

Q: Did the people rule Republican Rome?

A: The Roman Republic was formed to counter monarchy and to make citizens active participants of society. Senate officers came, however, from rich families, and, generally speaking, though the ruling class was meant to represent the citizens, they gave more power to the wealthy than to the poor.

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Q: Could Roman women vote?

A: No, they could not vote and, of course, neither could they be elected as magistrates.

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