1. LiangJian – vocabulary Chapter 3 - Theories of Democratic Government

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| Authority | The right to use power |
| Bureaucratic View | View that the government is dominated by appointed officials |
| Class view | View that the government is dominated by capitalists |
| Democracy | The rule of the many |
| Direct democracy | A government in which all or most citizens participate directly |
| Initiative  | Process that permits voters to put legislative measures directly on the ballot |
| Legitimacy | Political authority conferred by law or by a state or national constitution |
| Pluralist view | The belief that competition among all affected interests shapes public policy |

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| Political elite | Persons with a disproportionate share of political power |
| Power | The ability of one person to get another person to act in accordance with the first person’s intension |
| Power elite view | View that the government is dominated by a few top leaders, most of whom are outside of government |
| Referendum | Procedure enabling voters to reject a measure passed by the legislature |
| Representative democracy  | A government in which leaders make decisions by winning a competitive struggle for the wrong |