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BETTER TOGETHER

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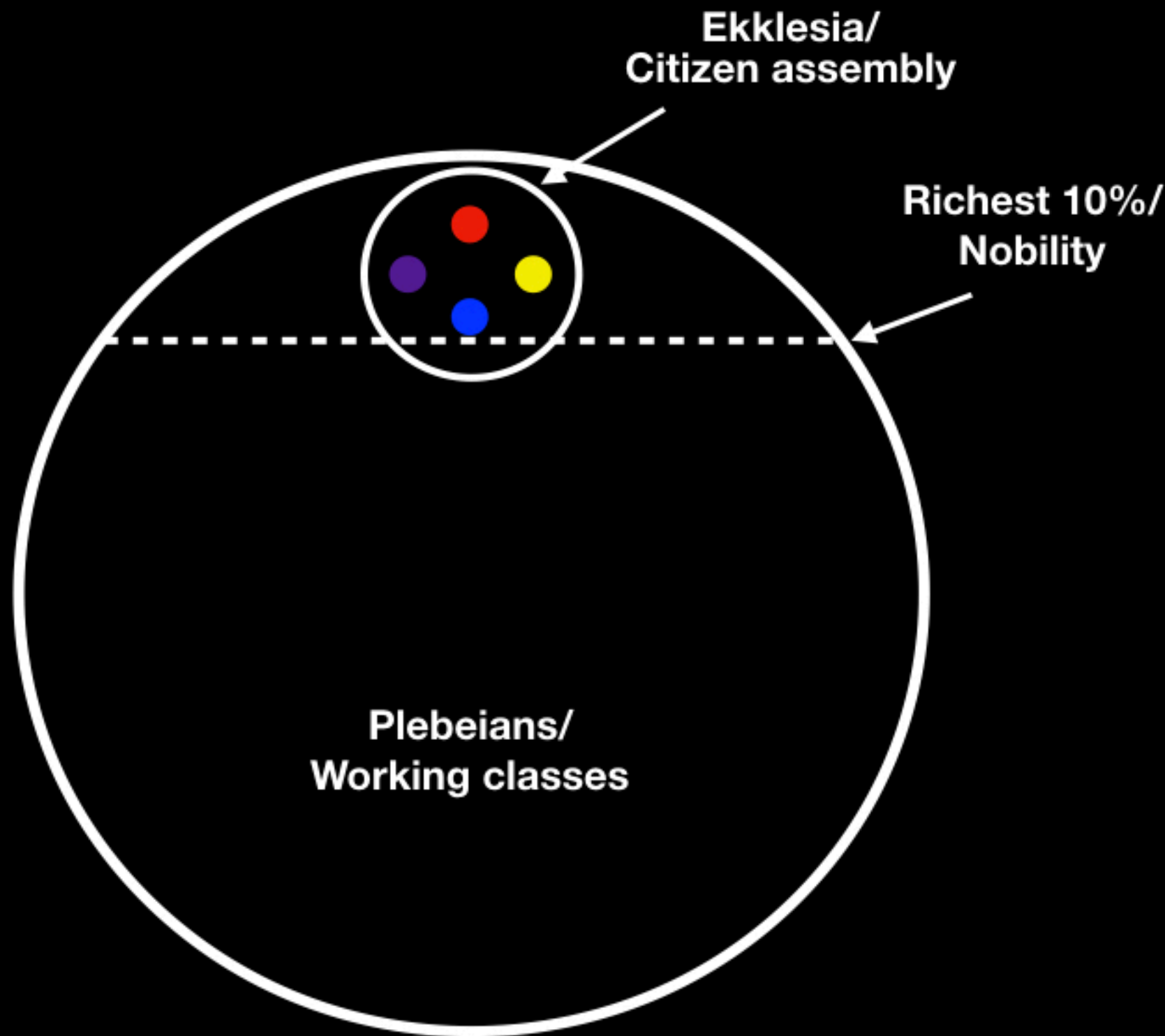


