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Political Science

Outcomes of Democracy

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TOPICS to be covered



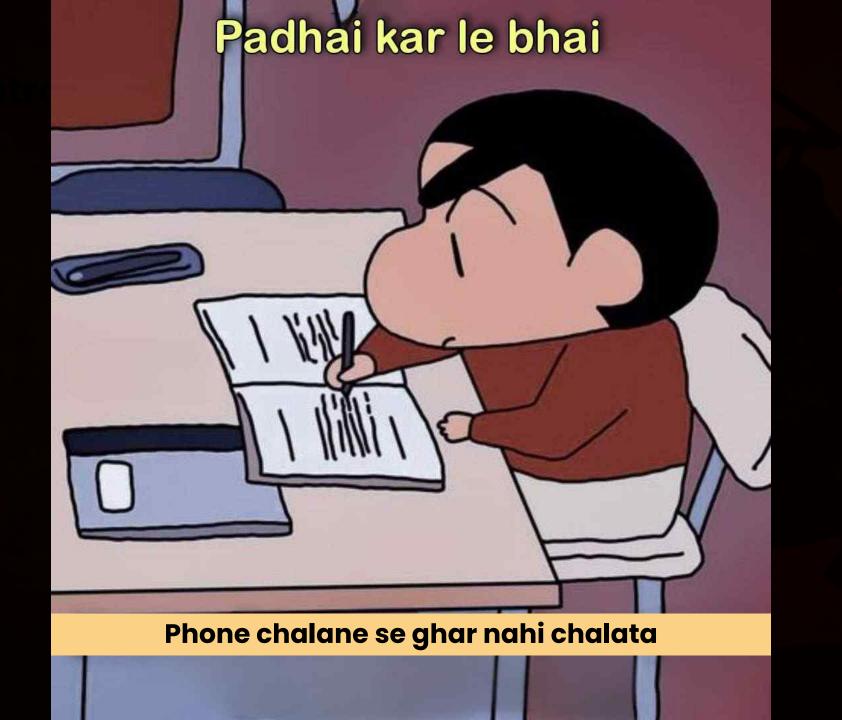
- How Do We Assess Democracy's Outcomes?
- Accountable, Responsive and Legitimate Government
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- Accommodation of Social Diversity
- Dignity and Freedom of the Citizens



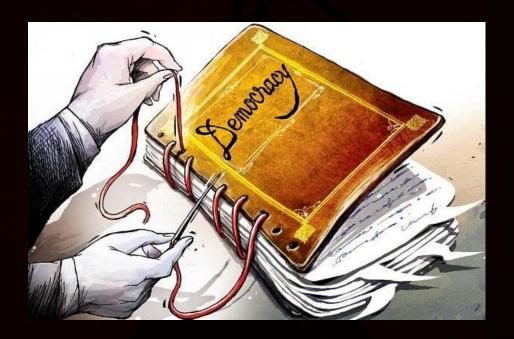




We need to ask following questions:

- What does democracy do?
- What outcomes can we reasonably expect of democracy?
- Does democracy fulfil these expectations in real life?

We will look at the expected and actual outcomes of democracy.









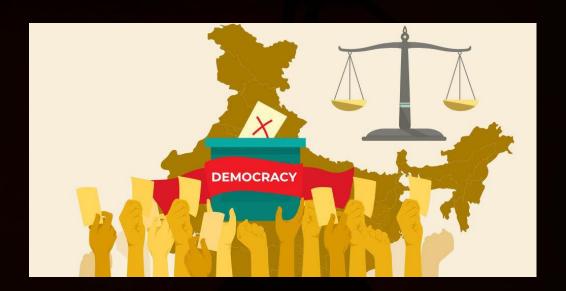


First understand why we are doing it.

Democracy is a better when compared to other alternative.

Because:

- Promotes equality among citizens;
- Enhances the dignity of the individual;
- Improves the quality of decision making;
- Provides a method to resolve conflicts;
- Allows room to correct mistakes.





How Do We Assess Democracy's Outcomes?



First understand why we are doing it.

Are these expectations realised under democracies?

