Representative Democracy and Direct Democracy

Direct or Representative? Topics.

- Is Representative Democracy in Crisis? (Blokker)
- But What Actually is "Representative Democracy"? (3 stages, basic principles).
- Pros
- Cons
- What values might be better served by the respektive forms of democracy?
- Philosophical and Political Context

Principles (or Benchmarks?) of Representative Democracy

- Election of Representatives in Regular Intervals
- Partial Independence of the Representatives
- Freedom of Public Opinion
- Making Decisions after "Trial by Discussion"

Evolution of Representation

- Parlamentarism (Notables, Deliberation)
- Party Democracy (Stable Party Electorates, Party Discipline)
- Audience Democracy (Media Experts, Less stability, Social Stratification Less Important, Fluidity)