DEMOCRACY



Democracy in Athens

6th century BC



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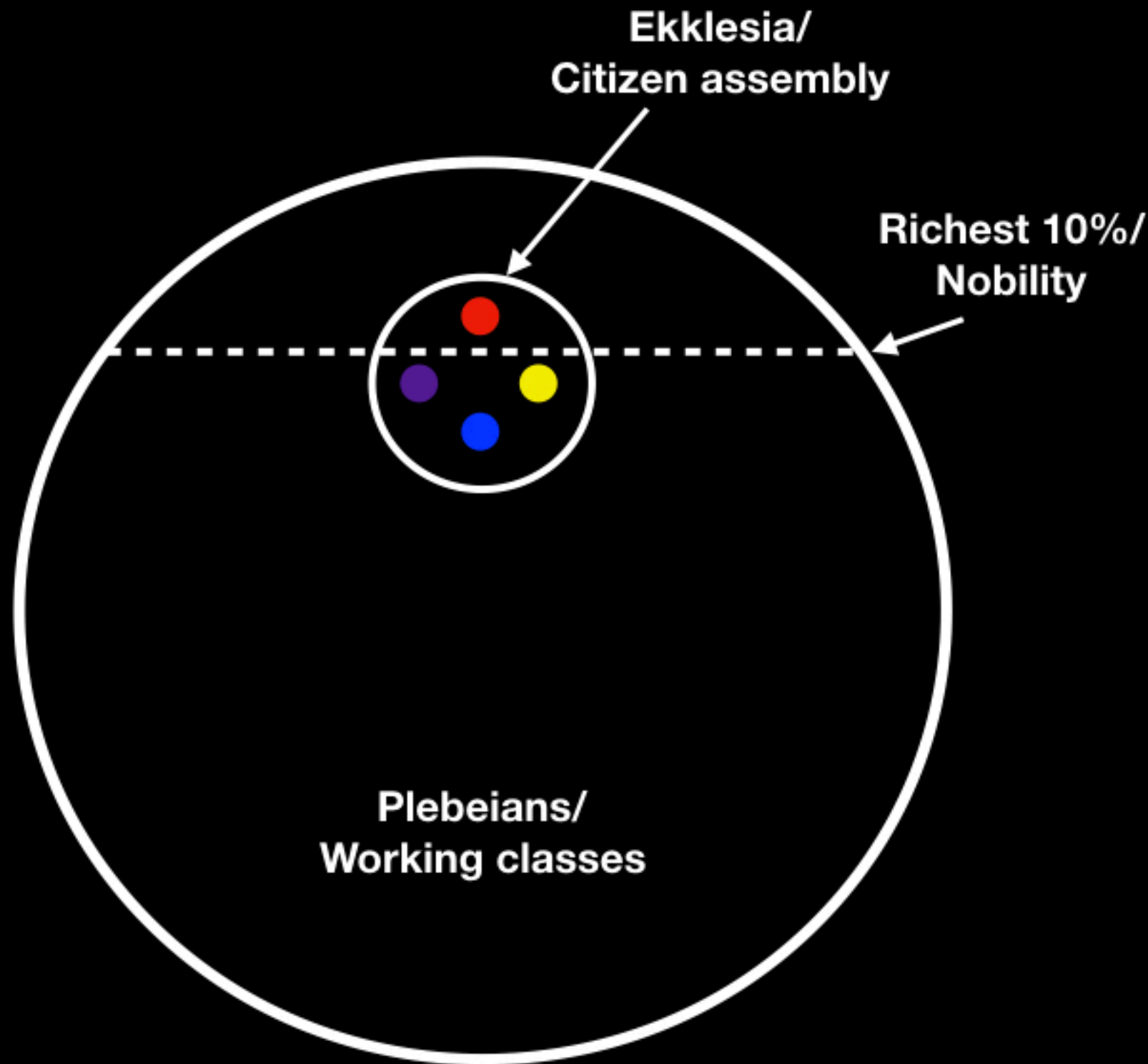
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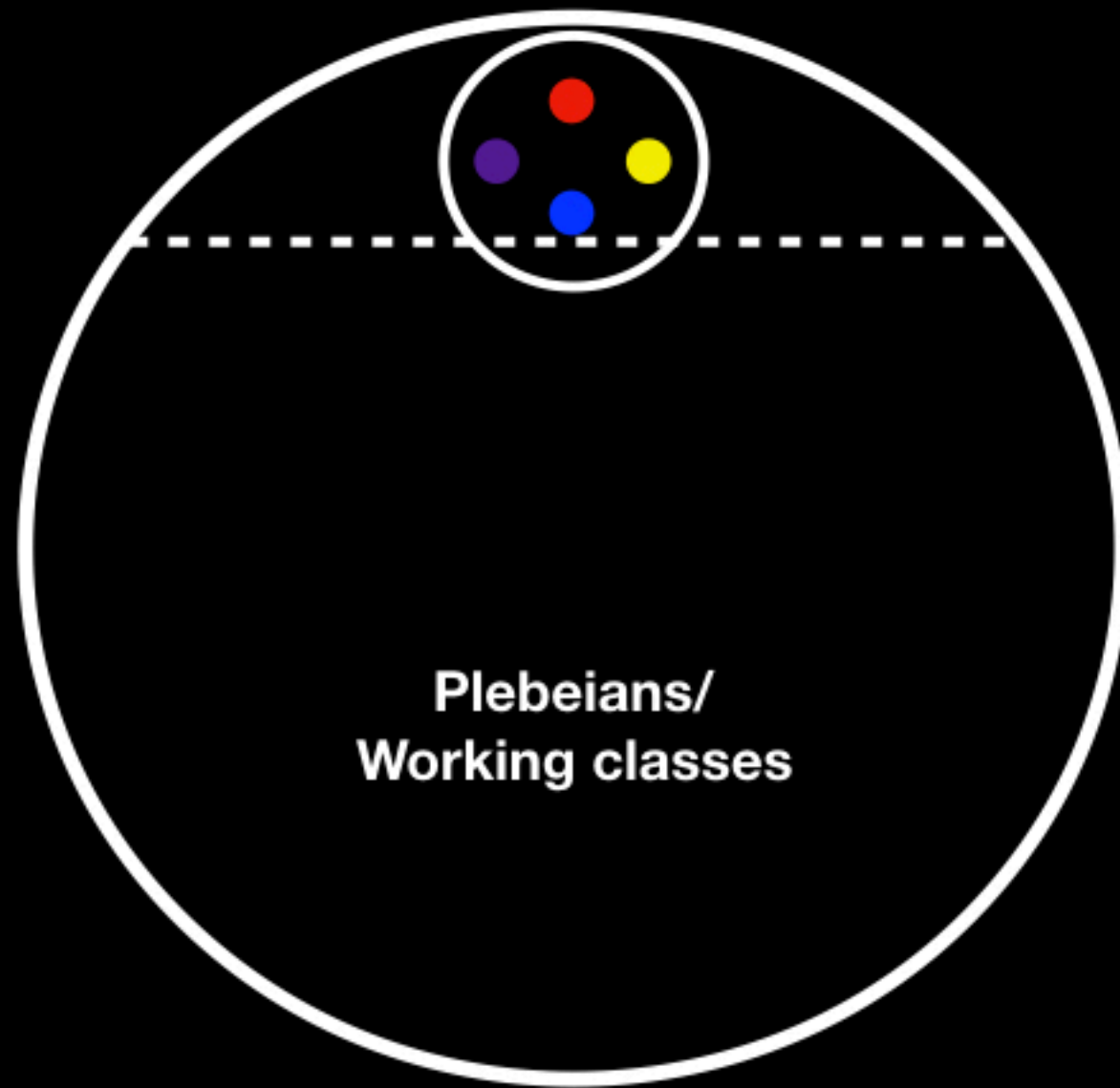
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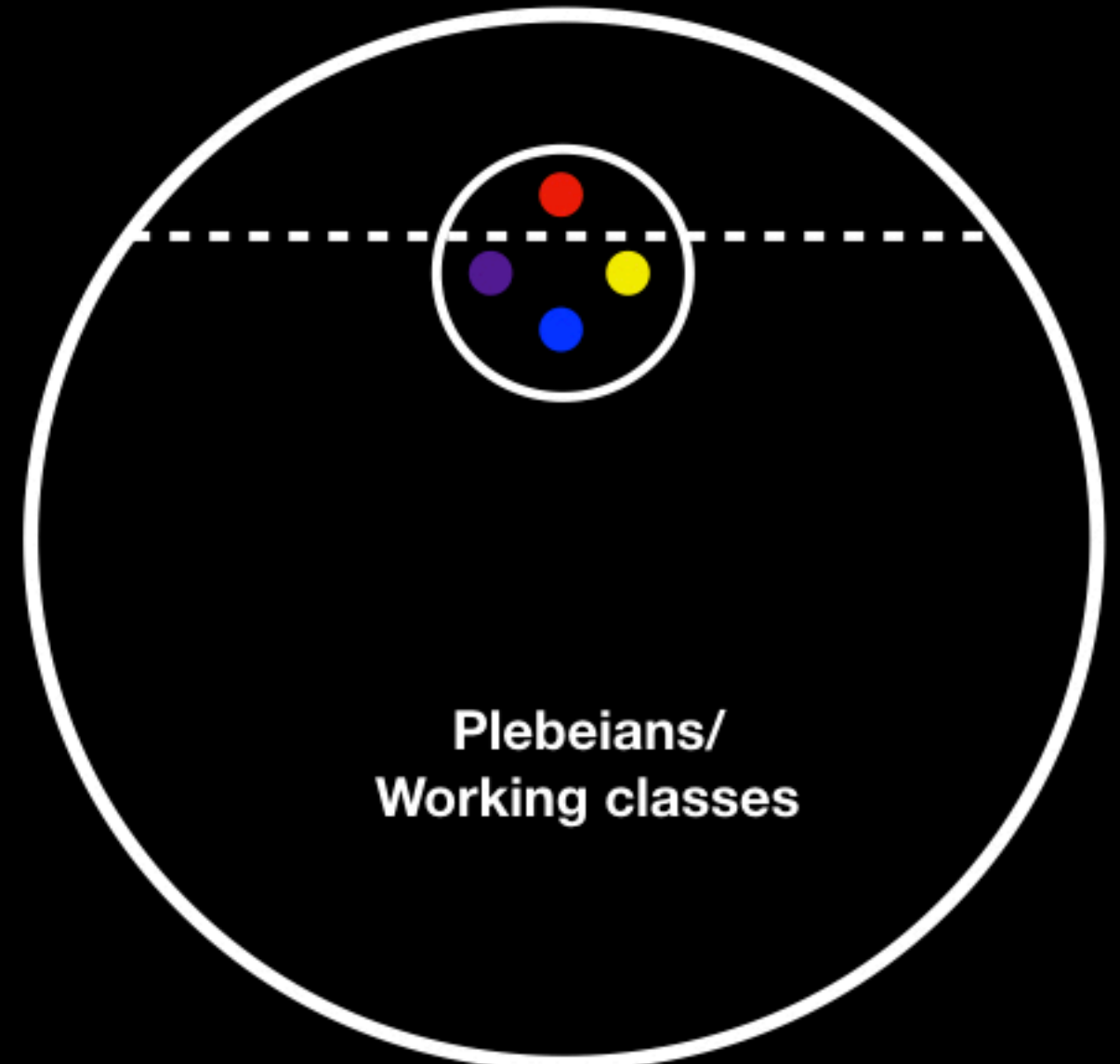
Demagoguery: elite manipulation of masses

