

# Download Citizens Protest And Democracy

What is Democracy? Lecture at Hilla University for Humanistic Studies. January 21, 2004 . Democracy consists of four basic elements: I want to begin with an overview of what democracy is. In the five years since the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision the dominance of big money over politics and policy has grown, seemingly without restraint and with dire consequences for representative self-government. A functioning democracy requires a government responsive to people. An early expression of democracy, the US patent system is out of step with today's citizens. Political freedom (also known as political autonomy or political agency) is a central concept in history and political thought and one of the most important features of democratic societies. Political freedom was described as freedom from oppression or coercion, the absence of disabling conditions for an individual and the fulfillment of ...