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Democracy is more than a form of government: it is a philosophy of life. Governments and forms of government are not ends in themselves, but means to an end. That end, as defined in our Declaration of Independence, is the promotion of the inalienable rights of mankind, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. If any government fails to promote that end it is the right of the people to abrogate it; if any form of government proves to be subversive of that end, it is the right of the people to change it. Whether our form of government is inherently superior to other forms is to be determined, not on the basis of any theoretical advantage, but by the tests of human experience. As a method of conducting public business, a democratic form of government may be more efficient, safe and economical than another, and to that extent superior; but there are two questions still...



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