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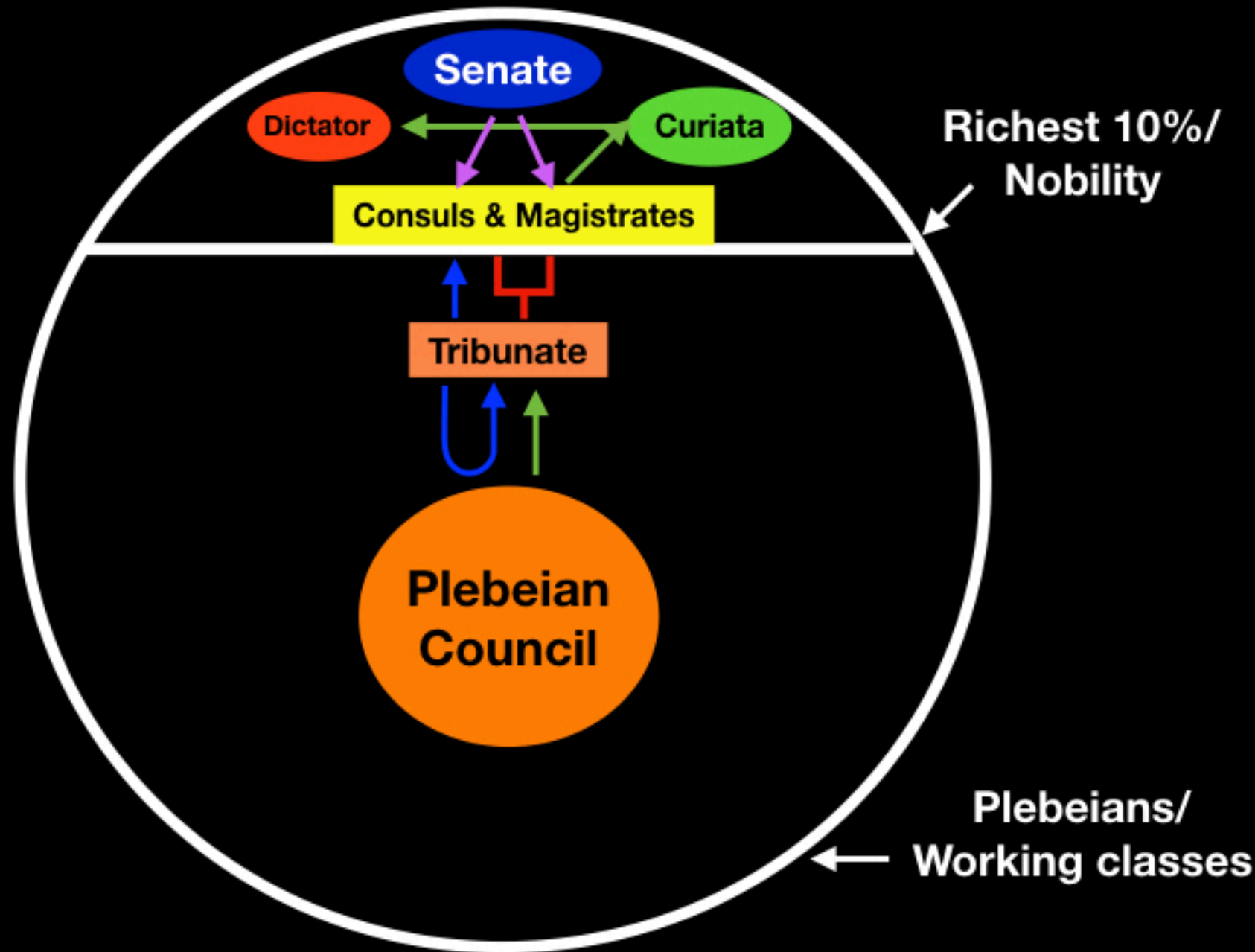
6 BC



4 BC

Democracy in Rome

4th century BC



FEATURES:

Citizenship: Open

Selection procedure for executive power: election

Plebeian institution & representatives

De facto control of the Senate over political power

→	Selection
→	Law and policy
⊥	Veto
→	Informal power
●	Emergency power
●	Financial institution
●	Executive power
●	Aristocratic assembly
●	Plebeian institutions

Democracy in Rome

2nd century BC

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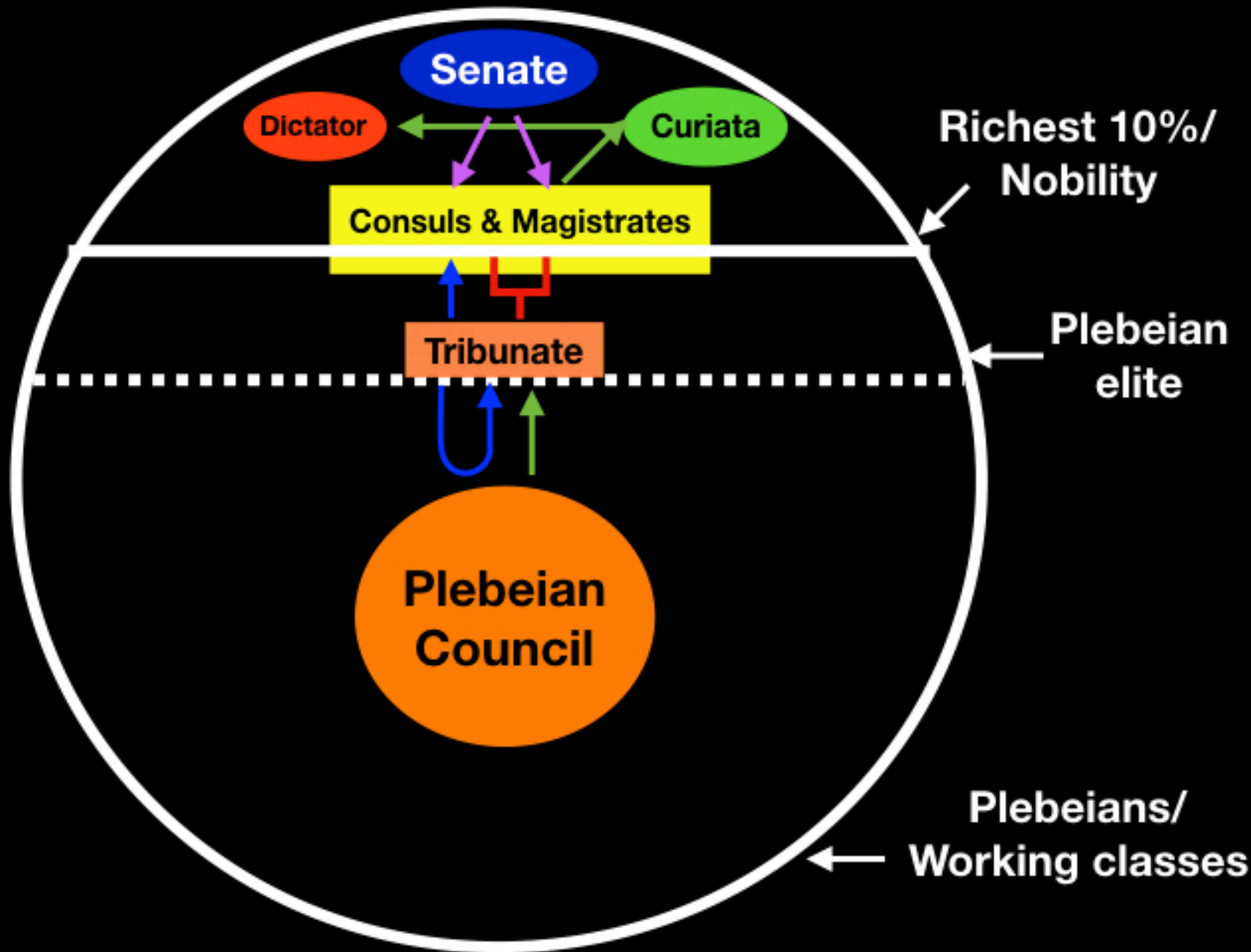
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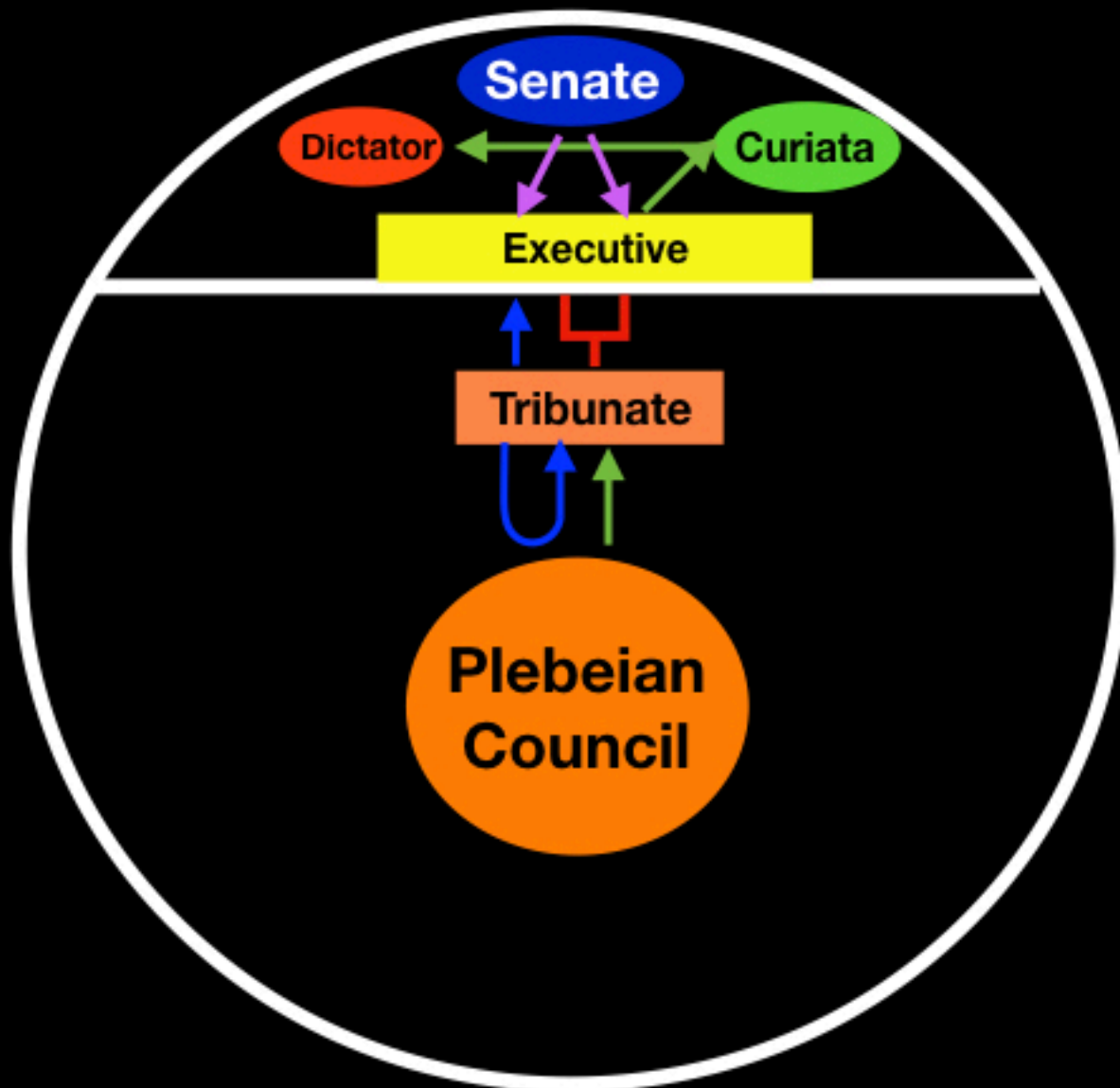
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Cooptation of plebeian elite

