

“Two Ways of Making Decisions” has presented two ways of making decisions : the Democratic Method, and the Authoritarian Method. I believe that the democratic method of decision making is more advantageous than authoritarian methods, because less unwise decisions are passed and a greater range of options may be presented for decision making. Firstly, the text states, “Democratic governments create formalized structures for debate [and] discussion”(30). There is much room for the opposition of an idea, which stops poor decisions from being made. In Canada, there are 5 main political parties and 338 Members of Parliament at the federal level, where they discuss proposed bills and ideas, and bills usually take years to be passed. As more people gain power and the ability to influence a decision, it is less likely for an improper decision to be made. Moreover, the democratic decision-making method is more effective than the authoritarian method because more ideas and solutions can be suggested as possible decisions when there are more people involved with the decision making. In democratic governments, people are allowed to disagree with all viewpoints and decisions, and propose their own ideas. This concept and process is demonstrated in many countries such as Australia. Citizens are required to vote in this country, but they can check a box that states “I don’t agree with either”, and propose different ideas. In contrast, authoritarian governments do not grant its citizens this freedom. Thus, in democratic governments, many more ideas and solutions can be produced, and more possible options will become available for decision making, which allows the best decision to be made. Therefore, the democratic decision method is much more advantageous when compared to the authoritarian method as it discourages bad decisions from being presented, and offers a wider availability of options for decision making.