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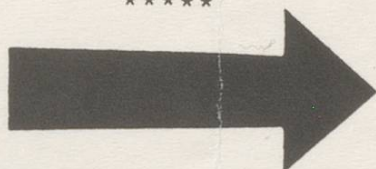
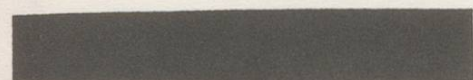
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Representative democracy: People do not vote on issues. They merely elect a parliament which takes decisions for them.

Direct democracy: the people decide themselves directly by popular vote.

Referendum:

- a) Mandatory: every amendment of the federal constitution must be voted by the people. Both a majority of all the voters and of the 26 cantons is required.
- b) Facultative: new federal legislation passed by parliament may be subject to a vote by the people if 50,000 voters so request within 90 days.

Initiative:

100,000 voters may request a popular vote on a new article of the federal constitution