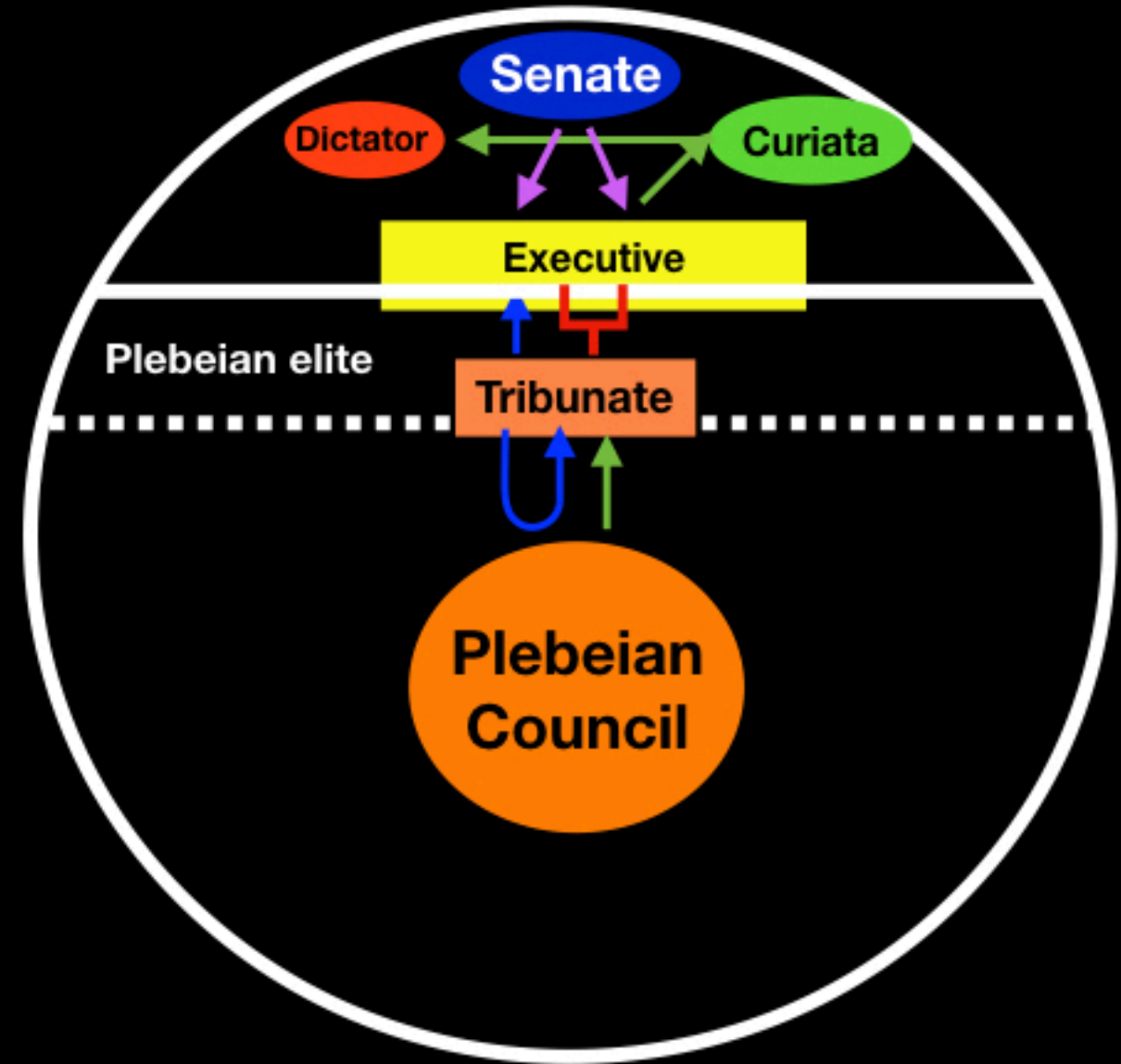


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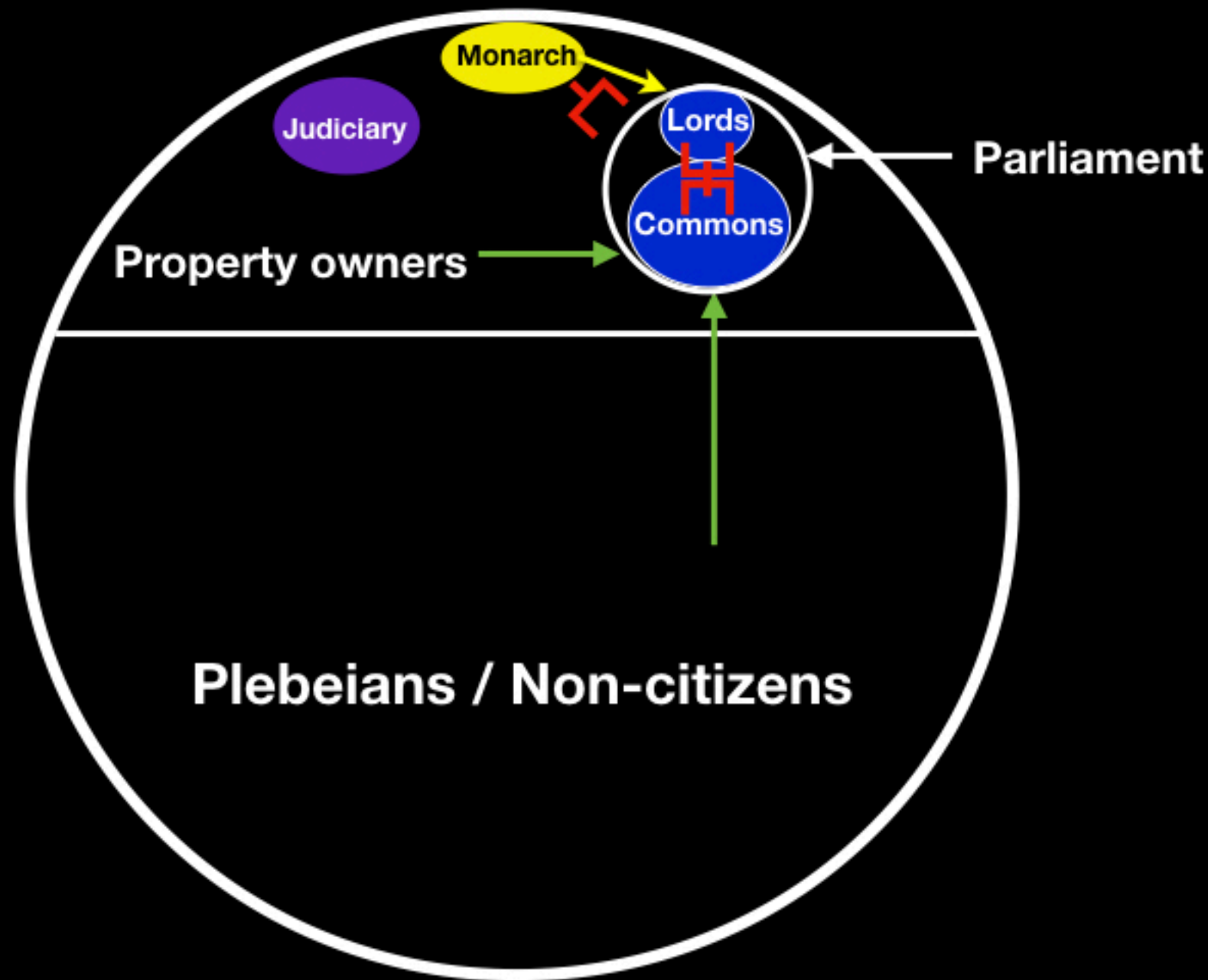
4 BC



