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An election promise or campaign promise is a promise or guarantee made to the public by a candidate or political party that is trying to win an election. Across the Western world, political parties are highly likely to fulfill their election promises. In the United States, platform positions offer important clues as to the policies that U.S. parties will enact. Over the past 30 years, Democratic and Republican congresspeople voted in line with their respective party platforms 74% and 89% of the time Election Promises, Party Behaviour and Voter Perceptions pp 147-158 | Cite as. Promising Democracy. Authors. Authors and affiliations. Elin Naurin. Chapter. This book started with the seemingly puzzling controversy between citizens’ and scholars’ descriptions of whether politicians tend to keep their election promises. This “pledge puzzle” now seems less puzzling. It is obvious that we can mean different things by a fulfilled election promise. The question for this chapter is what this result tells us about representative democracy in a wider sense. Keywords. Normative Reasoning Wishful Thinking Representative Process Election Campaign Representative Democracy. These keywords were added by machine and not by the authors. In relative terms, Italian political parties keep their electoral promises much less than parties governing in single-party government, but slightly outperform those that form post-electoral coalitions. Although this finding contradicts the widespread pessimism about Italy’s performance, it also illustrates that there is no significant advantage to bipolarism and the existence of a common programme as opposed to situations where coalitions are formed after the elections. This might explain Italians’ dissatisfaction with the way democracy works in their country. Export citation Request per... Promising democracy, parties, citizens and election promises. Gothenburg: Gothenburg University Press. Pierce, R. 1999. The elections are the most important time for both citizens in a country and the politicians. A free and fair election guarantee the trust of the citizens in the elected government. As we all know, democracy is defined

as a government of the people, for the people, and by the people. So how can elections impact the democratic process. Do elections denote true democracy? Keep reading to learn more about the importance of election in democracy. The voting system and democracy in Nigeria. The election is a pretty important democratic process and the most important expression democracy. On the federal level, Nigeria elects a president and a legislative body (the National Assembly). The National Assembly is divided into two chambers and elected for a 4-year term.