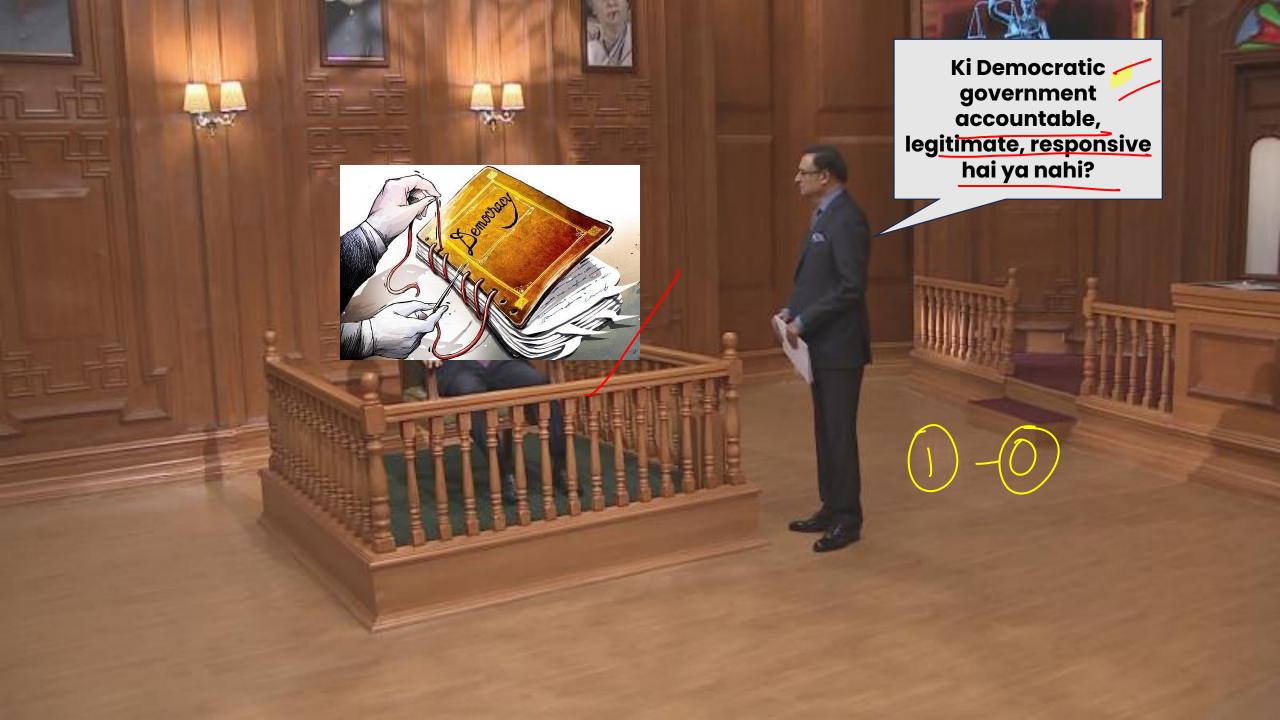
So there is a Dilemma:

• Democracy is seen to be good in principle, but felt to be not so good in its practice.

This dilemma invites us to think hard about the outcomes of democracy.

- Do we prefer democracy only for moral reasons?
- Or are there some prudential reasons to support democracy too?







Accountable, Responsive & Legitimate Government



Accountable

Allows citizen to participate in decision making, follows norms and procedure before arriving to a decision.

Responsive

When it responds to the demands of the public and considers it very much part of the government.