2 BC

Constitutional Monarchy England

18th century



FEATURES:

Citizenship: Open to free males with property

Selection procedure for House of Commons:
Elections

Control of wealthy elites over political power

→	Selection
→	Power to convene
—	Veto
●	Judicial power
●	Legislative power
●	Executive power

Democracy in USA

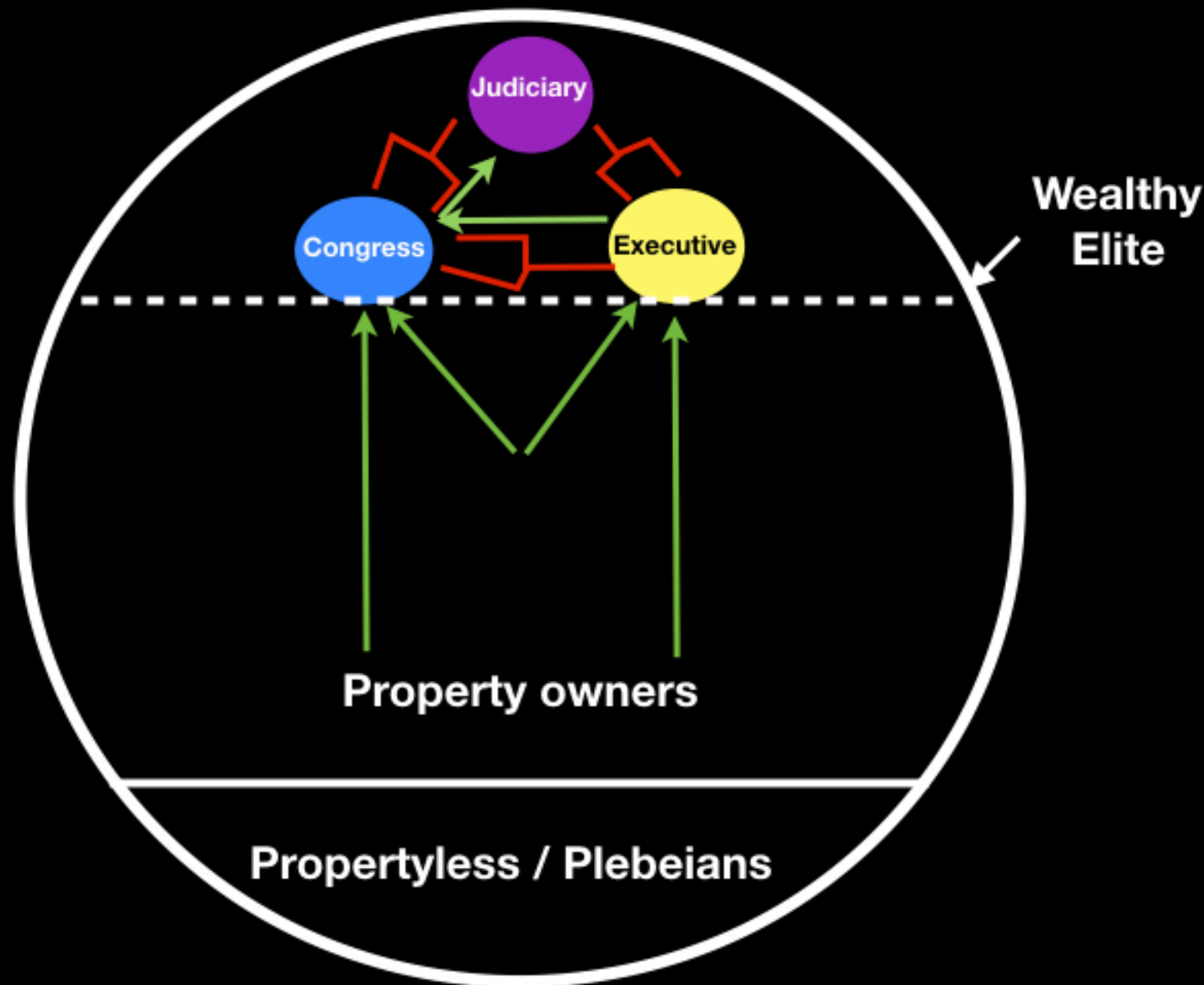
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Democracy in USA

