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"Today everybody is democratic. However, we live in a world where half of the countries are run by not democratic regimes, and in which even in consolidate democracies we got people which are highly unhappy for what democracy actually deliveries to the citizens. So we need to take action to be really democratic. "

" The greatest challenge of the 21st century is to develop democracy at global level. Today we need to convince billions of people of the world that it is not a new form of domination by Western countries, but a method of government that will be able to deliver to them better well-being. "

" We should prove that we are willing to share common decision making also with other people, making sure the decisions taken on environment, security, human rights are not only something that only western countries want to achieve, but citizens in all part of the world want to achieve. "

Carne Ross

Writer and Diplomat. Author of "The Leaderless Revolution", 2012. U.K / U.S.

" I used to work in government, I was a british diplomat and I had disillusion with the idea of representative democracy as manifested in the west days. I think that the system had become corrupted and unrepresentative. And also for me it is participation that people themselves should be involved in making decisions about the things that matter to them, they are the best qualified and they have the greatest right to take decisions. "

" I think deliberative democracy is an huge improvement on representative democracy. I think it means people themselves participate and also to engage people in the process of debate of trying to find consensus and understanding each other. "

David Moore

Executive Director of Participatory Politics Foundation. An no-profit organization based in NYC.

" Our mission is to increase political engagement. What it means for us it is to help more people to get involved with the political process, broadly with everyday actions, thoughts and fields. Right now in the U.S. civic engagement often just means voting only one or four years for one or two major parties. But we also have been dealing with deep lack of trust in institutions such as Congress and local governance and also systemic corruption through lack of ethics, regulations, and lobbies and corporate money influencing public policy in a negative ways. What we look to do is to give people hooks into government and legislative process. For instance, we have been working on the website OpenCongress.org that makes easy to help to track and share what's really happening with bills in Congress and helped to consolidate public accountability. "

Douglas Rushkoff

Writer and Journalist. Author of "Open Source Democracy" 2003. U.S.

" I'm very interested in platforms like Loomio, which is a decision making platform that is based on the general assembly methodology from Occupy, Where people can discuss an issue and then you can see in real time how many people are feeling in a sort way or blocking the thing or letting it go through, even if it something they aren't agreeing completely. I feel there are terrific platforms to really foster that kind of engagement, but it can't be good old fashion broadcasting style political campaigning. "