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Subject: Re: Our Federalist Republic

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The fact remains that individuals do not have direct influence. That was the point. I'm not sure why you and John are pushing back on this - It is just a statement of fact. Sure, we all want a say in how things are run. But the fact is, we don't. And in fact, several are actually excluded based on age or criminal record. Those that are allowed to participate can really only voice their opinions by vote or by lobbying. We have to convince our representatives to vote the way we want them to, and there is no guarantee they will listen to their constituents. An individual's influence is limited, it is only a communication, it is not a direct vote.

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