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"The only way to have a great civilization is to have a democracy. Rather, both are promises that continue to evolve over a lifetime. Young people must be included from birth. A society that cuts off from its youth severs its future."
—Barack Obama

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"If liberty and equality, as is thought by some, are chiefly to be found in democracy, they will be best attained when all persons alike share in the government to the utmost."
—Aristotle

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"Through the structure and rules of the government we will require a means to ensure that all citizens are treated with respect, justice, and equality, as well as to uphold and defend our principles."
—Rosa Parks

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"Democracy is necessary to peace and to understanding the forces of terrorism."
—Benazir Bhutto

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"We have a global economy that is not international and does not include people in the decision-making. It's essential to correct."
—Kevin DeLuca

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"Democracy doesn't recognize east or west. Democracy is simply people's will. Therefore, I do not acknowledge that there are various models of democracy. There is just democracy itself."
—Shirin Ebadi

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"All men, we hear in these sacred principles, though the rest of the property is in all cases to prevail, that will, to be right, need be reasonable. But the property possess their equal rights, which equal laws must protect, and to which would be oppression."
—Thomas Jefferson

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"...Freedom rings resoundingly in a democracy each time we speak freely."
—Dennis Kucinich

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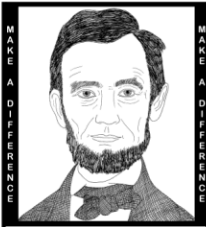
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"Some believe that the only way to remove the authoritarian regime and replace it with a democratic one through violent means, I would like to see the president of political change through peaceful means, and through violence."
—Hong Kong's pro-democracy activists

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"Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, for the people."
—Abraham Lincoln

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"The quality of democracy and the quality of journalism are always entwined."
—Bill Moyers

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"I always believe that ultimately, if there are any children, there we get good government and good leadership. And when we get that, it is democracy and civility that makes the difference. It is not just a good government and politics."
—Barack Obama

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"The liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of private power to a point where it becomes despotic; for there are only two powers in a democracy."
—Franklin D. Roosevelt

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"Most of the poverty and misery in the world is due to bad government, lack of democracy, weak states, internal strife, and so on."
—George Soros

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"Democracy is constructed like an edifice, freedom by freedom, right by right."
—Aristotle

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"As free citizens in a political democracy, we have a responsibility to the individual and to the affairs of the human community, not just to the local or the global level."
—Paul Wolfowitz

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"The most important part of the definition of democracy is that when we vote, we are not just voting for ourselves, but we are voting for the future of our country. We are voting for the future of our children, for the future of our grandchildren, for the future of our nation. We are voting for the future of our world."
—Jennifer Holm

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"The whole purpose of democracy is that we very hard-minded with one another, so as not to depend upon the understanding of one man."
—Winston Churchill

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