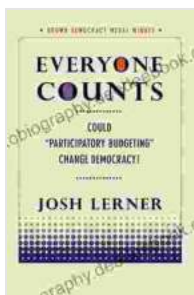


Could Participatory Budgeting Change Democracy: Exploring the Brown Democracy Medal Medal

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In participatory budgeting, citizens are typically given a set amount of money to allocate to different projects or programs. They can do this by voting on proposals submitted by other citizens, or by working together to develop their own proposals. The projects or programs that receive the most votes are then funded.

Participatory budgeting has been used in a variety of settings, from small towns to large cities. It has been shown to increase citizen engagement and satisfaction with government, and to lead to more equitable and sustainable spending decisions.

In 2018, the Brown Democracy Medal was awarded to Participatory Budgeting Project, a nonprofit organization that has been working to promote participatory budgeting in the United States. The award recognizes the organization's work in developing and implementing participatory budgeting processes, and in training and supporting local governments and citizens in using participatory budgeting.

The Brown Democracy Medal is a prestigious award that is given annually to individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to the field of democracy. The award is named after John Brown, a leading abolitionist and advocate for democracy. The Brown Democracy Medal is awarded by the Brown University Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs.

The award to Participatory Budgeting Project is a recognition of the organization's work in promoting participatory budgeting as a way to increase citizen engagement and make government more responsive to the needs of the people.

The History of Participatory Budgeting

Participatory budgeting has its roots in the work of activists and organizers in Brazil in the 1980s. In 1989, the city of Porto Alegre, Brazil, adopted participatory budgeting as a way to give citizens more say in how the city's budget was spent.

The Porto Alegre participatory budgeting process was a success, and it soon spread to other cities in Brazil and around the world.

In the United States, the first participatory budgeting process was held in Chicago in 2009. Since then, participatory budgeting has been used in over 100 cities and towns in the United States.

The Impact of Participatory Budgeting

Participatory budgeting has been shown to have a number of positive impacts on communities, including:

- Increased citizen engagement and satisfaction with government
- More equitable and sustainable spending decisions
- Improved trust between citizens and government

Participatory budgeting has also been shown to be a valuable tool for community development. It can help to identify and address local needs, and it can build capacity for civic engagement.

Participatory Budgeting and the Future of Democracy

Participatory budgeting is a promising tool for increasing citizen engagement and making government more responsive to the needs of the people.

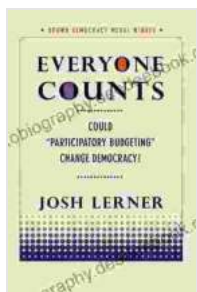
As the world faces increasing challenges, such as climate change and economic inequality, participatory budgeting can be a way to engage citizens in finding solutions to these challenges.

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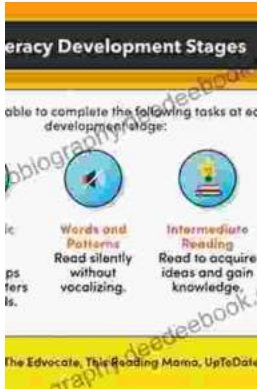
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