Toward an Ethic of Citizenship

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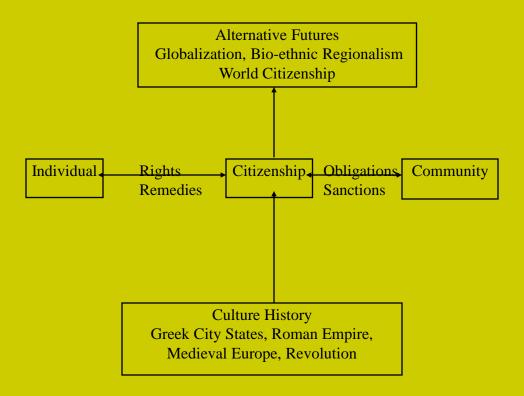
Creating a Culture of Democracy for the 21st Century

Democracy is everywhere; democracy is nowhere. Virtually every nation on the face of the earth today claims to be a democracy. Yet democracy a government of the people, by the people, and for the people - has never been achieved except in some of the pre-literate societies. The dilemma of democracy is that it is universally proclaimed, yet its ideals are universally rejected in practice. However those ideals are aspired to and derive from ideas that have a long tradition in western civilization. Citizenship is the companion of democracy. Without citizenship there can be no democracy, and it is through the development of citizenship that democracy becomes possible.

Citizenship

That secular ethic that defines membership and participation in the political community and provides the cooperative context within which political competition takes place.

Citizenship Model



Homeostatic Dimension

Basic Dimensions in the Model

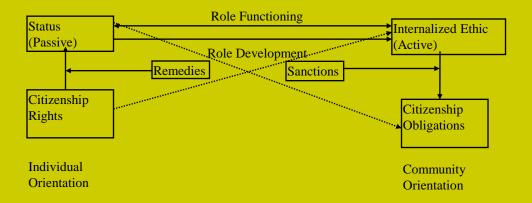
Homeostatic Dimension

Mediates the tension between the individual and community

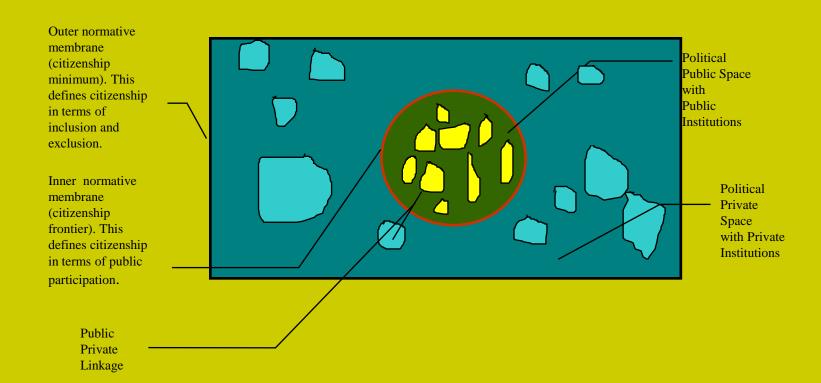
Hermeneutic Dimension

Interprets the culture history of our past into the present as we create our future

