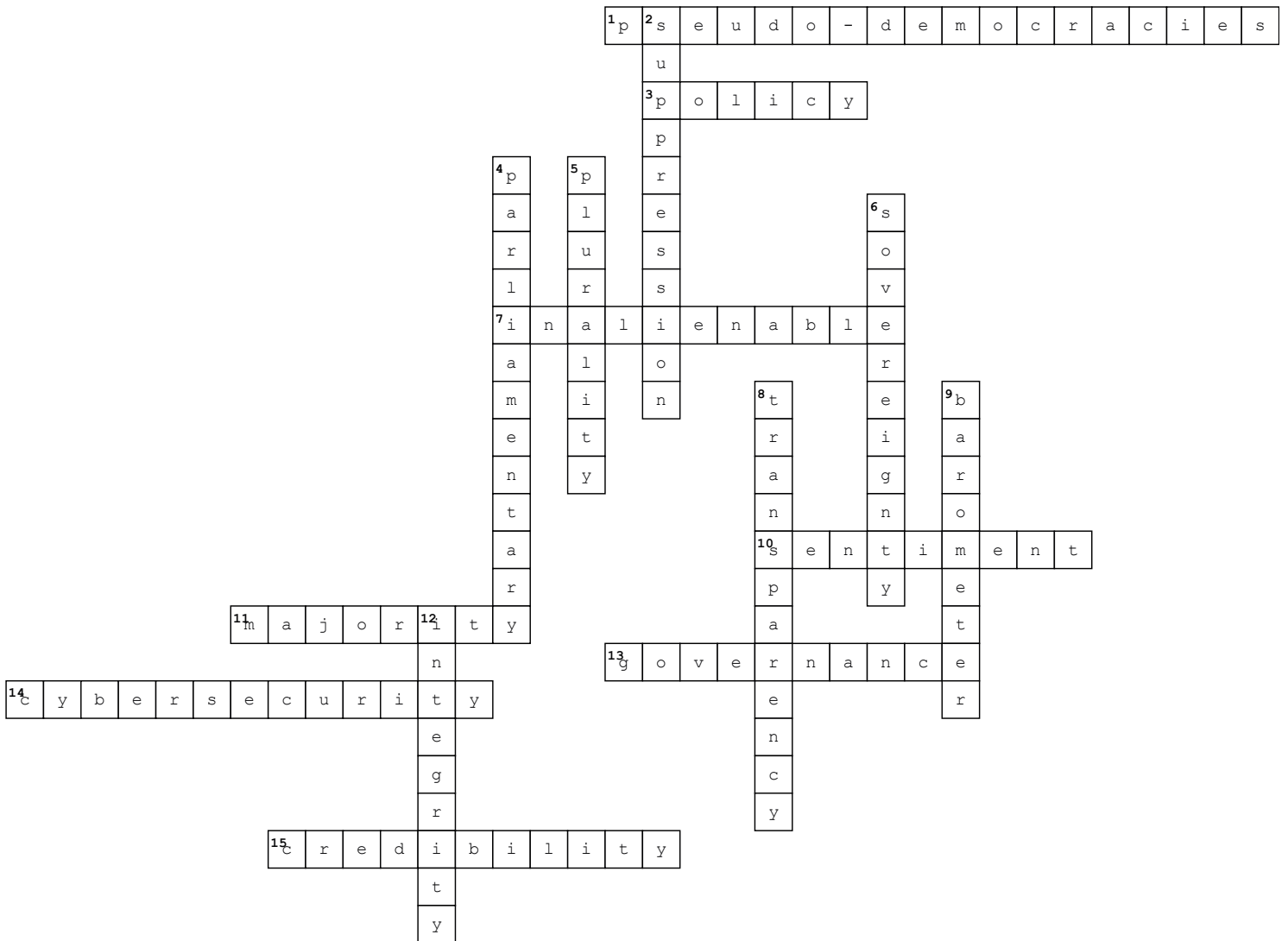


The Role of Elections in Democratic Societies



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.