



-DUAL POWER-

What is Power?

POWER MEANS THAT SOMEONE HAS CONTROL, AUTHORITY, OR INFLUENCE OVER OTHERS. IN OTHER WORDS, THOSE WITH POWER MAKE THE DECISIONS.

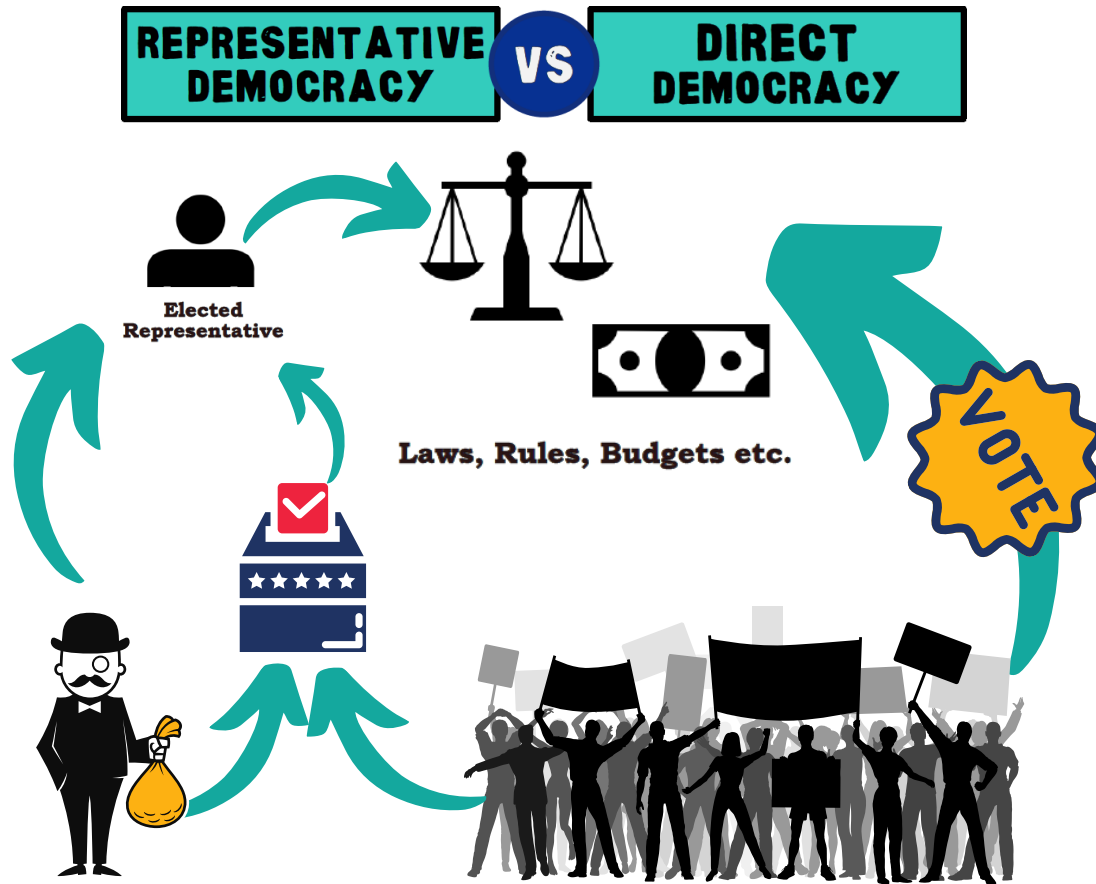
Who makes the decisions that impact your life?

- WHO DECIDES WHERE THE BUS STOPS ARE?
- WHO DECIDES WHAT TYPES OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES YOU HAVE?
- WHO DECIDES HOW TO SPEND THE CITY BUDGET?
- WHO DETERMINES HOW MUCH MONEY GOES TO YOUR SCHOOLS OR MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES?

OFTEN WHEN WE THINK ABOUT POWER, WE THINK OF A "TOP-DOWN" APPROACH WHERE A FEW PEOPLE IN CHARGE MAKE DECISIONS THAT AFFECT EVERYONE ELSE.

FOR EXAMPLE, YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT CREATES THE CITY'S BUDGET THAT DECIDES HOW EVERYONE'S TAX MONEY WILL BE USED.

ONE PROBLEM WITH THIS TYPE OF POWER IS THAT THOSE IN CHARGE SOMETIMES MAKE DECISIONS THAT **BENEFIT WEALTHY PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS AND NOT EVERYDAY PEOPLE.**



Dual power works from the bottom-up.

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE AFFECTED HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE THE DECISIONS. DUAL POWER MEANS WE, EVERYDAY FOLKS, RECOGNIZE AND RECLAIM OUR POWER.

WE BALANCE OUT THE POWERS OF GOVERNMENT AND WEALTH WITH THE POWERS OF THE PEOPLE.