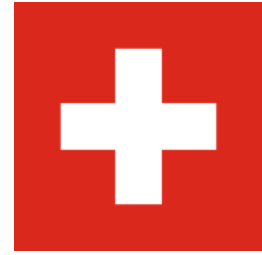


# A Brief Summary of the Swiss Federal Constitution



This is an illustration of how Direct Democracy works today in Switzerland.

"We (The People and the Cantons) have authored this Constitution and we have specified the National Governance Model therein (*notably a seven-member multi-region / multi-lingual government which realistically can't be anything other than a coalition because it's elected by the entire Parliament*) as well as the tasks to be fulfilled by you (Parliament and Government).

Only We (the People and the Cantons) can change this Constitution and only We - a majority of the People - can completely rewrite it.

All other tasks not specifically assigned to the Confederation in the Constitution shall be performed by the Cantons, who are sovereign.

You (members of Parliament and Government) will be elected for four years to run the country and, during that period, We (the People and the Cantons) will supervise your performance by the consensual use of Referendums (whereby we can demand a vote on unpopular legislation) or Initiatives (whereby, if we judge appropriate, we will request that new legislation be introduced).

In running the country you will apply the principle of Subsidiarity whereby nothing that can be done at a lower political level should be done at a higher level.

If you don't do a good job, you will not be re-elected.