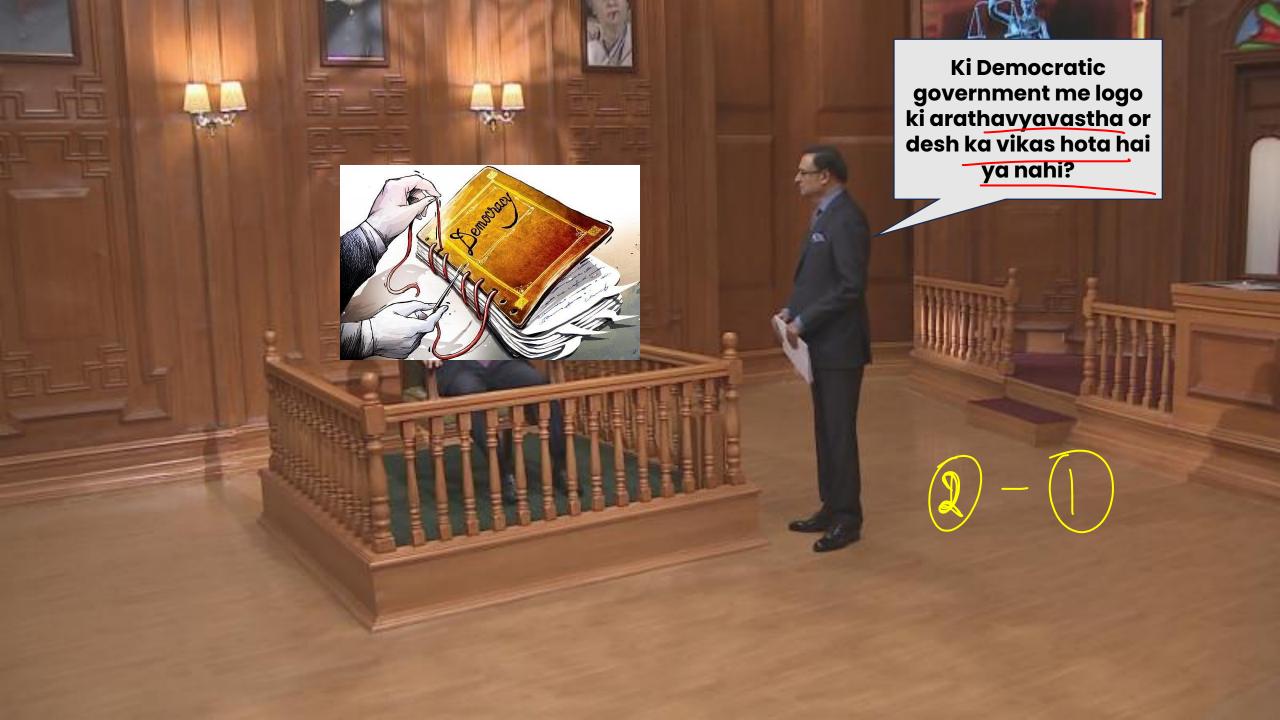
Legitimate

It is elected by citizens and enjoys the confidence and trust of the citizens.

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Is the democratic government efficient?

Comparing Democratic and Non-Democratic.





Economic Growth and Development



Expectation v/s Reality.

Expectation: If democracy is a good government then there should also be developments.

Reality:

(1950-2000)

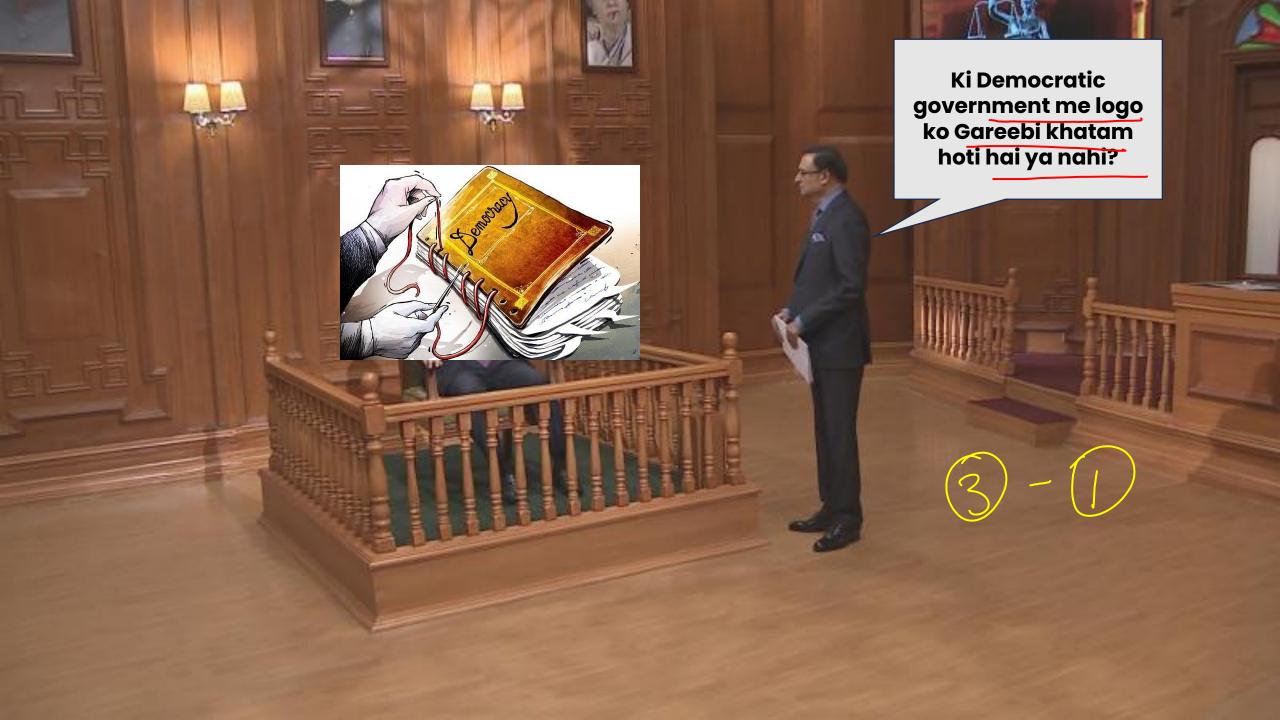
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Then why do we accept democracy over dictatorship?

