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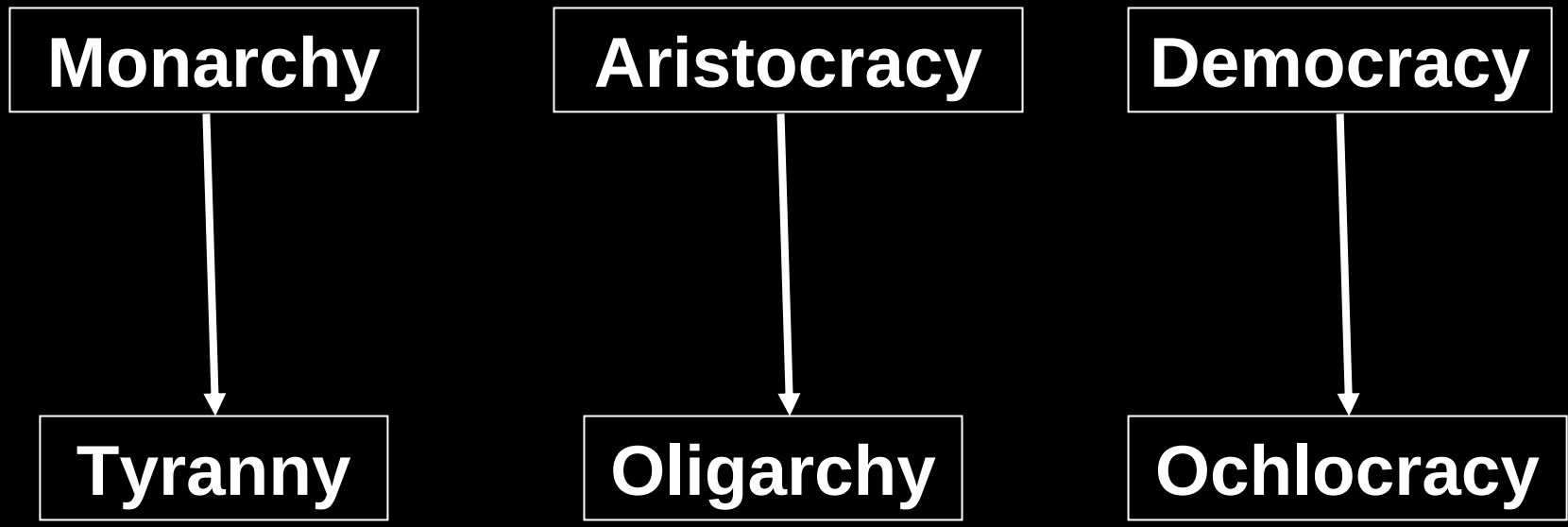
Greek Vocabulary of Constitutional Change

- METASTASIS
  = a change; lit. a placing in another way
- METABALLO
  = to change; lit. to throw into a different position
- ANACYCLOSIS
  = a coming round again, circuit, cycle

