

Democracy Development Ranking

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Issue

- **Lack of objective measuring instrument to qualify democratic development of countries**
- **As a result:**
 - ‘Democracy’ is (probably) the most abused socio-political term in the world
 - There is hardly any dictator around who does not claim to be a democrat
 - (often) hopeless struggle by under-funded opposition groups against their well funded PR machine of their oppressive Governments, therefore
 - Countries with non-mature democratic institutions are especially adversely affected
- **Even well developed democracies need further enhancement**

What we monitor is what we get

(more true in business than in social matters)

- Strong focus and commitment can make a difference
- Examples
 - Elections
 - Inflation
 - Leaded gas
 - Child labour
 - Environmental awareness
 - Nutrition

World Bank: a tall order

- Exceptionally high quality instrument to monitor & rank economies
- It was hardly known just a few years ago
- Today, there is hardly anyone who does not use it in business or Government
- Result / impact
 - Facts and reason have overtaken emotions and subjective judgment calls
(in business / economic discussions)
 - Most Governments with low ranking consider improving their ranking on the World Bank Index as strategic
 - De Facto world standard for socio-economic application
- Obvious linkage between democracy and economic development

Lesson to be learned: Need

(Mission Statement ?)

**Create an objective set of criteria based
measuring instrument / yardstick to**

- **assess / measure and**
- **monitor**

democratic development of countries.

Current status & possible new qualification categories



Elections	Very well covered
Party financing	Not handled
Soundness of civil society	Not handled
Recall	Not handled
Independence of judiciary <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Police• Prosecution• Courts	Not handled
Diversity, independence / strength of media	Not handled
... etc. ...	

Solution / Execution Approach (possible)

- 1. Social scientists, legal & political experts and / or institutions with such expertise are WANTED !!!**
- 2. Inter-disciplinary approach is required.**
- 3. Execution Approach**
 - Create the panel of experts / organisation
 - Define mission statement
 - Develop Categories / criteria
 - Develop To-Do-List
 - Identify sponsor institution(s)
 - Develop Project Plan
 - Create the Instrument
 - Maintain the Instrument

Thank you for your attention.

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