

OUTCOMES OF DEMOCRACY



How do we assess democracy's outcomes? (Positive features)

Accountable, responsive and legitimate

Economic growth and development

Reduction of inequality and poverty

Accommodation of social diversity

Dignity and freedom of citizens

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Assessing democracy's outcomes

Economic growth & development

Outcomes of democracy

Accountable, Responsible & Legitimate Govt.

Accommodation of social diversity

Reduction of Inequality & Poverty



Positive features of democracy.

Promotes equality

Allows room to correct mistake

Improves the quality of decision making.

Provides method to resolve Disputes



Democracy can address all socio-economic & political problems.

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(Answerable)

1. ACCOUNTABLE, RESPONSIVE & LEGITIMATE GOVT.

Democracy ensures that people have Right to Choose their Rulers & People will have control over the Rulers.

It produces a govt. that is accountable to the citizens, and responsive to the needs & expectations of the

citizens { Compare Democracy with other forms of Govt. }
(5 Marks)

Non-democratic Govt.

They have not to bother about Deliberation Assemblies or worry about majorities & Public opinions

Quick & efficient decision making.

No freedom, Govt. is not Accountable (dictatorship)

Democratic Govt.

Decision making is based on Norms & procedure
Democracy is based upon idea of Deliberation & Negotiation (विचार - विमर्श)

Transparency (पारदर्शिता)

People has right & the mean to examine the process of decision making.

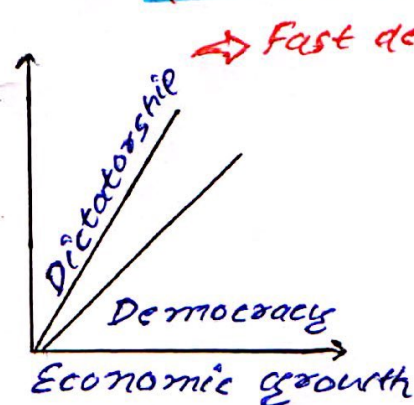
RTI (Right to Information)

Measuring democracies On the basis of Outcomes.

↳ Regular, free & fair Elections.
 ↳ Open Public debate
 ↳ Legislation
 ↳ Citizens Right to Information.

- ↳ Democratic govt. is Legitimate Govt. } Legally Correct
- ↳ Democracy's ability to generate its own support is itself an outcome that can't be ignored.

2. Economic growth & development.



The difference in the rates of economic development b/w less developed countries with dictatorships & democracies is negligible. (नगण्य, बहुत कम)

3. Reduction Of Inequality & Poverty.

Democracies are based on political equality. Here, we found Economic INEQUALITY.

A small no. of ultra-rich enjoy a highly disproportionate share of wealth & income.



4. Accommodation of Social diversity.

Democracy $\xrightarrow[\text{handle}]{\text{respects}}$ Social differences

> **BELGIUM** has successfully negotiated differences among ethnic populations.

> But, with example of **SRILANKA**

Democracy must fulfill two conditions

Majority always need to work with minority. So that govt. functions to represent general view.

If someone is barred from being in maj. on the basis of birth, then the democratic rule ceases to be accommodative.

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5. Dignity & freedom of the Citizens. (5 Mark)

Democracy in India has strengthened the claims of the disadvantaged & discriminated castes for equal status & equal opportunities.

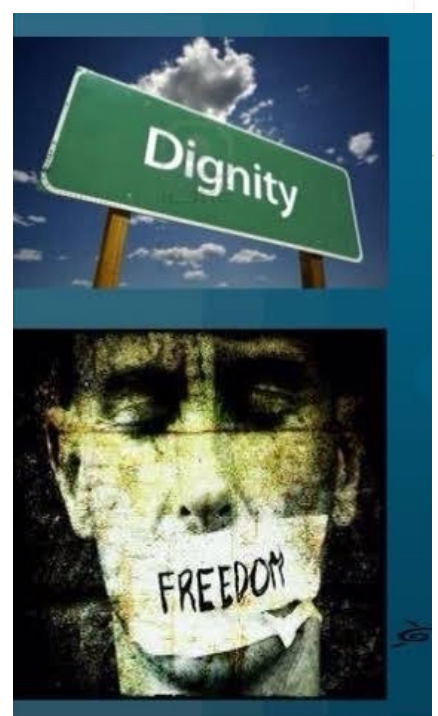
> DIGNITY & FREEDOM OF INDIVIDUALS

• Passion for respect and freedom are the basis of democracy

> DIGNITY OF WOMEN

• Gaining some sensitivity due to long struggles

• Respect to and equal treatment of women are necessary



Democracy is based on the idea of deliberation and negotiation

- i. Democracy gives importance to deliberation and public opinion.
- ii. The democratic government will take more time to follow procedures before arriving at a decision.
- iii. Its decisions may be both more acceptable to the people and more effective.
- iv. Democracy ensures that decision making will be based on norms and procedures.
- v. Transparency as Persons have the right and the means to examine the process of decision making.
- vi. It follows procedures and is accountable to the people.
- vii. The democratic government develops mechanisms for citizens to hold the government accountable
- viii. Democratic govt. follows mechanisms for citizens to take part in decision making whenever they think fit.
- ix. Any other relevant point

Any five points to be explained

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OR

Respect and Equal treatment of women are necessary ingredients of a democratic society.

- i. Economic independence or access to an inherited or self-generated income is considered to be the major means of empowering women.
- ii. Equal political and civil rights as men
- iii. Ways of autonomy and freedom.
- iv. Distributive justice to reduce inequalities in resources and power.
- v. Love, universal brotherhood, sincerity, honesty and integrity of character, firm attitude of rendering help
- vi. Removing social evils including violence, torture, humiliation etc.
- vii. Any other relevant point

Any five points to be explained

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