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Elitist theory of democracy denies the possibility of democracy as 'rule of the people'. Elucidate

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Michels

Political Parties (1911) deduced oligarchy from organisation in the German Social Democrats.

Schumpeter

Capitalism, **Socialism and Democracy (1942)** defined democracy as competitive struggle for the people's vote.

Mosca

The ruling class is the organised minority; the majority is the unorganised many.

Dahl

Polyarchy is rule by many minorities under inclusive contestation, not identity of people and government.

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