

Democracy 11 Deliberative Democracy Part 2

Please read the first excerpt (pp. 94-6) from Joshua Cohen's "Deliberation and Democratic Legitimacy." After reading the excerpt, answer the questions that follow.

1. What does deliberation focus attention on?
2. How could someone try to disguise personal or class advantage as the common advantage/common good in deliberation? Can you think of any concrete examples?
3. Why would I not be able to put forth my desire to become wealthier come what may in deliberation? Think about how you would respond to someone in an actual deliberation who insisted on such a desire.
4. What are adaptive preferences? What are 'accommodationist' preferences? How do they interfere with autonomy?
5. How does deliberative democracy secure the autonomy of agents?