

pressed efficiently, democracy is threatened. And we cannot improve on Churchill's famous dictum that "democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried". We also know that attempts to offer people the services or society they want in other ways – through benevolent autocracy, through bureaucratic edict or through market-driven mechanisms – will ultimately fail without democratic input. Political participation, democracy, effective government and successful societies all live or die together.

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