

Democracy



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What is Democracy?

- a form of government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised directly by them or by their elected agents under a free electoral system.
- political or social equality

Athenian Democracy

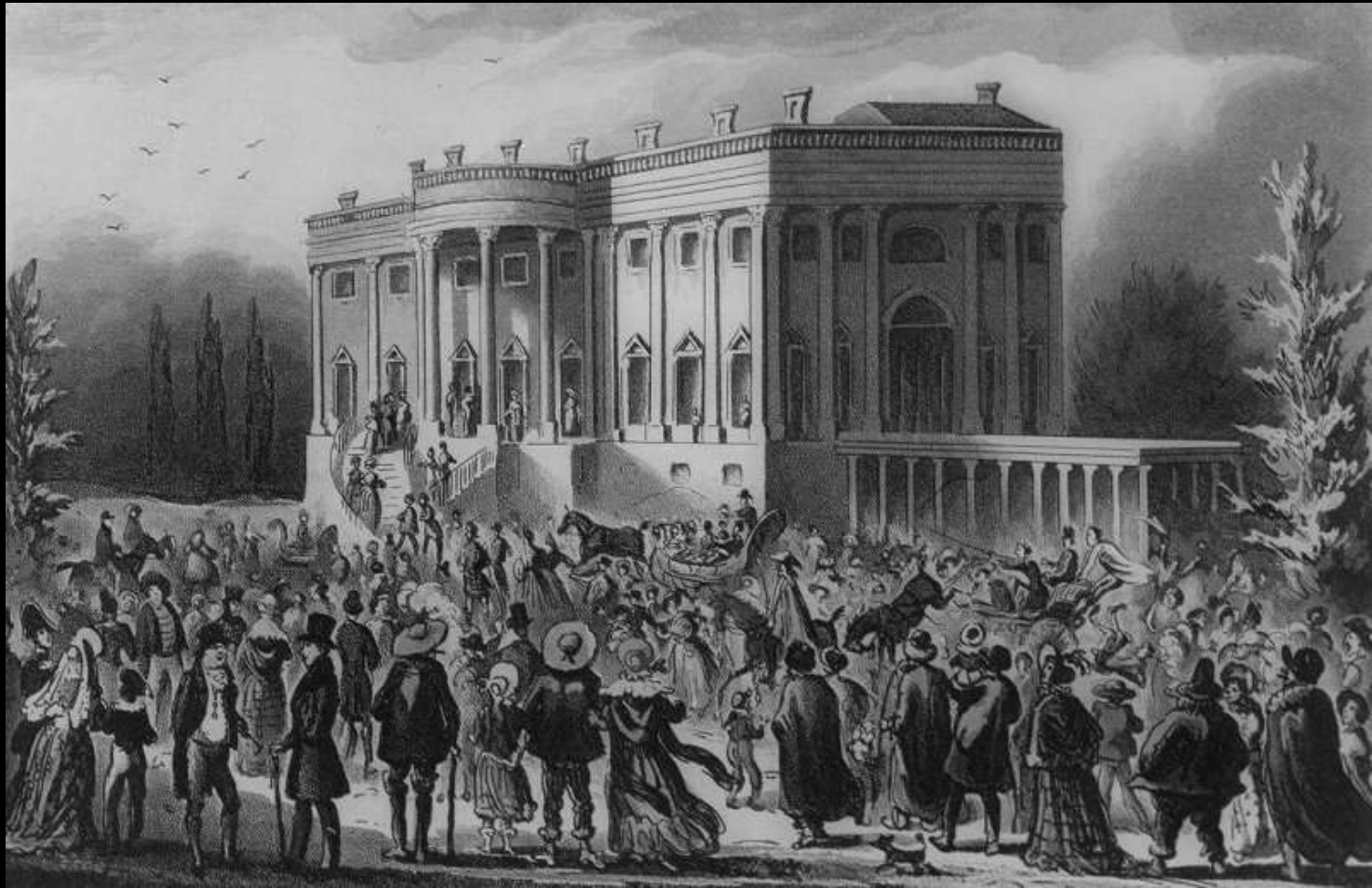
- Pericles, circa 500 BCE
- Direct democracy, not representative
- Ostracism and “mob rule”



