

## Democracy 10 Deliberative Democracy Part 1

Please read the first excerpt (pp. 91-4) from Joshua Cohen's "Deliberation and Democratic Legitimacy." After reading the excerpt, answer the questions that follow. The questions are aimed especially this time at helping your reading of the text.

1. What is a deliberative democracy? Is it a name given to some actually existing governments or something else?
2. What is deliberation? Can you give examples from your daily life or from the wider world?
3. How does deliberative democracy say that decisions are democratically legitimate?
4. How are the "terms and conditions," or laws, governing social life determined in a deliberative democracy?
5. What commitment do the citizens of a deliberative democracy share?
6. What is the ideal deliberative procedure supposed to capture?
7. What is the basis of legitimacy in a deliberative democracy?
8. What does it mean to say that a deliberative democracy is a "pluralistic association?"
9. How do citizens view each other in a deliberative democracy? Do you think Americans today view each other this way? Do you think we *can*?
10. What are the three general aspects of deliberation and which of them seems most characteristic of deliberative democracy?
11. What is the goal of deliberation? Why is this the most democratically attractive goal, even if we can't achieve it?
12. How does deliberative democracy differ, if at all, from the way we usually think about democracy?