- Economic development depends on several factors: country's population size, global situation, cooperation from other countries, economic priorities adopted by the country.
- Better to prefer democracy as it has several other positive outcomes.

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Reduction of Inequality and Poverty



Expectation v/s Reality.

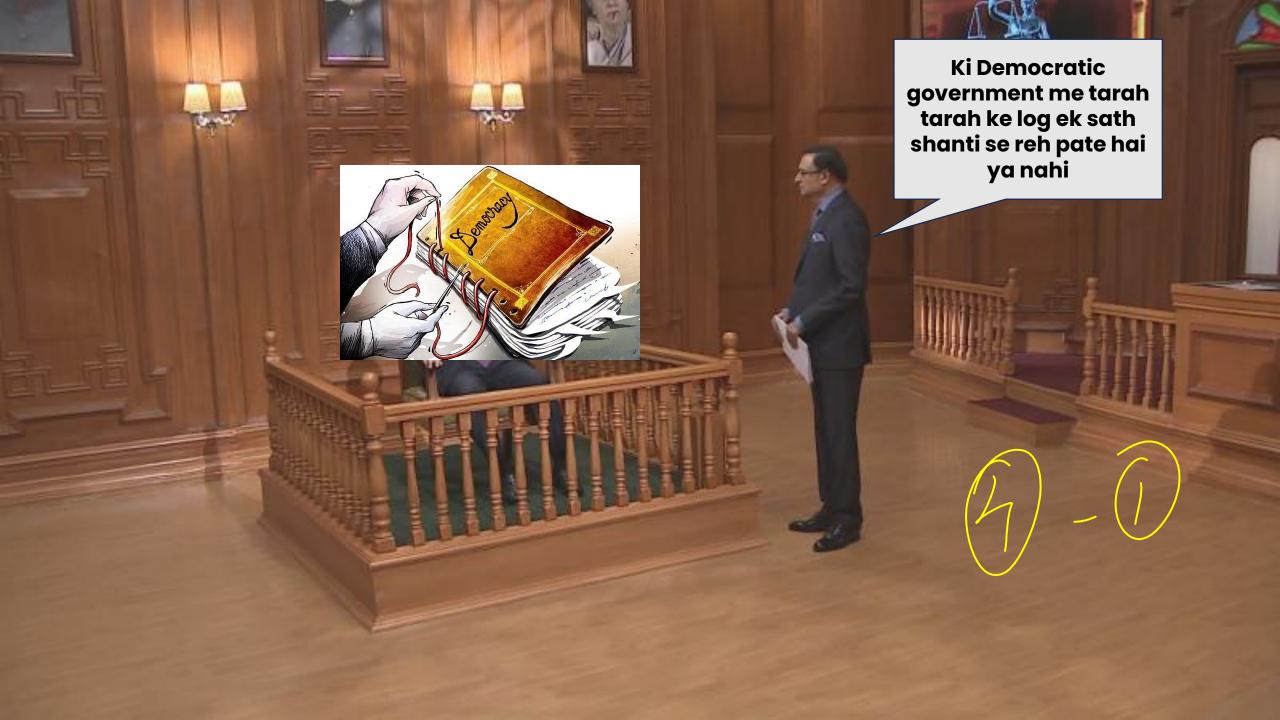
Expectation: Reduction of economic disparity.

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Then why do we choose democracy:

Because,

Democracy at least gives equal opportunity to everyone in order to grow and do whatever they are interested in, which is perhaps not possible in non democratic regimes.





Accommodation of Social Diversity



Do democracies lead to peaceful and harmonious life among citizens?

YES,

- Belgium has successfully negotiated differences among ethnic populations.
- Democracies usually develop a procedure to conduct their competition.
- This reduces the possibility of these tensions becoming explosive or violent.







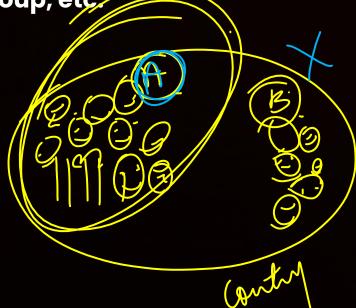
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Democracy must fulfil two conditions in order to achieve this outcome.

