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Foundations of Democracy

The text states that the American concept of democracy rests on these basic principles and that all of these principles are necessary (pg. 18):

1. A recognition of the fundamental worth and dignity of every person.
2. A respect for the equality of all persons.
3. A faith in majority rule and an insistence upon minority rights.
4. An acceptance of the necessity of compromise.
5. An insistence upon the widest possible degree of individual freedom.

In your opinion are all of these principles truly necessary for the American concept of democracy? If not, which ones are not truly necessary?

Does our democracy seem to lack any of these principles at the present time? How could we improve upon that principle as a nation?