

The Pinnacle of Subsidiarity:

Direct Democracy



3 Types of Votes

Election



- Elect **representatives**



Initiative



- Forces a **vote** on a **constitutional change**.



Referendum

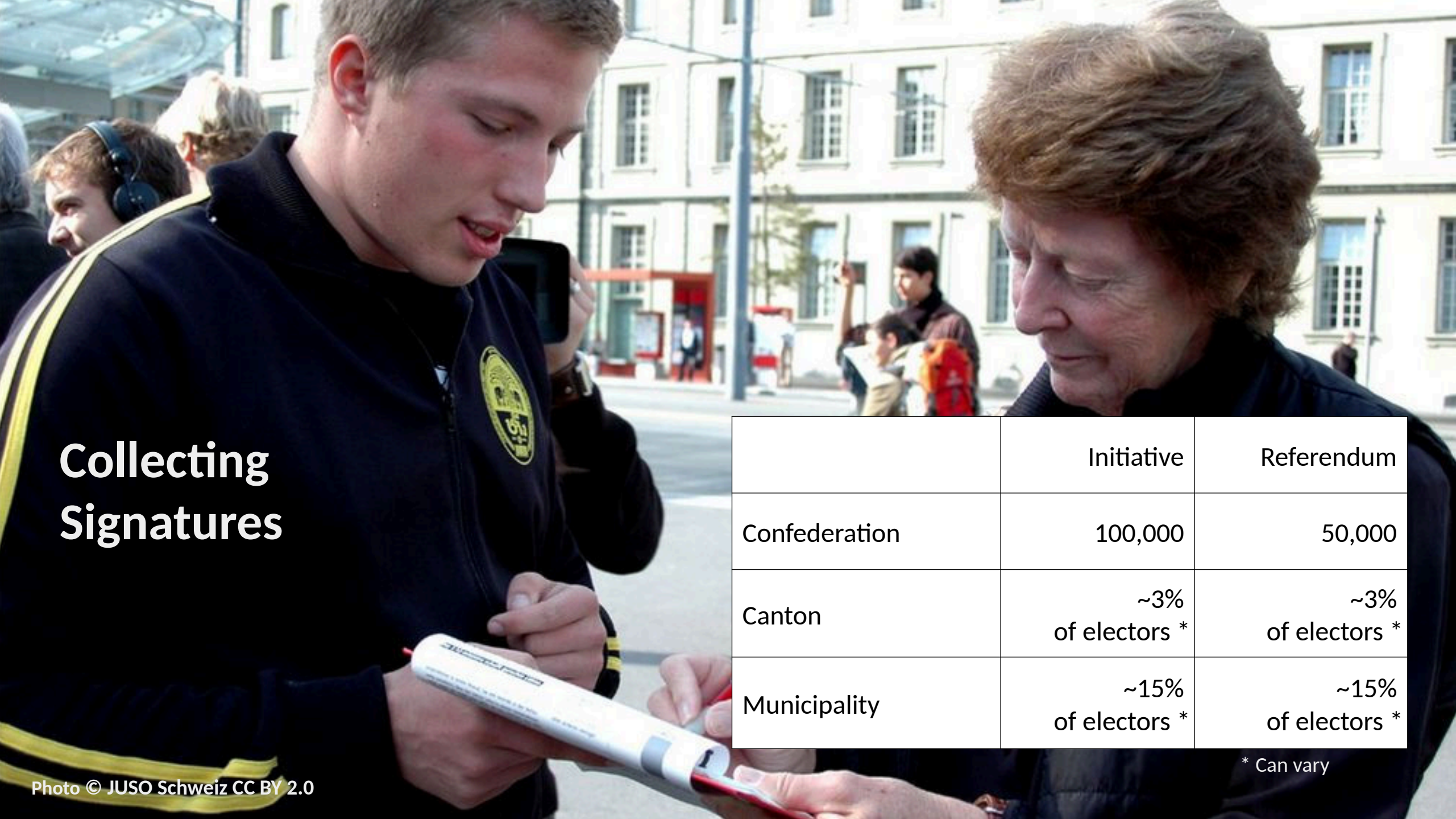


- Forces a **vote** on a **law**.



Collecting Signatures





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	Initiative	Referendum
Confederation	100,000	50,000
Canton	~3% of electors *	~3% of electors *
Municipality	~15% of electors *	~15% of electors *

* Can vary

Signatures Deposit



Campaign



Voting

1. At the polling station
 2. By mail
 3. Electronic voting
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1. Landsgemeinde (small cantons)



Landsgemeinde – The Root of Swiss Democracy (vote by a show of hands)



Landsgemeinde – Since 1231



Psychology of Direct Democracy

I discuss it – I Think

I take a position – I act

My Opinion Counts – I exist

We decide Together – We exist



I had a Dream...

Thank you for
your attention

