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Dewey´s democratic concepts in a current European context.

ABSTRACT:

The democratic system in Spain is facing great tensions that seriously threaten its quality. In broad terms, democracy as a political system has problems of dimension (linked to nation states), impotence (compared to globalized financial markets and the enormous complexity of global problems), and legitimacy of institutions and political parties (against citizens who do not consider to be represented and do not control their rulers).

The priority Dewey gave to habits over the thought has its political translation in the idea that in democracy dispositions, attitudes, feelings of citizenships are the core. Dewey's idea of democracy as a way of life is still an inspiration to design a critical view of the current crisis in Spanish democracy reshaping the way to understand concepts like free trade, national sovereignty, institutions, citizenship and education.