole while the judiciary is tasked with the duty of enforcing law and order within the country. Each of the sections of government within the republican is headed by a leader. The legislature is headed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; the executive is headed by the president while the legislature is headed by the chief justice. In the US, the government is formed by the Republican Party which operates under the rules of a republican system.

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