2022

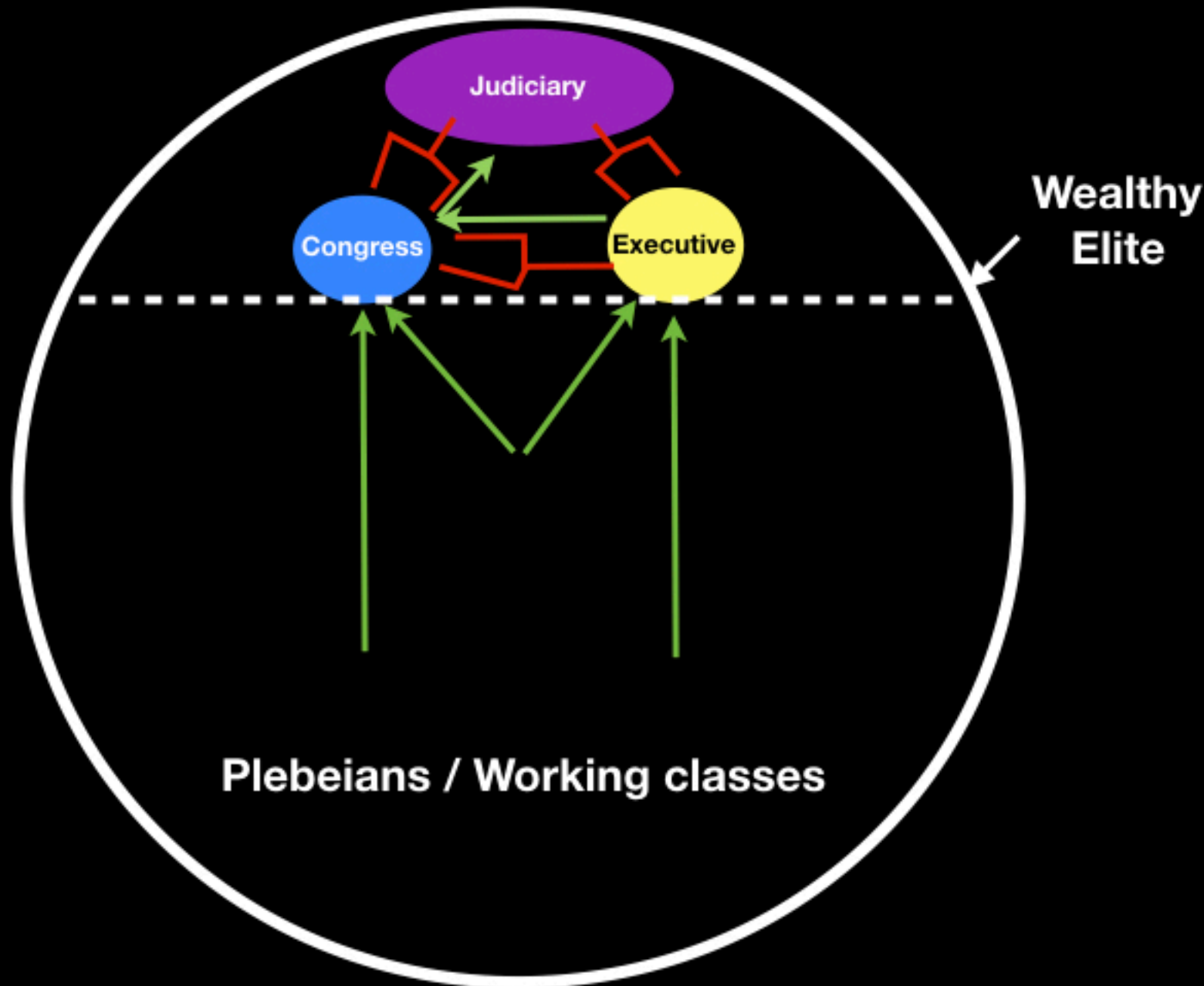
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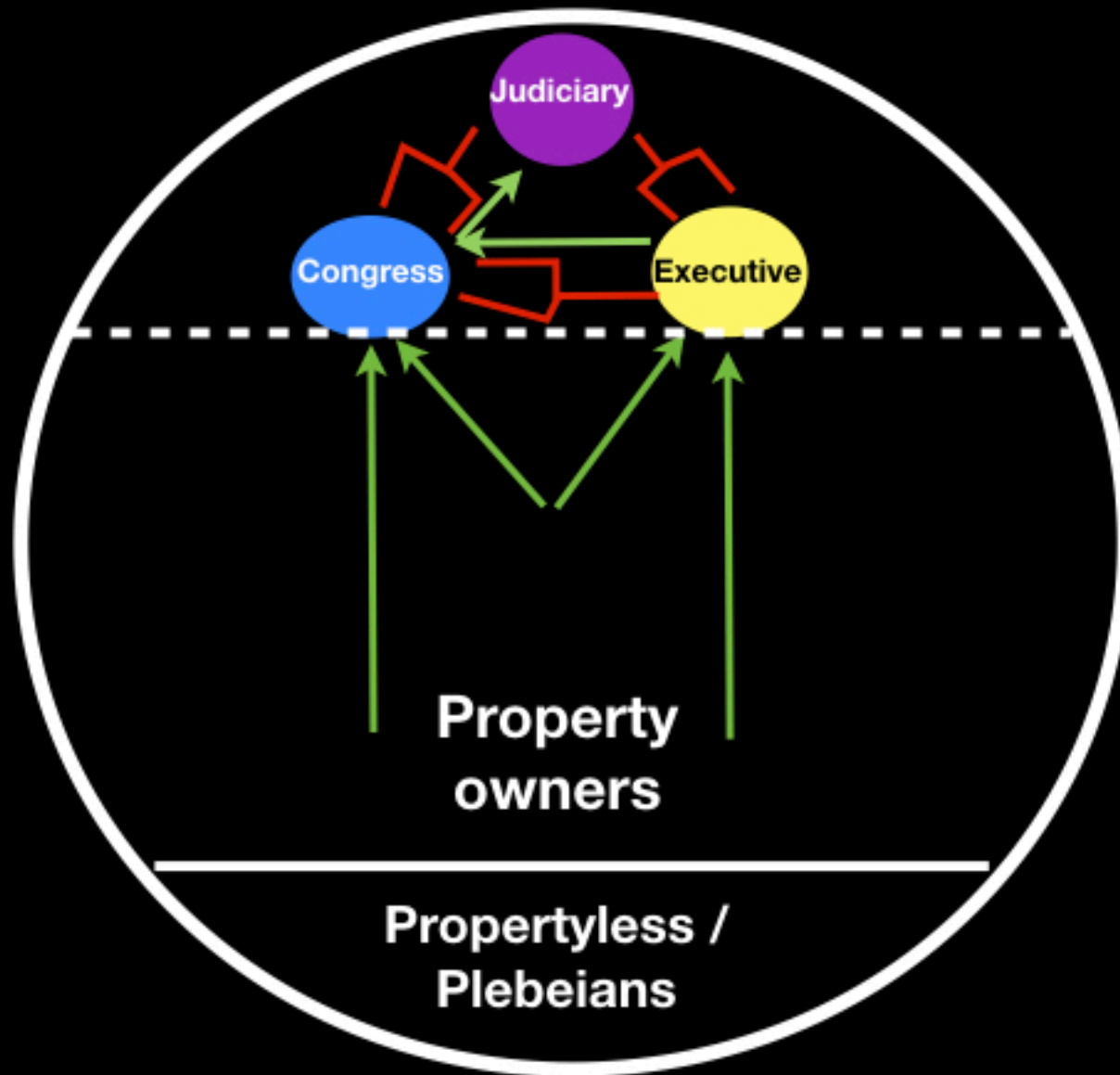
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Systemic corruption: legal oligarchization