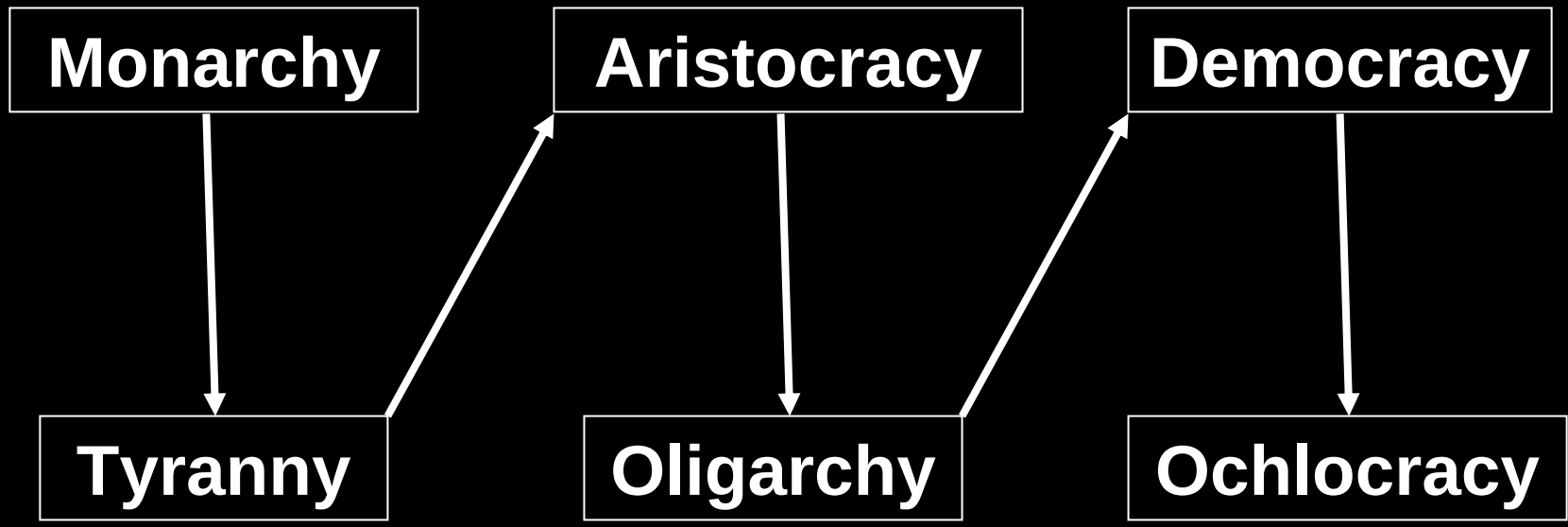
Polybius' Anacyclosis

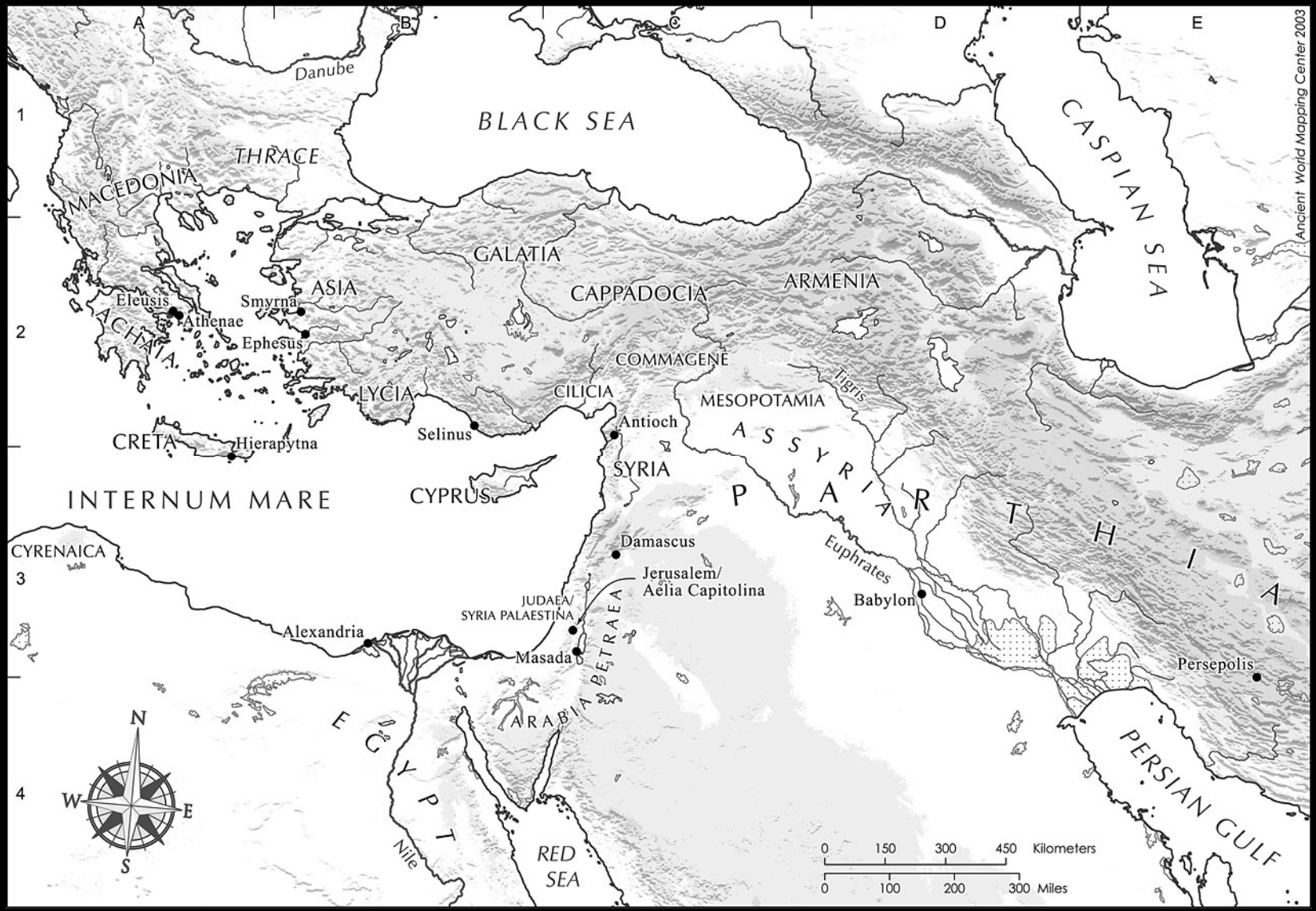
Monarchy **Aristocracy** **Democracy**

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6th c. BC Natural Philosophers

