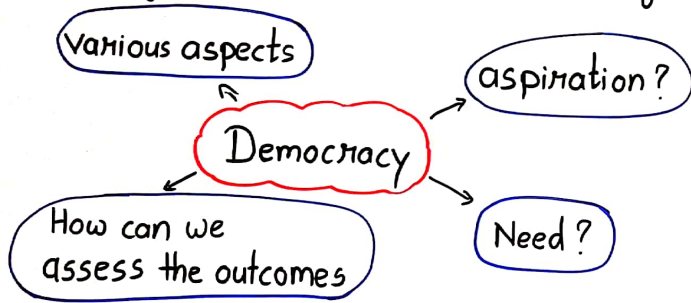


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Introduction

※ Moving from Specific themes to a general set of questions.



※ What we are going to study in this chapter?

- Democracy and issues related to it.
- Accountable, responsive and legitimate government.
- Growth and issues related to it. [Poverty]
- Social diversity
- Dignity and freedom.

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How do we assess democracy's outcomes?

※ Democracy and other forms of government → Advantages which democracy have 😊??

※ Democracies → Many democracies 😊

But all these democracies are very much different from each other 😞??

※ We = Democracy = Our expectations

※ Democracy is just a form of government

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→ It only creates Conditions for achieving something. → Citizens have to take advantage of those conditions and achieve those goals.

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Reality of these advantages 😞??

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

→ So, do we prefer democracy only for moral reasons? Or are there some prudential reasons also?

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Accountable, Responsive and Legitimate Government - I

※ Democracy and our expectation 😞??

→ Right to choose their rulers.

→ Participation in decision making.

→ Government should be accountable.



※ Citizens are there, they will ask for answer.

→ Regular free and fair elections

→ Open public debate

→ Citizens participation

→ Free of Corruption.

※ Is the democratic government efficient?

→ Decision making.

Democratic
v/s
Non-Democratic

 😞??

※ In Democracy decision making is based on the idea of deliberation and negotiation.

※ Transparency

※ Is the government responsive towards all our expectation?

→ Government should act in response to the demand.

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Accountable, Responsive and Legitimate Government-II

※ There are many aspects on which the performance of a democratic country is not satisfying → Then why do we accept it?

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In one respect democratic government is better than its alternatives 😞??

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Democratic government is legitimate government = Something which can be justified.

- ※ It is people's own government.
- ※ People wish to be ruled by representatives elected by them.
- ※ Data from South Asia.

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Economic Growth and Development

- * Democracy = Good government, then why not development. ☹️
- * Democracies v/s Dictatorships [1950 to 2000] → Growth Rate



* But we cannot reject democracy only on this reason.

→ Because economic development depends on several factors [Population size, global size etc.]

* Democracy = Development is not guaranteed, but it can compete with dictatorships over economic growth.

* Economic growth in less developed countries. * Democracies v/s Dictatorships



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Reduction of Inequality and Poverty

※ Democracy and our expectation from it to reduce economic disparity.

※ Democracies are based on

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Political equality

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But growing economic inequalities.

Rich (↑)

(↓) Poor

※ Developed and developing Countries.

• Equal distribution of wealth

• Poor → Constitute a large proportion.

→ No party will like to lose their vote

→ But democratically elected government do not appear to be as keen to address the question of poverty.

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Accommodation of Social diversity

※ Democracy and our expectation from it towards a harmonious social life.

※ Cannot reduce the social difference but we can accommodate them.

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→ This outcome can be produced best in the democracy.

∴ Democracy has the ability to handle social differences, divisions and conflicts.

※ Then why the situation in Sri Lanka was so different? 😞??

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It should accommodate social diversity

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

→ Not the rule by majority opinion, majority always needs to work with minority.

→ Rule by majority should not become rule by majority community in terms of religion or race or linguistic group.

[Different person or group should have a chance of being in majority]

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Dignity and freedom of the Citizen

- ※ Democracy and our expectations from it in regards to the dignity of an individual.
 - ※ But it is difficult to achieve this in a society which have been built for long on the basis of subordination and domination. 😞??
e.g. Dignity of women in a male dominated societies.
 - ※ But equality over such issues can be demanded with moral and legal foundations in a democratic country.
- ※ Most distinctive thing about democracy is that its examination never gets over. 😞??
 - People will always come up with more expectations and many complaints in a democracy.
 - Complaining people are itself a testimony to the success of democracy. 😞??