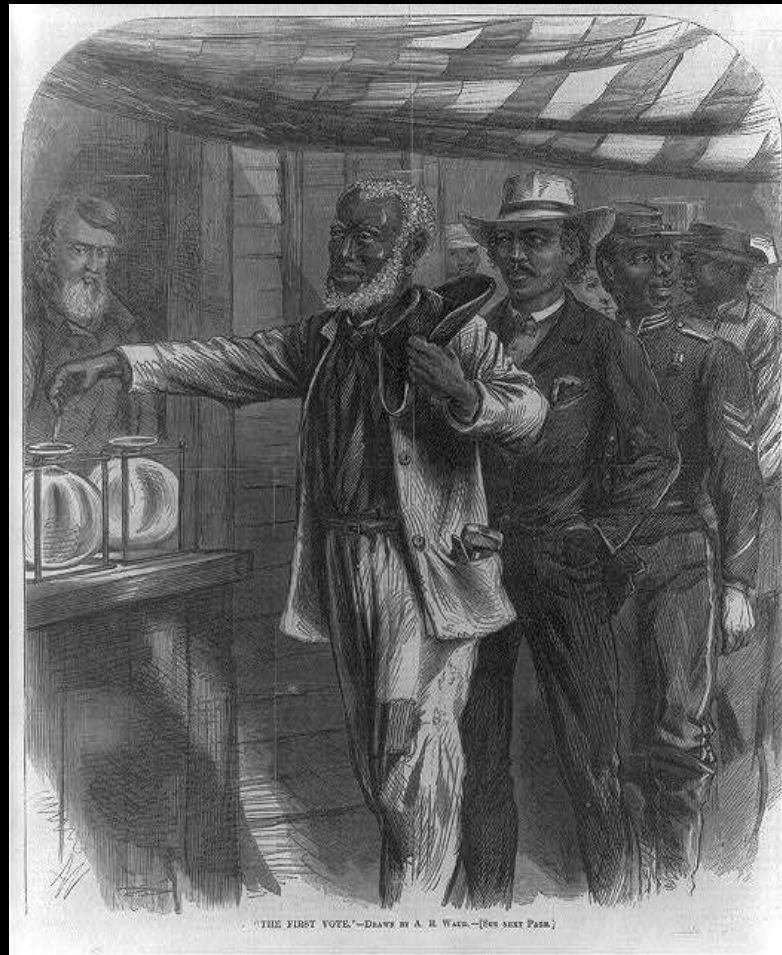
The Vote: Not just for rich white guys anymore!

- Expansion to non-propertied men, 1830s
- Expansion to African American men, 1870 (sort of...)
- Expansion to women, 1920
- Expansion to 18-20 year olds, 1971

Andrew Jackson: the People's Choice, 1828



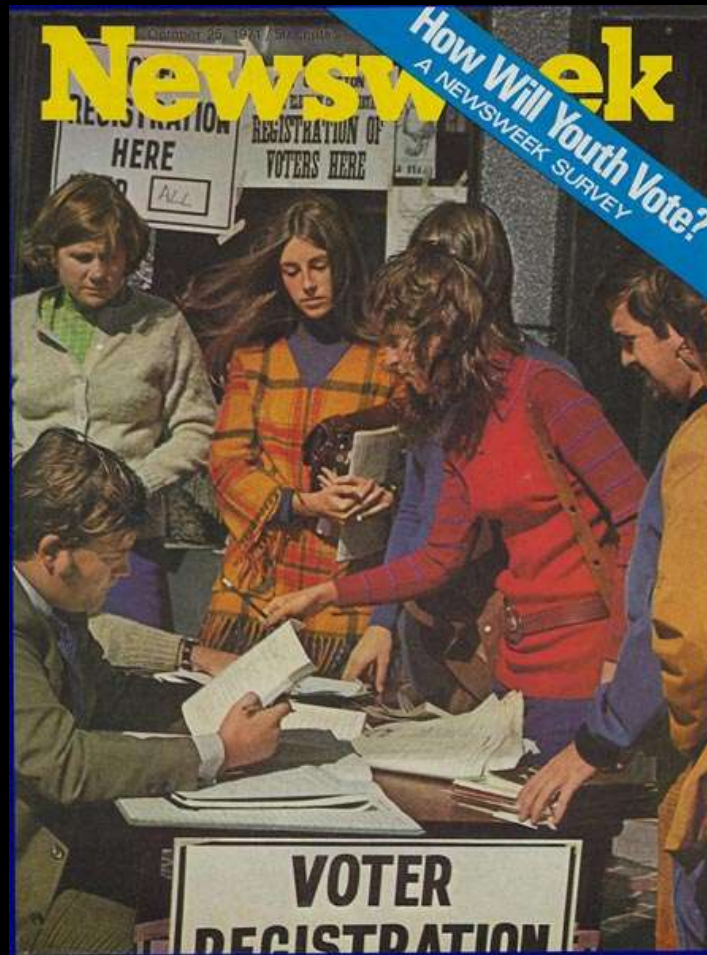
15th Amendment, 1870



19th Amendment, 1920



26th Amendment, 1971





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CAUTION DEMOCRACY

Eisenhower's Farewell Address