In the PC Handbook, Chapters 17 and 18, the concept of deliberative democracy is introduced as a subset of participatory democracy. In short, its goal is to have debates related to political decisions in order to sway certain citizens toward a common goal. Although the "people" are involved in this (they participate in and observe the debates), this form of democracy seems problematic. The way I see it, a group of political elites will try to persuade the public to side with their opinion-- so that the opinion of the "people" ends up being a reflection of the opinion of the elites. Do you agree or disagree? Are they any other problems you can see arising with the onset of deliberative democracy?