

through a tribal council, representative of the entire tribe, and accountable to those represented. So democracy commenced. The one may be defined as government of the people, the other as government by the people. In either case the people were governed, and in every case good government involved its being for the people. Abraham Lincoln in memorable words gave a definition of democratic government, as government of the people, by the people, for the people, and to that definition nothing material can be added. Autocracy consists in government with absolute and uncontrolled power or authority, without responsibility to anyone, by either an individual or a number of associated individuals, and it is a question of no relative importance how the power and position were originally obtained. An autocrat elected by the people is as truly an autocrat, as though he ruled by self-election or by divine right, and the same applies to any governing body.

The term Democracy is derived from two Greek words meaning the people, or commons, rule, and in political science is applied to that form of government in which the people rule themselves, either directly or through representatives. It