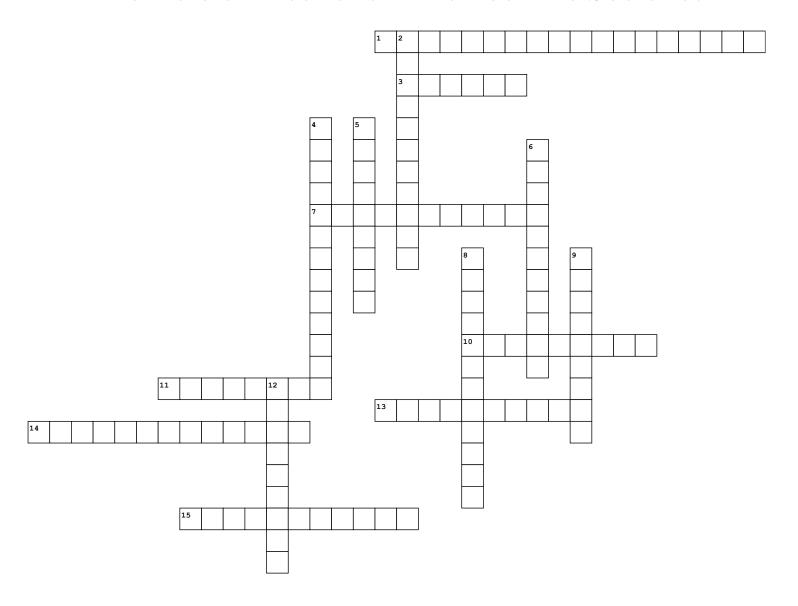
The Role of Elections in Democratic Societies



Across

- 1. Political systems that are ostensibly democratic but where political power is not exercised by the people or their elected representatives in practice.
- **3.** A course or principle of action adopted or proposed by a government, party, business, or individual.
- 7. Not subject to being taken away or given up; often used in reference to rights that cannot be relinquished or transferred from one person to another.
- **10.** A view or attitude toward a situation or event; an opinion.
- 11. More than half of a total number; in the context of elections, it refers to receiving over 50% of the votes.

Down

- 2. The act of preventing something from being expressed or known; in the context of voting, it refers to various strategies used to influence the outcome of an election by discouraging or preventing specific groups of people from voting.
- **4.** Pertaining to a system of government in which the executive branch derives its democratic legitimacy from, and is accountable to, the legislature (parliament); the executive and legislative branches are thus interconnected.
- **5.** The number of votes cast for a candidate who receives more than any other but does not receive an absolute majority.
- **6.** Supreme power or authority; in the context of a nation, the full right and power of a governing

- **13.** The action or manner of governing a state, organization, etc.; the way that a city, company, etc., is controlled by the people who run it.
- **14.** The practice of defending computers, servers, mobile devices, electronic systems, networks, and data from malicious attacks.
- **15.** The quality of being trusted and believed in; the capacity to inspire belief or trust.

- body over itself, without any interference from outside sources or bodies.
- **8.** The quality of being easy to see through or detect; in a political context, it refers to openness, communication, and accountability in government and other public sector activities.
- **9.** An instrument measuring atmospheric pressure, used especially in forecasting the weather and determining altitude; metaphorically, it refers to something that reflects changes in circumstances or opinions.
- **12.** The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.