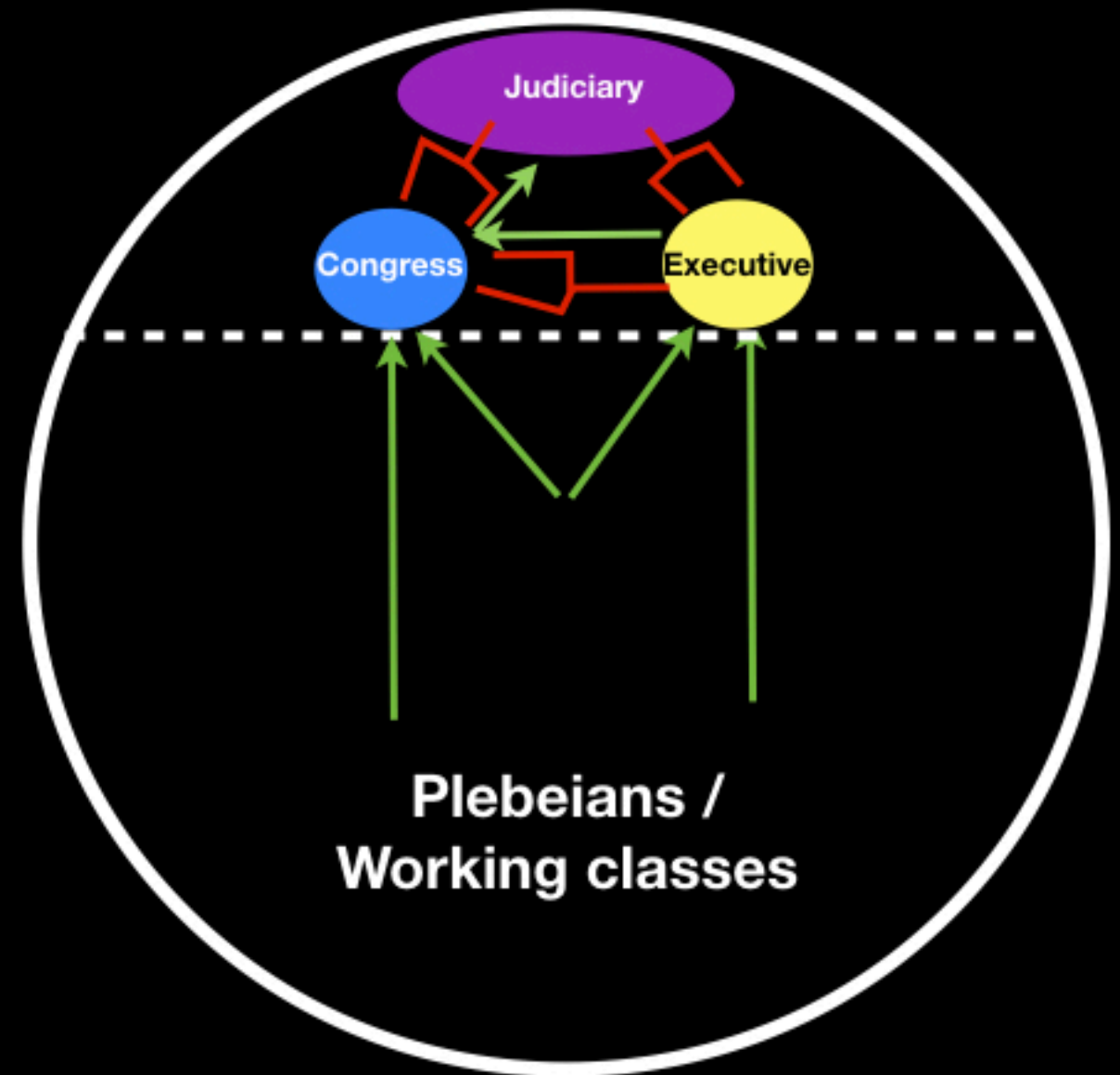


	Selection
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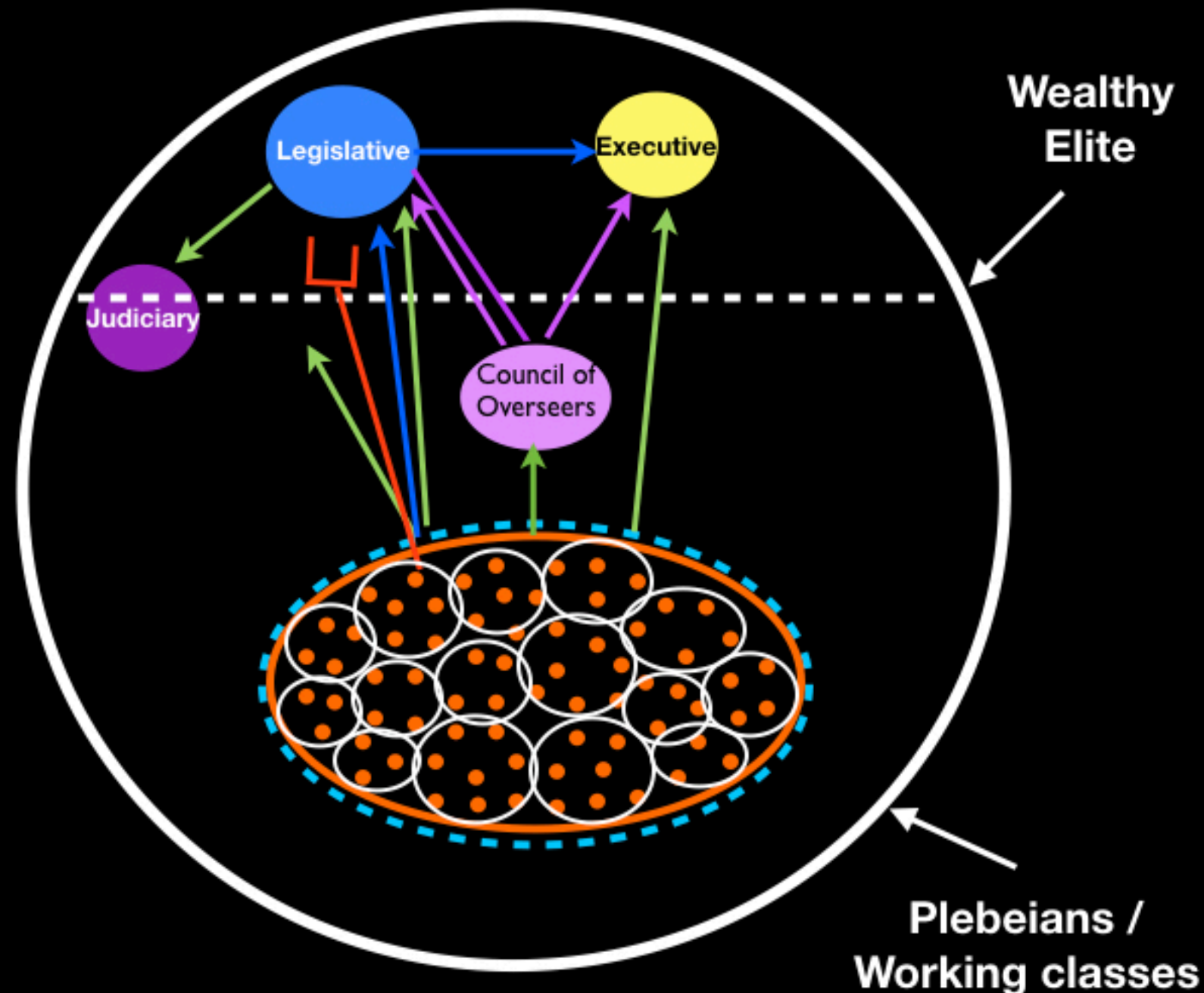


1803



2021

Condorcet's Constitution for France, 1793









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Citizenship: Open to male residents

Selection procedure: Election

Control of common people over political power

Plebeian institutions

	Selection
	Law
	Veto
	Surveillance power
	Judicial power
	Legislative institution
	Executive power
	Plebeian institutions
	Surveillance institution
	Constituent power

DEMOCRACY

for the 21st century



Institutions & mechanisms through which common people can exercise power:

Local Assemblies

Popular Juries

People's Ombudsman offices

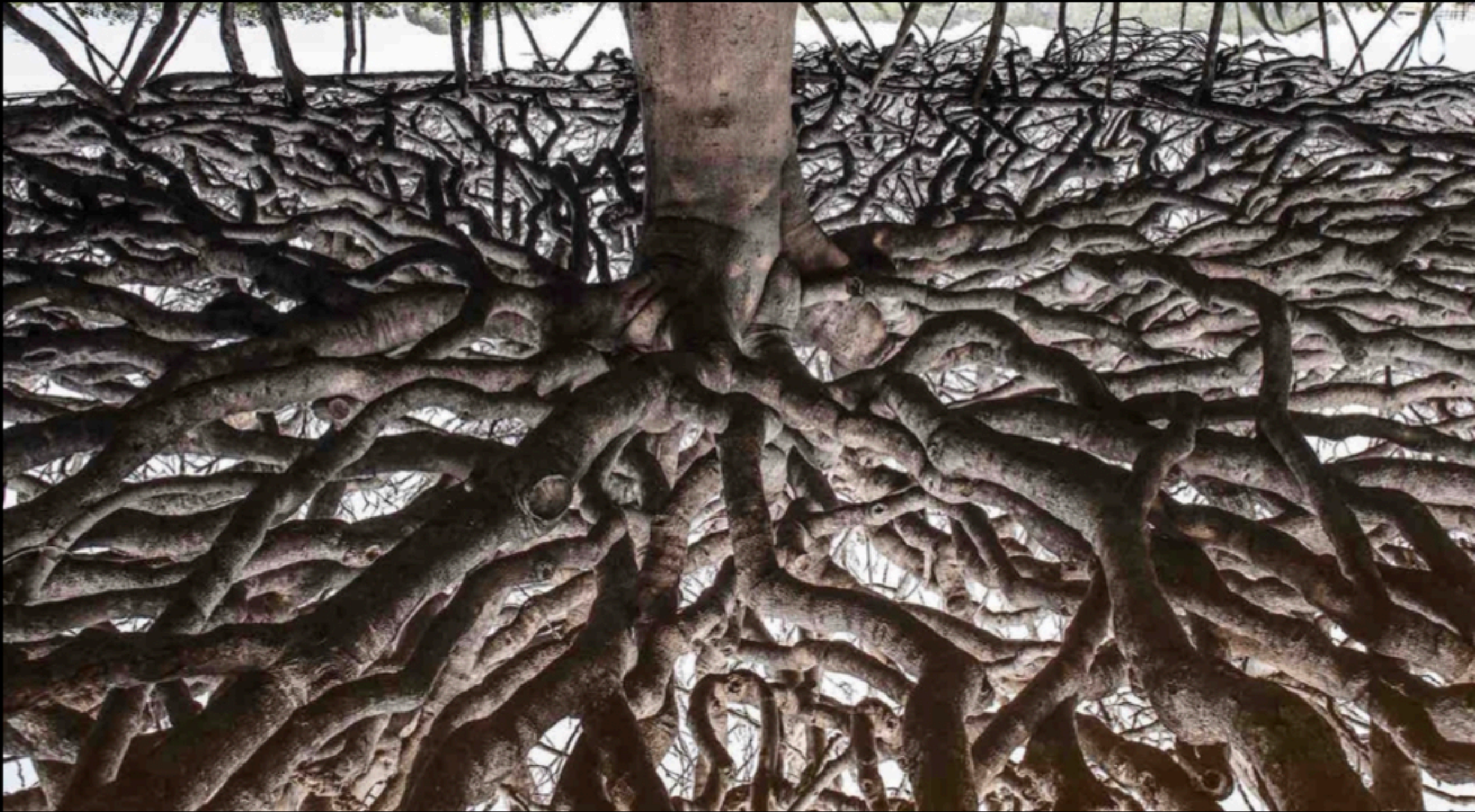
Direct Democracy mechanisms: initiative, repeal, recall,
constitutional reform

