

Democracy has its root meaning from Greek word "DEMOS" which mean "the people" and "CRAZY" which mean "rule". This is a form of government which originally started in Athens an ancient city in Greece where all or every adult citizens meet regularly in the townhall to make necessary decisions that relates to their socio-political and economic life. This form of government was called direct democracy.

However, as the society was growing large and becoming complex, the need arose to select a few that will represent the interest of others who selected them. This is what led to the indirect or representative democracy in the modern time.

Democracy simply means rule by the people. It is a form of government where majority of the people rule directly or indirectly.

Democracy is a government obtained through popular consent, public opinion, views and it is also accountable to it.

Abraham Lincoln defines democracy as the government of the people, by the people and for the people. The definition given by Abraham Lincoln simply means that the government must be responsive to the people of the since it (the government) exists through the consent and view of the people.

It is also defined as a system of government in which people exercise their political power through periodic election of leaders by them or their representatives.

Democracy is seen as the best form government because it protect the interest of all (whetter majority or the minority) and also promote and

protects the fundamental rights of the citizens of the state.

The element of democracy include; freedom, respect for human rights, periodic election by universal sufferage, free trades etc