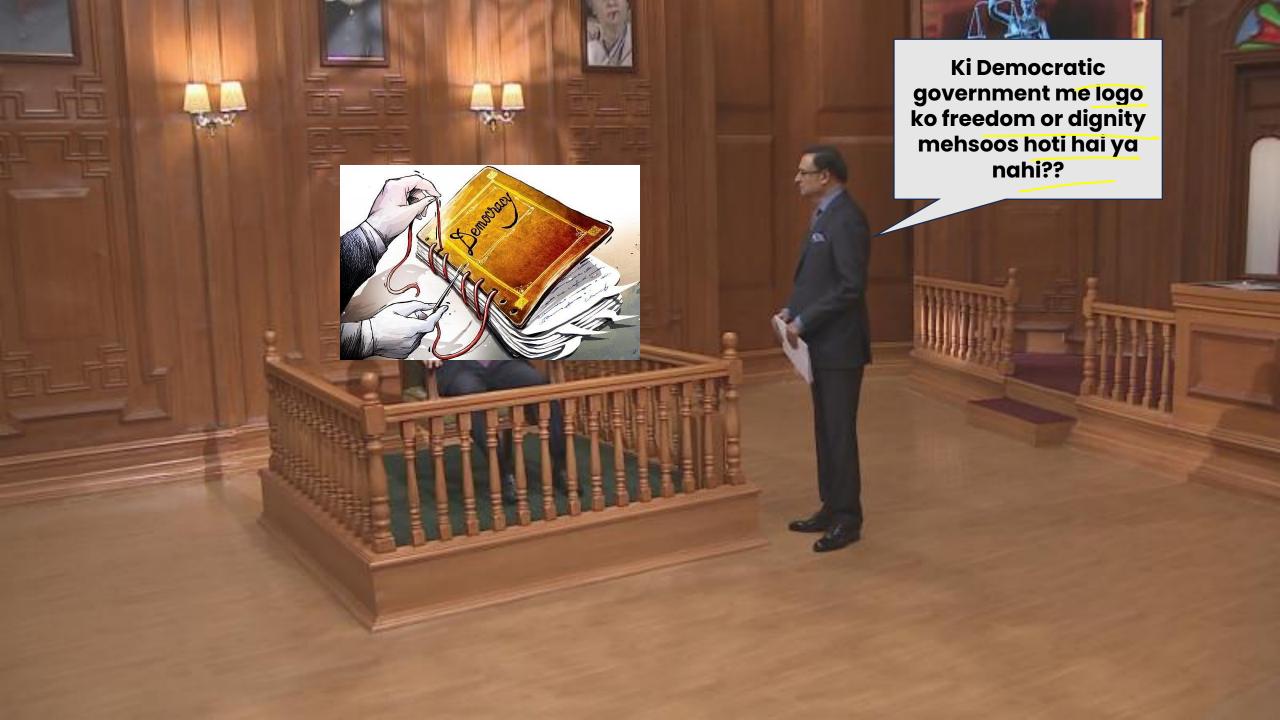
• It is necessary to understand that democracy is not simply rule by majority opinion.

 It is also necessary that rule by majority does not become rule by majority community in terms of religion or race or linguistic group, etc.











Dignity and Freedom of the Citizens



Democracy stands much superior to any other form of government in promoting dignity and freedom of the individual.

Societies, built on basis of subordination and domination, not a simple matter to recognize that all individuals are equal.

- Case of dignity of women, historically male dominated societies, although it may take time but democracy is handling it with care.
- Same is true for caste inequalities.





PYQs



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- 2. Which one of the following is not true about a democratic government?
 - (a) Democratic government is a legitimate government.
 - (b) Democratic government is a responsive government.
 - (c) Democratic government is the people's own Government.
 - (d) It does not allow room to correct mistakes.



28. 'Democracy accommodates social diversities.' Support the statement with examples.







Which one of the following is the most popular form of government in the contemporary world?

- (A) Dictatorship
- (B) Monarchy
- (C) Military Rule



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9.	(a)	"Democracy	is	is a bet	better	form	n of	government	than	any	other	
		alternative." Analyse the statement.										

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(b) Analyse the reasons for the overwhelming support for the idea of democracy all over the world.

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32. 'Democratic system is better than any other form of governments.'

Support the statement with examples.

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"Democracies do not appear to be very successful in reducing economic inequalities." Justify the statement.

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