



Fig. 14.1 The two-dimensional conceptual map of democracy

example of the Westminster model. Chapter 2 used Barbados as an exemplar of majoritarian democracy on the executives-parties dimension only and not as typically majoritarian on the federal-unitary dimension; its location below the United Kingdom and New Zealand but also somewhat farther to the right fits this description well. Switzerland is, as expected, in the bottom left corner but not quite as far down as several other countries, mainly due to its one nonconsensual characteristic—the absence

of judicial review. It is still the clearest c however, because it is more than one and tions away from the center on both dime many—which the map suggests could al: prototype—is located far down but less the tion left of the center.³ Belgium is the one be in an extreme position, but this is not cause it only became fully federal in 19 have a strong consensual position on t dimension.

The two-dimensional map also reveals combinations of consensus and majoritar the top left corner, Israel represents the sensus democracy on the executives-part ticular, frequent oversized coalition ca highly proportional PR elections, and in ism) but, albeit somewhat less strongly, n federal-unitary dimension (an unwritten c cameral parliament, moderated, however, acteristics with regard to federalism and dence). In the bottom right-hand corner, C candidate for the opposite prototype of r executives-parties and consensus on the f sion: on one hand, dominant one-party ce and-a-third party system, plurality electic pluralism, but on the other hand, strong f review, a rigid constitution, an independe a bicameral parliament (albeit of only n United States is located in the same cor

3. However, Germany's location on the clearly mentions does confirm Manfred G. Schmidt's (1981) Germany as "the grand coalition state"; he writes th the Federal Republic not to be governed by a formal of the major established parties and a formal or hic eral government and state governments."