

Is France heading towards a democratic revolution?

Gilets Jaunes v. Grand Débat, Activists v. Institutions

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COST Action Constitution-making and deliberative democracy

Activists



Sortition Activists

a randomly-selected minipublic to write the Constitution

Est. 2007: ATTAC, Gentils Virus, Citoyens Constituants, Nuit Debout, LaPrimaire.org, MaVoix, La France Insoumise...

Gilets Jaunes & RIC

introducing direct democracy

Popular movement asking for social justice and the citizen initiative referendum right for: laws, constitution, abrogation, recall.

Gilets Citoyens & Vrai Débat

articulating referendum with a citizens assembly

A collective of scholars, democratic innovators, NGOs... launched an alternative debate online and offline, & is preparing a deliberative minipublic.

Institutions



The Vth Republic

A monarchic constitution about to be reformed

An all powerful President, majoritarian electoral system, elitist system, weak representativeness, high abstention...

CNDP & CESE

- Commission Nationale du Débat Public: independent agency organizing participatory processes. Kicked out of Grand Débat by Macron.
- Conseil Economique Social et Environnemental: 3rd Chamber with intermediary bodies. Has a Citizen Jury.

Grand Débat National

An ill-organized smokescreen?

- Local debates everywhere.
- Questionnaires online.
- Regional citizens conferences.
- Impartiality? Outcomes? Legality?