Individual Citizenship



Collective Citizenship



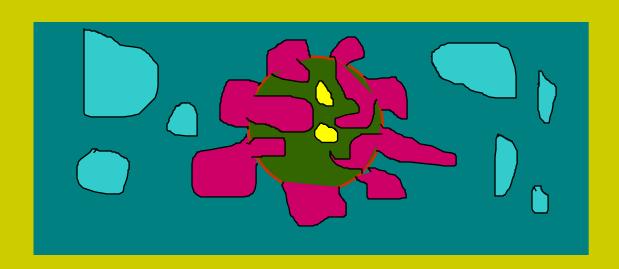
The Citizenship Minimum

- The Moral Minima
- The Cultural Minima
- The Social Minima

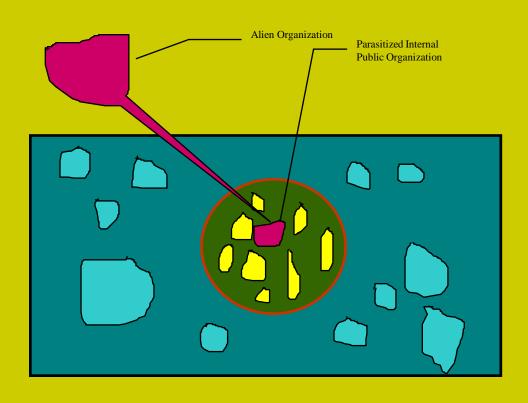
The Citizenship Frontier

- Permeability
- Optimum Balance
- Separation of Public and Private

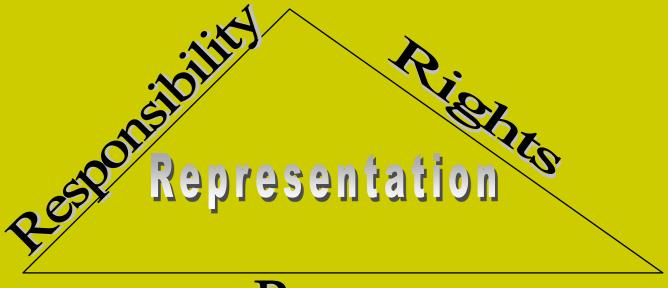
Internal Parasitism



External Parasitism



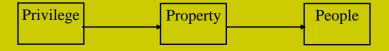
Ethical Structure of Democratic Citizenship



Reason

Evolution of Representation and **Property**

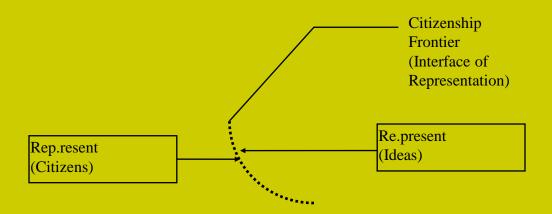
Evolution of Representation



Evolution of Property



The Citizenship Frontier as Representational Interface



Types of Representation

- Legislative Representation
- Executive Representation
- Judicial Representation

The Myth of Election

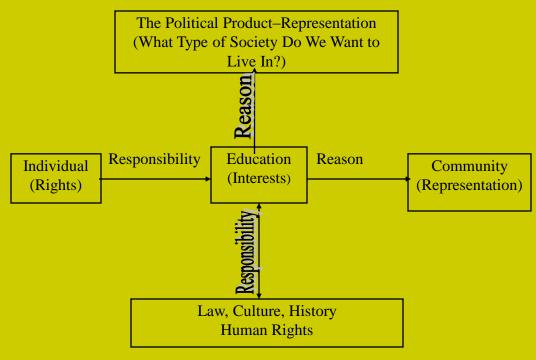
- The Ecological Synergy of Electoral Pathology
- The Inherent Corruptibility of Election
- Responsibility Avoidance
- Election Places Demands on Legislators Unrelated to Governing
- Election Results in the Professionalization of Politics
- Election is Noisy
- Election Results in Unfulfilled Promises
- Tendency for Representation to Become Advocacy

- Election Emphasizes Accountability, not Political Responsibility and Representation
- Election Does not Select the Best
- Election often Produces Misrepresentation, not Representation
- Election Results in Loss of Privacy
- Election Results in Hubris
- Election Emphasizes the Cult of Personality Instead of the Merit of Ideas
- Election Results in the Political Manipulation of Citizenship

Advantages of Random Selection

- Maximizes Liberty
- Integrative Effects
- Will Replace the Cult of Personality with Representational Authority
- Long Range View

- Representation of all Personality Types
- Reduce the Complexity of Government and Strengthen Local Political Communities
- Free Up Resources Used in Election for Use Elsewhere in the Economy
- Minimizes the Tyranny of the Majority and the Evils of Faction



Homeostatic Dimension
Moral Reasoning

The Transition Party

A temporary party the sole purpose of which is to amend the Minnesota Constitution

Proposed Minnesota Constitutional Amendment

- Legislators chosen by lot from the legislative districts within which they reside
- Constitutional officers chosen by the electors of the state
- Electors of the state chosen by lot from the legislative districts within which they reside

- Judges appointed by the Governor for a term of ten years appellate court and supreme court judges require legislative approval
- An article pertaining to citizenship and representation is added
- The Secretary of State becomes a special office because it has jurisdiction over the random selection process for legislators and electors

Conclusion

To be **Citizens**, or not to be.

That is the question.

Ethic of Citizenship

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Rights

Individual

Public

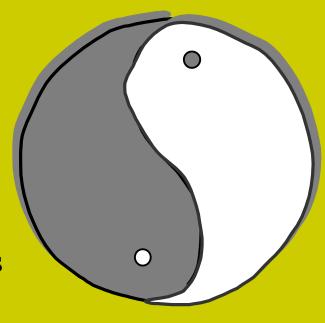
Competition

Theory

Children's Rights

Specialist

Unity



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Responsibility

Community

Private

Cooperation

Practice

Parents' Rights

Generalist

Diversity