

Majority Judgment: from Research to Politics

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Abstract

Recently, the Majority judgment theory has entered the French public debate. A few years after the publication of Michel Balinski and Rida Laraki's research and a handful of rather confidential experiments, Majority judgment suddenly became notorious. It is now identified by most political actors, associations, trade unions, and some of them debate about its use. How did the majority judgment move from research to public debate? How can political and administrative leaders strengthen their links with the world of research? But also, how to put research at the service of common good and social progress? I retrace the history of the political promotion of Majority judgment in France through the "Mieux Voter" association, and plead for a renewed pact between the academic world and society.