<u>DEMOCRACY ???</u>
<u>Democracy's Parody in Today's World</u>
An adaptation of a script of a Spanish Audiovisual

<u>Intent of the Story</u>
- ✓ *To become aware of the injustices, very often done, in the name of democracy.*
- ✓ *Are democratic procedures really democratic or rather autocratic?*
- ✓ *Are elections, in all democracies free and with parity of opportunities to all parties?*

<u>THE STORY</u>

Many years ago far away from us, there was a densely populated country. It was economically rich, culturally learned and technologically advanced nation.
The population of that country was equally divided into two halves. One of those halves abut 50% of the people used to dress in white clothes while the other half, in black,.
the white dressed population

From times immemorial, at election times, when the polls were held, <u>the "white-dressed half population</u> controlling all the Government posts, the industry, the banking and finance, the press the radio and T.V., the schools and colleges, the judiciary, the army and the police *- with all that power in their hands,* - always won the elections. However, ostensibly, , calling themselves the "<u>majority rule,</u> they ruled the country <u>most autocratically`</u>

The "black-dressed" citizens resented the injustices done to them. Time and again, they demanded <u>free and fair democratic elections</u> with equal access for all to propaganda, and supervision at the polls. They organized themselves, they offered resistance, they protested, they went on strikes; they used even violence, but to no avail. The "white dressed" people having all the power in their hands, suppressed them, crushed them. Thus, time and again, by hook or by crook, they remained in power.

In the course of time, some "black-dressed" people discouraged and disgusted with the situation, lost interest in politic; others opted for silence, still others, being opportunists, become '"turned coats' and joined the "white-dressed" ruling clan. After many years, the number of the "black-dressed" people still loyal to their group dwindled to a 25% of the population.

Only, at this juncture, the "white-dressed" party, sympathized with the "black dressed minority" and told them :¨ "We understand your wishes and aspirations. From now on, we shall respect your rights. Yes, we shall have truly free and democratic elections. Of course, winners will be ruling the country."
As it was expected at election time, again, with a thumpiong majority. Gave the power to the "white-dressed" people From that day on,. the word **"DEMOCRACY**" began appearing in the papers, in the radio, T.V. and in all official documents.
But the wise men of that country blotted out the word "DEMOCRACY" from their vocabulary.

POINTS FOR REFLECTION ARISING FROM THE STORY
The plot of the story, Hough trivial, invites us to reflect on very
important problems, affecting modern political life, such as;

➢ Meaning of democracy
➢ Power and authority in society..
➢ Power politics.   I
➢ Class struggle.
➢ Manipulation of "democratic ideals" for personal interests.
➢ Dishonesty in .political life.
➢ The phenomenon of politicization of life is a common phenomenon all over the world.   .
  • Every sphere of human life is being ruled and tampered with by politics and politicians
  • Those who lose control over political life, lose control all spheres of our lives.
  • In modern societies no one can remain neutral on the face of major issues, such as education, business, publicity, leisure, social services, public morals, health services, defense, law and order, judiciary matters. Everything has taken a "political undertone.
  • To get involved in clean and selfless politics is today a moral obligation for all citizens.
  • If we do not succeed in obtaining truly democratically controlled structures, we shall become puppets and victims in the hands of our governments.
  • Democracy, more often than not, turns to become an autocratic dictatorship by the ruling party.
  • Free Citizens, in most democratic regimes, once they cast their votes, become powerless and emasculated persons