

Voice of Democracy Essay
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Our nation, the United States of America, has many defining and significant aspects and accomplishments. There is one that stands out among them, and is probably the most defining of all. This is that our nation is a democracy. For most of human history, nations were monarchies, ruled by a leader who received their leadership from family ties, or they were authoritarian, a dictatorship with one supreme ruler. But the United States, when we chose to separate from the kingdom of Britain, by the signing of the Declaration of Independence, chose to break free from monarchical rule, and chose to be a democracy. But what makes our democracy so important? Why have we fought wars, brought nations together, and spread our influence worldwide? All for democracy. So, asking these things we must find what the greatest attributes of our democracy are.

Democracy is a system of government where the people of the nation have a say in the government. Can we just reflect on the beauty of such a system? It is quite astounding to think that democracy is such a new way of running a country, but it is. This is the first great attribute. WE, the people, have a say. WE choose our leaders, and through them WE are able to determine solutions for important issues and topics of our nation. Our nation could be so much different if we were not a democracy. We could be a dictatorship, with a harsh ruler controlling the nation like a puppet master. However, we are a democracy, a nation built by the people and one that is for the people. A nation where no matter your race, creed, religion, gender, you have a say on what gets done and what will take our nation into the future.

This point brings me to the next attribute. Our democracy has lasted the test of time. Our democracy has stood fast against all influences, whether they be war, or hurtful ideologies. Our democracy has pushed past it all and continues to survive today. The strength of our democracy is extremely great. In the beginning of our nation, when it was in its infant state, many other nations laughed at the concept of a nation for the people, a nation that was a democracy. However, our democracy survived through every challenge, including civil rights issues regarding the equality of the people, the rise of threatening nations who wanted to demolish democracy, and most recently the rise of dangerous beliefs and ideologies, such as communism. American democracy has pushed past it all and stood strong, touching the globe.

Our democracy has one other attribute which I consider to be great. This being its influence on the world. If you take a look at the planet, you can see that most nations are democracies. Yet, a couple of centuries ago, democracies were almost unheard of. But because of our nation's prosperity, and our defense of the concept of democracy, we have made the world a safer and more equal place, by leading nation's in the direction of democracy. We have made many sacrifices to defend people of the world from threats to democracy, as democracy is

a just system of government and life. The influence of our democracy continues to this day, and will probably continue long into the future.

Whenever one is feeling down, whenever one feels like the world is an utter disaster, they should look to our nation, our democracy, and the strength and beauty of it, and how it provides people with freedom and equality.