

A close-up, low-angle shot of the Statue of Liberty's head and crown against a clear blue sky. The statue's face is the central focus, looking slightly to the right. The crown's spikes are visible at the top and right. The lighting is bright, creating strong highlights and shadows on the statue's features.

Basics of Democracy

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Foundations of Democracy

- **The American concept of democracy rests on the following basic notions:**
- **Recognition of the fundamental worth and dignity of every person**
- **Respect for the equality of all persons**
- **Faith in majority rule and an insistence upon minority rights**

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Foundations of Democracy

- **Acceptance of the necessity of compromise**
- **Insistence upon the wildest possible degree of individual freedom**

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Worth of the Individual

- **Each individual no matter what his or her station in life is a separate and distinct being**
- **When a society forces people to pay a tax or obey traffic signals, it is serving the interests of the many**
- **The distinction between an individual and all individuals may be difficult to grasp**

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Equality of All Persons

- **The democratic concept of equality means that every person is entitled to:**
- **Equality of opportunity**
- **Equality of the law**

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Majority Rule, Minority Rights

- **A democracy cannot work without the principle of majority rule**
- **Unchecked, however, a majority could destroy its opposition**
- **The majority must always be willing to listen to the minority's argument, objections, criticisms, and suggestions**

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Necessity of Compromise

- **Compromise is the process of blending and adjusting competing views and interests**
- **Compromise is an essential part of the democratic concept**
- **Democracy puts the individual first and at the same time insists that each individual is equal**
- **Few questions have only 2 sides. Most situations can be answered several ways**

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Insistence upon Individual Freedom

- **Democracy does require that each individual must be free to do as he or she pleases as far as the freedom of all will allow**
- **“The right to swing my fist ends where the other man’s nose begins.”-Oliver Wendell Holmes**

Seven Social Roles



- **Who is a citizen?**
 - **Born in the United States or Territories**
 - **At least one parent is a US Citizen**
 - **Gone through Naturalization**
 - **Parents are Naturalized while child is under 18**



Naturalization Process



- **Step 1: Application is submitted to the INS (Immigration and Naturalization Service)**
- **Step 2: Examination**
- **Step 3: Final Hearing: INS responds to application; applicant take oath in front of Judge; citizenship is received**

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Natural vs. Naturalization

- **Natural US citizens have all the rights and duties provided by the United States**
- **Citizens that have been Naturalized cannot become President or Vice President of the United States**

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Duties and Rights of Citizens

Rights

- **The Right to Vote and Hold Elected Office**
- **Right to Say What you Think in Speech and Writing**
- **Right to Practice Your Religion**
- **Right to a Fair Trial**
- **Right to be Protected by Your Government**

Duties

- **Obey the Laws**
- **Defend the Nation**
- **Serve on a Jury**
- **Witness in Court**
- **Pay Taxes**
- **Attend School**