

Democrazia elettronica: quello che le concezioni minimaliste non vedono

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Electronic Democracy: What Minimalist Conceptions Fail to See.

Abstract: In his book on e-democracy Gometz espouses a minimalist, aggregative conception of democracy and tracks many of the failures and disillusionments of e-democracy to the false enticements of a richer, deliberative conception based on dialogue and the search for consensus. I argue that a minimalist conception fails to correctly diagnose and analyse many of the current shortcomings of electronic democracy, and that in order to account for them we need the analytical lens of the deliberative conception. However, deliberative democracy should be distinguished from participatory, epistemic and direct conceptions of democracy.

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