

# 'Defenders of Democracy' Vocabulary Answers

People involved in politics frequently seem to be speaking a different language. Are you able to classify and give definitions to the following words? Use their context within the article to help you before resorting to a dictionary.

Word	Classification (noun/verb/adjective, etc.)	Definition
representative	adjective	standing for; serving to represent
ideologies	noun	set of philosophies, beliefs or principles
grave	adjective	serious (potentially threatening)
ostensibly	adverb	seemingly
escalated	verb	increased or intensified
resolve	verb	find the solution
advocates	verb	supports
espionage	noun	spying
allies	noun	partners with a shared objective
homage	noun	tribute
machinations	noun	manoeuvrings and conspiracies
utopian	adjective	ideal
allegory	noun	story with a symbolic point
entrenched	adjective	deeply embedded
egalitarian	adjective	democratic and equal

reform	noun	change (improvement implied)
anomalies	noun	irregularities; curious differences
skewwhiff	adjective	crooked or lopsided
habitable	adjective	comfortable enough to be lived in
notorious	adjective	famous for undesirable reasons
disenfranchised	verb	deprived of the right to vote or other such freedoms
disregarded	verb	ignored
victimised	verb	mistreated, made a victim of
orally	adverb	spoken; by mouth
radically	adverb	very (taken to extremes)
prominence	noun	importance and large quantity of
universal	adjective	worldwide, applicable to everyone
suffrage	noun	the right to vote
contending	verb	competing or arguing
devised	verb	planned and created
authoritarian	adjective	controlling (often through forceful means)
rigging	verb	dishonestly fixing the outcome
paltry	adjective	minor, insignificant, pathetic

Note: some words can have alternative meanings and classifications according to usage, answers given fit their usage in the context of the 'Defenders of Democracy' article.