Anarchism & Real Democracy

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Real Democracy:
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See:  [http://www.co-intelligence.org/CI-Practices.html](http://www.co-intelligence.org/CI-Practices.html)
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  allow enough time for conversation to converge

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- iteration
  if all constituencies don’t agree with outcomes, reconvene councils with new proposals
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Iteration arrows indicate feedback and refinement processes.
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Anarchism & real democracy are two sides of the same coin