- Thales of Miletus 580s BC
- Anaximander 550s BC
- Anaximenes 520s BC



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Hecataeus

Herodotus

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Ionian Enlightenment

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The New York Kouros

ca. 600 BC



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Sounion Kouros
ca. 580 BC

Nenkheftka, official
ca. 2400 BC
Deshasha, Egypt



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Priest of Psammetichus I
650-600 BC
Giza, Egypt



Riace Bronzes
Mid-5th c. BC

The Discobolos
Myron
Original ca. 430 BC



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Acropolis
Athens

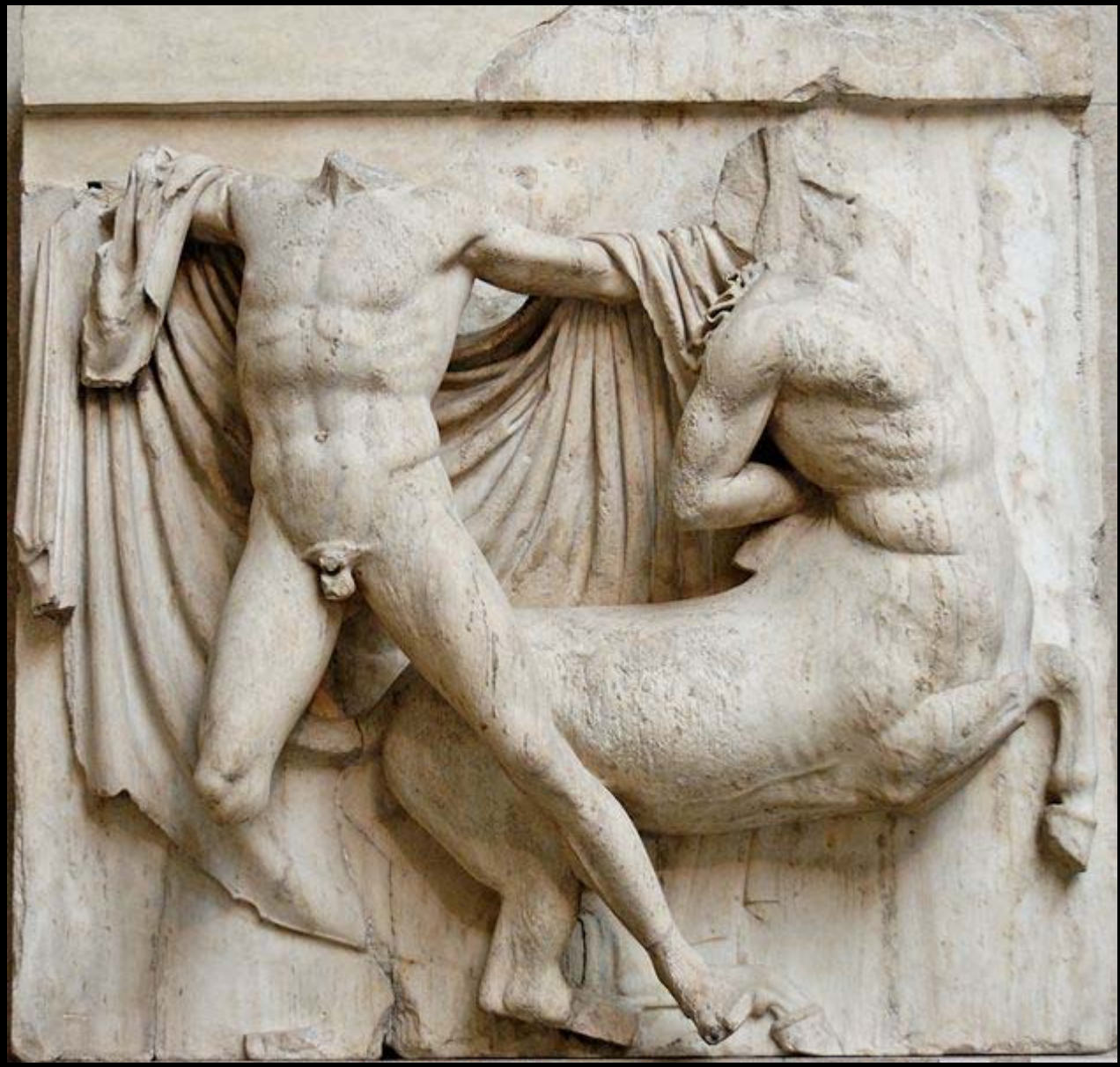


Temple of Athena Parthenos (The Parthenon)
447-432 BC



Western pediment of the Nashville Parthenon

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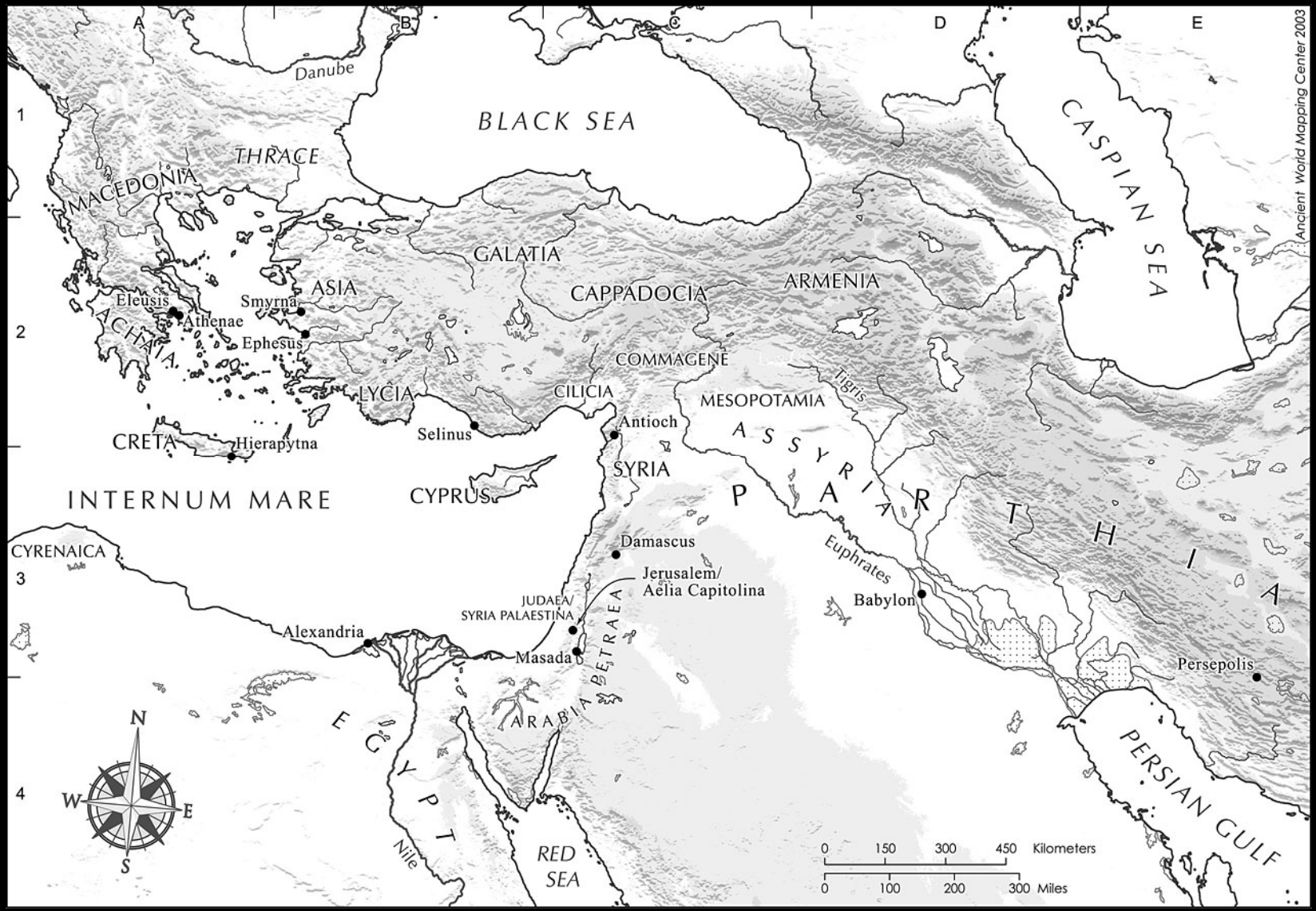


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CHRONOLOGY

- Athens late 6TH – early 5th c. BC
- America late 18th c.
- France late 18th c.
- Haiti late 18th – early 19th c.

POPULATION

- Athens 120,000
- America 3 to 4 million
- France 27 million (Paris = 650k)
- Haiti 560,000

OUTCOMES

- Athens radical democracy
- America republic
- France republic/Napoleon
- Haiti republic/autocracy

Declaration of Independence,1776

We hold these truths to be self-evident...
That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

Declaration of the Rights of Man and of Citizens, 1789

The nation is essentially the source of all sovereignty; nor can any individual, or any body of men, be entitled to any authority which is not expressly derived from it.

Pericles Funeral Oration, 431 BC

Our constitution is called a democracy because power is in the hands not of a minority, but of the whole people. When it is a question of settling private disputes, everyone is equal before the law; when it is a question of putting one person before another in positions of public responsibility, what counts is not membership of a particular class, but the actual ability which the man possesses.

Lincoln, Gettysburg Address
Nov. 19, 1863

It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.



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