Political Consumers



Political Agents

THE PEOPLE AS NETWORK



METHODS OF SELECTION

ELECTION

- Selection of ‘the best’
- Selected few have monopoly of political knowledge
- Selected few concentrate power
- Reelection fosters corruption & cooptation

ROTATION + SORTITION

- Inclusive selection open to all
- Inclusive and expansive collective learning
- Anti-oligarchic dispersion of power
- Rotation hinders corruption & cooptation

IMAGINING PLEBEIAN INSTITUTIONS

Network of local assemblies

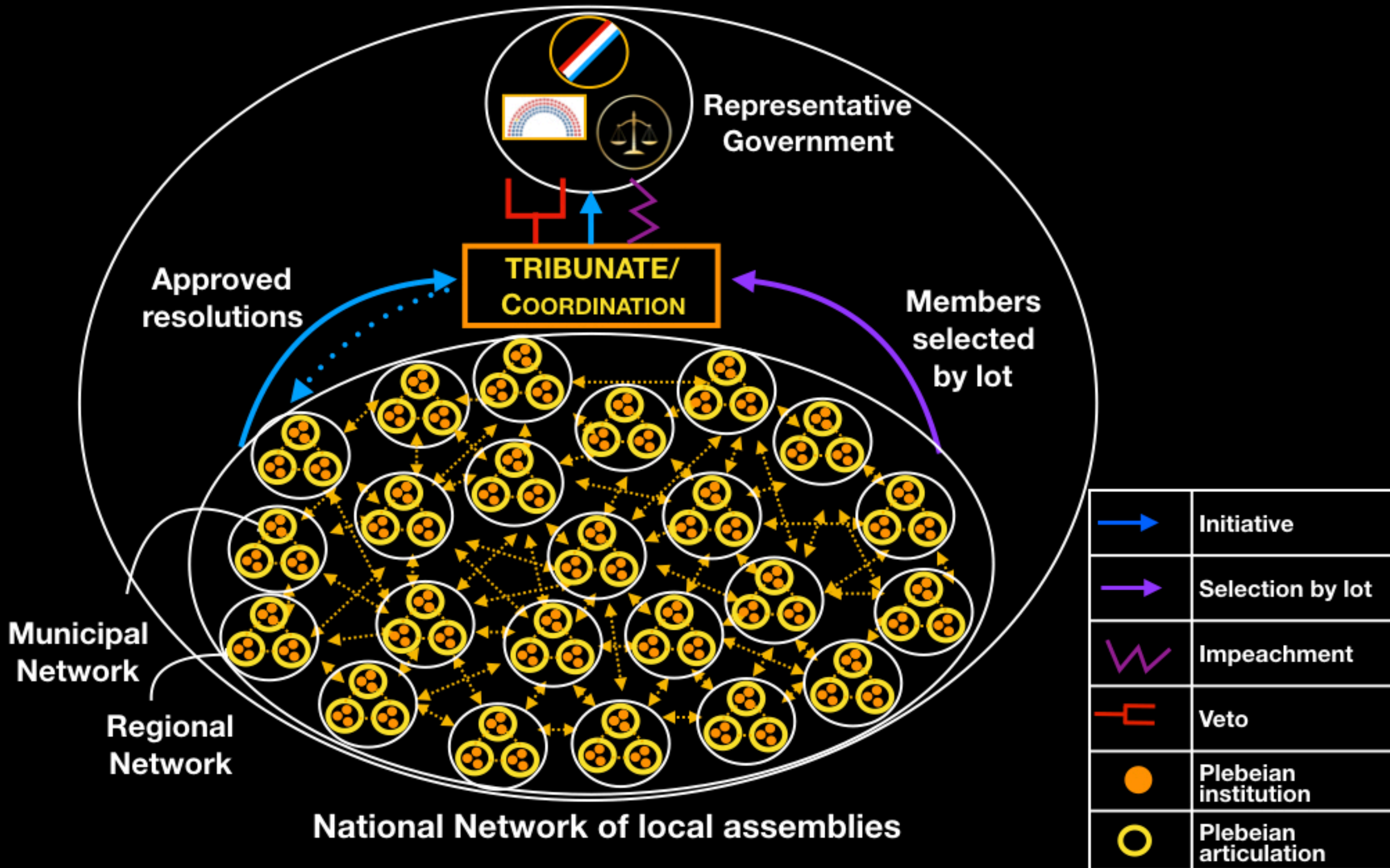


- Initiate law & public policy
- Veto & repeal
- Recall and impeach
- Initiate constituent process

Tribunate

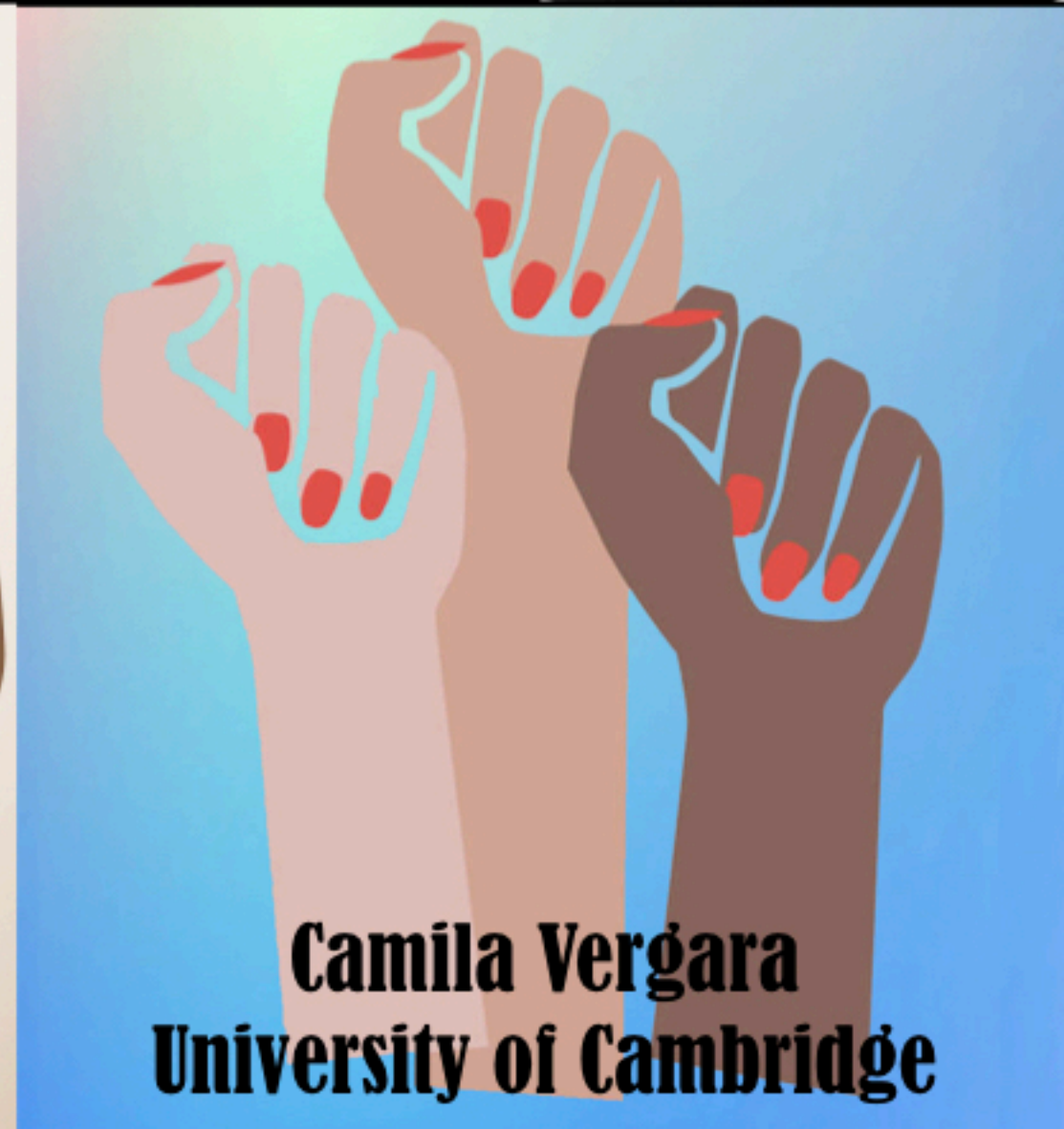
- Coordination
- Enforcement
- Surveillance
- Anti-Corruption

PLEBEIAN REPUBLIC





POWER TO THE PEOPLE!



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