

WHAT 'DEMOCRACY

Norberto Bobbio believes that we can give a definition minimal of democracy: a method to make decisions collective

One of the unfulfilled promises of democracy is that political democracy is not transformed into social democracy. Bobbio analyzes the relationship between liberalism and democracy, from the initial conflict settlement to the current in terms of fundamental rights.

What democracy is essential for Bobbio was one of the great themes of socialism, which aimed not only formal equality. Regarding the question of, Bobbio points out that, if in the past the demand for democracy summed to a greater state presence, the current trend is to the contrary, but can not always compensate for private functions public. In the democratic state act groups as majority that protect their interests that the collective interests. About This raises the problem fundamental of representation. It's actually very difficult to distinguish between the interests and political representation. Genuine reforms can be inspired only by ideals and values. Finally Bobbio expresses pessimistic about the relationship between theory and practice, political parallel planes which meet only in of revolution times of radical transformation.