

Chapter 03

Voting Away Liberty

The French under Napoleon were constantly engaged in referendums which determined the amount of authority that Napoleon should have.

These referendums were plebiscites, direct votes, considered to be the most democratic of all voting methods. In each vote Napoleon was granted more and more power until he became an absolute emperor over the French people.

It was paradoxical to the French that they could democratically and freely vote away their own liberty.

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